

Expanding the work of the Lord In South Africa

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Thank You for your prayers. Our trip to South Africa this year was far more than we anticipated. I am constantly amazed at the deep desire there is among all the people of South Africa to know and learn about our GOD. The commitment and sacrifices they make in order to learn more about Jesus Christ and all HE has to offer is truly inspirational. PLEASE never underestimate the value **your prayers and financial commitments** are to the expansion of the Kingdom of God in South Africa. God continues to work through people to share the HOPE HE has given us in Jesus. The growth and expansion of the Kingdom is evident as we are averaging almost 2 conversions every day of the year - **just over 600 souls a year**. All the conversions are a result of one on one Bible Studies conducted by local people . The evidence of our commitment to train and equip leaders is overwhelming. We thank God for the wisdom He gave us to focus on this aspect of our ministry.

LEADERSHIP EQUIPPING



While in South Africa I conducted a total of 12 hours of leadership training. The one session was on how to use an Inductive Bible Study method and the other was on Developing Spiritual Attributes for Leadership. Our **NOMAD team** (audio-visual team in partnership with GNPI) was on hand to record the training sessions. At the time of writing this newsletter the session on Inductive Bible Study (reduced to 2 hours on DVD) is been published on YouTube and the first 100 DVD's are being distributed. The same will be done with the session on Developing Spiritual Maturity. This **NOMAD team** has also published a DVD (10 minutes) on the Pre-school at Sebokeng. The Leadership sessions were attended by

about 140 people representing about 90 different "congregations". After the session on Developing Spirituality Maturity we were privileged to witness **TWO baptisms**. Due to the increasing requests for Leadership Equipping we have expanded our venues of training to a current total of **EIGHT**. We have plans to establish at least another two before the years end. All the men who are conducting these sessions on a weekly basis are men who have completed our programs of study and several have gone on to further their education using online Universities.

MOBILE CLASSROOMS

Moseme is our youngest and most dynamic evangelist. He and his THREE brothers came to us after his father had died of AIDS, and his mother was dying of AIDS having contracted it from her husband. We raised and educated him and his brothers on our campus in **SEBOKENG.** He is now married with a "one year" old son and living in his own home raising his younger brothers. **Moseme** has done some amazing work among the youth in two different areas where he leads and equips about **400 teens**. He had asked us to help him with some equipment. On this trip, because of the generosity of brethren, we were able to equip him with a complete



Moseme receiving his Mobile Classroom.



mobile classroom, including a tent, a portable baptistery and 20 chairs. He was extremely thankful and has already consistently made use of this tent. Aside from using it as a mobile class he has also started to hold an older Ladies class and a new children's ministry in his home community. Two older men from the congregation at Sebokeng are assisting him with the establishment of a new congregation. Sunday services have already had encouraging attendance. We now have **3**

complete mobile units in the field and hope to have one such unit located in every area that has a training center.

INTENSIVE GARDENING

We have recently partnered with a young man who has had extensive training and exposure to gardening in confined areas. **Gideon** has worked and studied in an Israelite Kibbutz and a South African Hydroponic research farm. He brings valuable knowledge and has brought about great enthusiasm to our local community at Sebokeng. Plans are already being implemented to develop a productive garden that will greatly supplement the food supplies for our pre-school children.



NEW PRE-SCHOOL PROGRESS

Building continues with the pre-school being built in partnership with CASE –International Harvester. The foundations



and slabs have been completed. However nothing is ever written in concrete in Africa, so we solicit your continued Prayers until the project is finished. The original vision was to add a grade each year until it reaches 12th grade when we will have about 2,000 students. For now we are concentrating on completing the pre-school and Kindergarten classes that will accommodate about 80-100 children.

SEBOKENG PRE-SCHOOL

We are committed to **keep the Sebokeng Pre-school on our campus open.** We will attempt to be more selective in the children we accept. Our intent is to take only children who are between ages 4-6 yrs. children who are disadvantaged including **HIV/Aids orphans.** Our numbers fluctuate for several reasons and this year we have already lost about 20 and currently have **38 enrolled**. We are thankful for the support we have from local people as they continue to help. **Sunshine Christian School** supplies all curriculum and donates course material that is excess and unused to help tutor older children. Various people and congregations assist with some clothing, and



toys from local communities and individuals. We recently received new desks/tables for our classes that were made and donated by some local Christians from a Kempton Park congregation.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Since my return from Africa it has become even more apparent that we have a desperate need to increase our monthly income. We are very grateful for the increase of material support by local Christians and business concerns in our work and we pray this will continue as GOD continues to open doors of opportunity. The economic stability in South Africa

requires much prayer. In our attempts to increase our donor support we have had 60,000 calling cards printed with

THREE different designs. Each with our logo and a QR code on the back. Using smart phones the QR code takes you to our web site where donations can be made through pay pal or any of the major credit cards. Donations can be as large as \$2,000.00 or as small as \$10.00 and can be set up monthly or given as a one time contribution. We have a clear paper process and monies go directly into these needed areas. Our prayerful desire is to attract new partners through this effort. We prayerfully believe if we can get all these cards distributed God will find those who would have a heart to help in this amazing work. Please email Jeff at jvkenee@gmail.com if you would like to assist in any way to distribute these cards.

On behalf of all who are involved with this ministry we deeply appreciate your Prayers and your financial partnership.





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Thank you for partnering with us in this incredible work that God has given us in South Africa. Blessings Jeff & Patrick



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