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# Getuie Witness



*Dr Danie van Zyl and the ibongi (praise singer) at the annual graduation ceremony.*

## A year of celebration for Sokhanya

Sokhanya Bible School, which offers Bible training classes in the Cape Peninsula and country-wide through correspondence courses in isiXhosa, celebrated 20 years of teaching in 2011. Two special events took place:

- In July, Bible School students were invited to the 40 year anniversary celebration of the DRC congregation of Welgemoed in Bellville. The principal of Sokhanya, Dr Danie van Zyl, is a pastor of this congregation. At this occasion Sokhanya students showed their appreciation by making a contribution of R 10 000 to their teacher's salary. This initiative by the students is probably the first of its kind.
- In November Sokhanya celebrated its anniversary at the annual graduation ceremony. A large number of past students, correspondence students and visitors attended. A busload of visitors came from as far as Mthatha, including a lady from Lusikisiki who gave a very delightful display as *ibongi* (praise singer). The commitment and joy with which students raised funds for both occasions is heartening. The atmosphere of the celebrations had to be experienced to be appreciated.

We look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for Sokhanya in the coming years!

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Kommissie vir Getuienisaksie (KGA) van die NG Kerkfamilie in die Kaapstreek  
Commission for Witness (CFW) of the DR Church family in the Cape Region

## Baba David Maduma – 'n geloofsheld

Baba\* David Maduma was die eerste sendeling van ons kerkfamilie in Msinga, 'n baie tradisionele, onherbergsame deel van KwaZulu-Natal.

Hy het in die vroeë 1960's die bediening daar onder 'n reuse-sambreeldoringboom begin, waar hy in 'n tentjie gewoon het. Hy het die bergagtige gebied te voet, later met 'n fiets, 'n motorfiets en nog later 'n bakkie deurkruis met die Boodskap van Verlossing. Dit was uitdagende tye. Stamgevegte was aan die orde van die dag en baie vredesinitiatiewe is deur hom geloods.

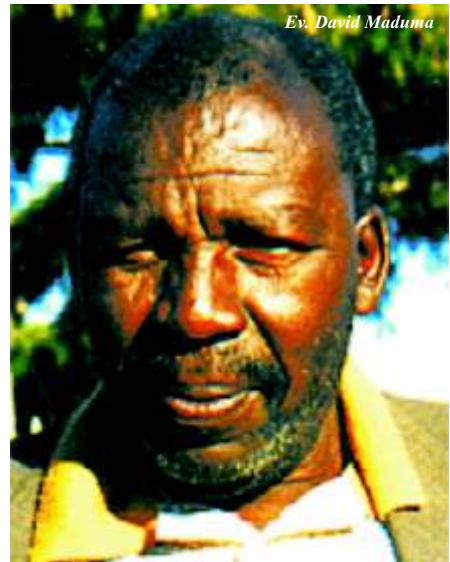
David Maduma was altyd baie sterk daarop ingestel om met gemeenskapsleiers, hoofmanne en indunas saam te werk en hulle goeie gesindheid te wen. Die meer as 30 buiteposte van die VGKSA in Msinga is meestal gestig danksy die gemeenskap se aanvaarding van hom.

Praat van "missionale kerkwees"! Hy het ook tale skole gestig (wat later deur die staat oorgeneem is) en tale armoedevertellingsdienste ontwikkel. Vandag huisves die VGKSA-kerksentrum op Pomeroy die kantore van die CMD/ Usizo, waar maatskaplike dienste aan honderde kinders gebied word.

Die bediening aan die Zulu-mans was vir hom 'n ernstige saak. Hy het die vermoë gehad om vanuit die tradisie en kultuur betekenis aan die evangelie te gee. So het hy as mentor ook al die sendelinge wat in Msinga gedien het, ingelyf in die geheimenisse van die Zulu-kultuur en respekbewyse.

Al die sendelinge wat deur David Maduma se hande is, is van binne af verander. Baie is gestroop van hulle Westerse voortvarendheid en gevul met 'n diepe respek vir die leefwyse van die Zulu. Terselfdertyd is almal besiel met 'n kinderlike gehoorsaamheid om die Goeie Nuus te dra na hulle wat dit nog nie gehoor het nie.

Talle uitrekgroepes uit George-Bergsiggemeente dink nog met groot



*Ey. David Maduma*

waardering terug aan hierdie kryger vir die evangelie. As blyk van hulle waardering vir sy bediening, het hulle aan die einde van sy loopbaan vir hom 'n pragtige bakkie gekoop. Iets waarop hy so trots was!

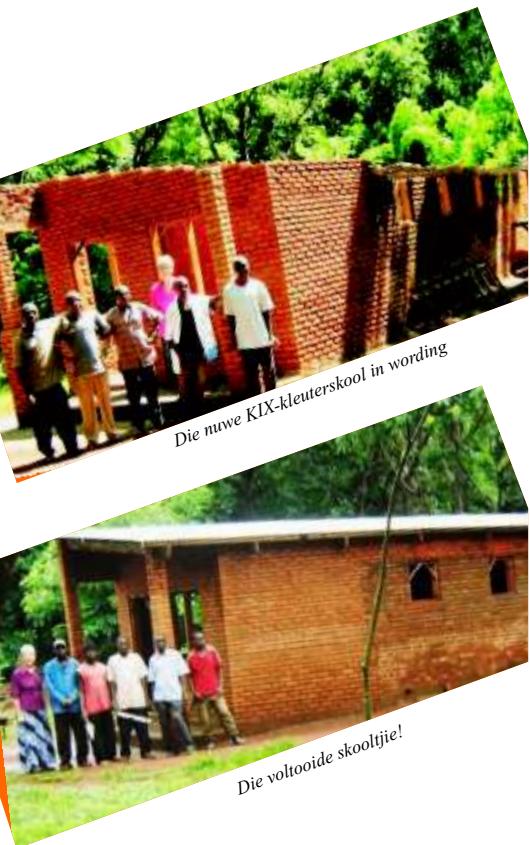
Evangelis Maduma het by Uitval, in die Limehill-kompleks, afgetree. Met sy klein pensioentjie en tanende gesondheid, was hy tot onlangs nog besig om mense te besoek en die evangelie met hulle te deel – oortuig daarvan dat sy roeping tot die dood is en dat hy nie voortydig mag gaan sit nie.

Baba Maduma is in 1923 gebore en sterf gedurende die naweek van 10 Desember 2011 op amper 90-jarige ouderdom. Ons dank die Here vir hierdie kaliber manne wat met 'n karige salaris, bereid was om die spinnerakke uit die voetpad te vee sodat die Groot Koning kon deurstap.

\* 'Baba' beteken 'vader' - die Zulu aanspreekvorm vir volwasse mans as teken van respek.

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# 'n Nuwe KIX-Kleuterskool

Teen hierdie tyd is die KIX-projek wat in Malawi deur AnnaMarie de Klerk en haar span in 2009 van stapel gestuur is, al goed aan ons bekend. Daar is die afgelope twee jaar tientalle kleuterskool-onderwysers opgelei en honderde voor-skoolse kinders onder hulle bekwame leiding geskool.

Die jongste projek (as uivloeisel hiervan) het hierdie jaar begin – natuurlik 'n nuwe KIX-kleuterskool – en dit sommer op die mooie werf waar AnnaMarie op Malingunde woon. Dit gaan 'n unieke skool wees omdat dit gaan dien as 'n model- en opleidingskool vir die verdere opleiding van honderde KIX-juffrouens.

Ouers in die omgewing is so opgewonde dat hulle al begin plek bespreek het vir hulle kleuters! Die skooltjie het toegeruste en baie spesiale, deur KIX-opgeleide onderwyseresse. Malingunde se kleuters sal die twee klaskamertjies vul om te leer:

- dat hulle uniek is, en
  - omdat hulle in Christus is, daar vir hulle 'n plan in God se hart leef ...

Om so 'n projek staan te maak, verg voortdurende vertroue op die Here. Kom ons ondersteun hierdie wonderlike projek en staan hierdie span by, waar ons ookal kan.

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# Redaksioneel

Editorial

Hierdie *Getuie* verskyn in Lydenstyd, Pase en is vol stories van *gee*, omgee, self weggee en blymoedig gee. Op bl. 1 lees ons byvoorbeeld hoe die Sokhanya-studente dankie sê deur 'n bydrae aan hulle dosent se salaris te *gee*; ons sien op bl. 2 hoe vennote 'n KIX-skooltjie in Malawi help staanmaak deur hulle *omgee*; ons lees op bl. 7 hoe Sanja Murray met die *race for grace* haar kragte *blymoedig gee* en geld insamel vir Bybelverspreiding in Zimbabwe. En daar's meer.

Baie mense en talle diensgetuies uit ons kerkfamilie, het sedert die draai van die 1900's en in die jare daarna gegee – hier naby en daar ver in Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mosambiek, Nigerië, Japan en elders – die Bybel, mediese sorg, onderwys, landbou en tegnologie. Sodoende is aanbidding en diens help vestig, onderhou en uitgebou.

Ek is pas terug vanaf die Makhathini en Msinga in Natal, diep beïndruk deur die eertydse ontvangers wat hulleself daar opoffer in liefdesdiens. Byvoorbeeld, met bitter min materiële bystand stap suster Tembe daagliks kilometers deur die sand om binne en buite die gemeente, sestig arm bejaardes en siekes huis te versorg en te bemoedig. Ons het beleef dat dié dapper, jong vrou, en ander, dit versekerd en toegewyd vir Christus en vir ander doen, want hulle bely: "*die liefde van Christus dring ons*" (2 Kor 5:14-15).

Jy kan *saam gee*. Praat gerus met Hylie by 021 957 7187 of stuur 'n e-pos na haar by [henslin@kaapkerk.co.za](mailto:henslin@kaapkerk.co.za) of besoek die KGA se webwerf by [www.kga.org.za](http://www.kga.org.za). Klik op **Projekte** onder **Raak Betrokke** (regs bo op die Tuisblad), kies een of meer en dra by wat die Here op jou hart lê. Dié bydrae-proses is heeltemal veilig.

En moenie vergeet nie, asseblief –  
bid saam vir die bedieninge, werkers en  
nodige middele.

This *Witness* appears during Lent, Easter and is full of stories of *giving*, caring, and of selfless and joyful giving. On p. 1 we read, for example, how the students of Sokhanya show their gratitude by contributing (*giving*) towards the salary of their lecturer; on p. 2 we see how partners supported the building of a new KIX school in Malawi, because they *care*; on p. 7 we read how Sanja Murray gladly *gives* her energy and collects money for the distribution of Bibles in Zimbabwe. And there is more.

Many people and those from our church family who served and witnessed, have given since the turn of the 1900s – nearby and far off in Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Nigeria, Japan and elsewhere – the Bible, medical aid, education, agriculture and technology. In this way they have helped to establish, maintain and extend worship and service.

I just returned from the Makhathini and Msinga in Natal, deeply impressed by the love offering of those who once were receivers. For instance, with very meagre material assistance sister Tembe daily walks many kilometres through the sand to visit aged and sick people. She cares for and encourages sixty poor congregants and other people. We experienced that this brave young woman and others do so confidently, committed, for Christ, for others, because they confess: "*the love of Christ constrains us*" (2 Cor 5:14-15).

You can also *join in giving*. Please speak to Hylie at 021 957 7187 or email her at [henslin@kaapkerk.co.za](mailto:henslin@kaapkerk.co.za) or visit the CFW's website at [www.kga.org.za](http://www.kga.org.za). Click on **Projects** under **Get Involved** (in the top right on the Home Page), choose one or two and donate what God lays on your heart. This donation process is completely secure.

And please, don't forget to join in prayer for the ministries, workers and needed resources.



## Chichewa in Wellington – *om te kan aanbid in jou eie taal ...*

Aan die einde van verlede jaar het Edmund O'EHley deur die Amosbediening 'n paar Malawiërs op die plase rondom Wellington raakgeloop. Hy het Hennie van Deventer van Bybel-Media (vroeër van Malawi) gekontak om te vra of hulle nie 'n plan kon maak om hierdie groep geestelik te kan versorg nie. Hennie was dadelik opgewonde hieroor. Edmund sou verder op die plase rondvra na so 'n behoefte en Hennie sou die enkele mense van wie hy weet, opvolg.

Die eerste byeenkoms het in Februarie 2011 in die Marthasaal op Wellington plaasgevind. Ongeveer tien Malawiërs het uit die omgewing opgedaag en selfs een uit Franschhoek! Hulle het ook 'n paar Malawiër-predikante wat op Stellenbosch studeer, genooi. Daar is nie gepreek nie en almal het sommer net saamgesels oor die Woord van die Here.

Die groep wat oorwegend uit jongmense bestaan, vergader deesdae in Bybel-Media se ouditorium waar daar elke Sondagmiddag om halfvier 'n byeenkoms is. Dit funksioneer meer soos 'n Bybelstudiegroep – hulle sing 'n bietjie en bespreek dan 'n Bybelgedeelte. Soos wat

die groepie mekaar beter leer ken, raak die besprekings egter ook al hoe openhartiger en geesdriftiger. Hulle geestelike insig is soms verstommend.

Die nut van hierdie byeenkomste is om te sien wat dit vir hierdie mense beteken om in 'n vreemde land in hulle eie taal te kan aanbid. Hulle sou by hulle geloofsgenote hier in Suid-Afrika kon inskakel, maar loop hulle dikwels vas teen die muur van Afrikaans of Xhosa, wat hulle glad nie verstaan nie. Daarom soek hulle nou maar mekaar op en is hulle besig om in 'n ware "gemeenskap van gelowiges te ontwikkel".

'n Plek om te aanbid in jou eie taal is duidelik 'n groot behoeftie in 'n vreemde land. Daar waar die plaaslike mense jou dikwels met agterdog bejeën vanweë jou vreemdelingskap en waar jy ook maar net met groot genade van die Here, 'n werkie kan kry en behou. En die nood leer bid. Maar as dit enigsins kan, bid jy verkiesslik in jou eie taal!

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### *Die Malawiërs wat in Wellington in Chichewa aanbid.*



*Pastor Bright Purazeni fitting his new prosthesis.*

# Church Partnership in Zimbabwe

For Ladismith DRC an overnight stay at Morgenster Mission Station resulted in a blessed church-partnership relation with Dzoro RCZ (Reformed Church in Zimbabwe) – an acquaintance that is strongly recommended to other churches.

An outreach team from Ladismith visited Morgenster in 2009 and enquired as to how they could help with the great need in Zimbabwe. Rev. Henry Murray explained to them his vision of partnerships between congregations in South Africa and congregations in Zimbabwe. This set them on their way to Rev. Bright Purazeni, pastor of the Dzoro congregation – a church in great need.

In March 2010 authorisation for a partnership between Dzoro and Ladismith was received from the General Secretary of the RCZ. An outreach team visited Dzoro in July 2010 and was touched by the dedication of Rev. Purazeni, walking 25 km to visit members in spite of an old and broken prosthesis. The Ladismith team returned to SA and started collecting funds

to replace the prosthesis.

Regular contact by cell phone and email took place between the Outreach Committee of Ladismith DRC and Rev. Purazeni. In May 2011 the outreach team returned to Dzoro to prioritise the needs of the community. Projects to renovate the manse and primary school, as well as a feeding scheme (one healthy meal per day) for 283 learners of the primary school, were started.

The main aim of the Ladismith DRC is supporting Dzoro's Church Council in leading Zimbabweans to Jesus Christ. Therefore they trust God to provide the opportunities and resources to do this.

Ladismith DRC encourages other congregations to also get involved through partnerships with congregations in Zimbabwe. If you would like to help ensure that the light of Jesus Christ keeps shining in Zimbabwe, please contact

**Andrew Bezuidenhout (028 551 1296)**  
for more information.

**Lizb   Rossouw, Ladismith DRC**

I am free!

A visit to Bonginkosi Mthembu and his wife Lindiwe at KwaNdaba on the Makhathini flats is always a great blessing.

This man's life is the fruit of an outreach team from Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, who once came to this area and presented the EEIII course. While he was under the influence of drugs he listened to what these people had to say, became more interested, and at last surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Recently Gansbaai Dutch Reformed Church donated a bakkie to him in order to do his work more effectively. With no hesitation he shared with everybody that this bakkie belongs to God. With a heart full of thankfulness he said: "I received this bakkie from God and have given it back to God. I am free! I will not allow this bakkie to come between me and God."

Bonginkosi and his wife have no children of their own. After they had been married for about two years, his in-laws and his own family made an appointment with him one Saturday morning. They

were concerned about Bonginkosi and his wife not having any children and tried to force him to go to the witchdoctors, but he refused. Then afterwards, his wife's father tried to convince his daughter to go to the witchdoctors with him, without her husband's knowledge, but she also refused whole-heartedly. That specific day they openly confessed before their family: "We are waiting upon God. If God wishes to give us a child, He will give us a child."

As a pastor, Bonginkosi is responsible for two branches in the congregation. At the end of last year, God convinced him through one of the modules of the NBI course to reach out to those who still live in darkness. On his own he started doing house visits at Mbangweni, a rural area next to the border of Mozambique. He did so spontaneously and said: "Nobody forced me to do that, but in recognition of what God has done for me, how can I close my heart for others who are in need?"

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Bonginkosi Mthembu

'n Vreemdeling is net 'n onbekende vriend

As jy op Sondae om halfelf in Stellenbosch se Ryneveldstraat afstap, sal jy langs die Kruiskerk (voorheen die Studentekerk) die "Khaya" 'n baie interessante groep aanbidders ontmoet wat uit internasionale studente bestaan.

Die Internasionale Studentebediening doen baie moeite om die ongeveer 3 000 internasionale studente uit 80 lande in ons midde huis te laat voel. Een vorm van ondersteuning wat aan hulle gebied word, is die multi-kulturele erediens wat op Sondae vir hulle georganiseer word deur Jurie en Magdalene Goosen. Dit word in samewerking met die NGK Helderberg- en Stellenbosch Moederkerk-gemeentes gedoen.

Die afgelope drie jaar word 'n Engelstalige erediens aangebied vir internasionale studente. Baie ongelowiges word eers aangetrek na 'n gemeenskap van gelowiges, voordat hulle na Christus aangetrek word. Na die diens eet almal saam, aangesien die studente 'n behoefté daarvan het om saam te kuier. Gasvryheid dra by tot die skep van 'n verwelkomende gemeenskap waarheen nie-Christene genooi kan word.

Verder word daar ook aan die internationale student die volgende hulp gebied:

- van die Internasionale Kantoor van die Universiteit.
  - Bybelstudie op Woensdae. Die groepe wil studente toerus om as ambassadeurs van Christus op die kampus te funksioneer en 'n impak in hulle land en kultuur te maak.
  - Kampe, sosiale geleenthede en

uitstappies.  
Dis strategies om internasionale studente te bereik, aangesien hulle die room en toekomstige meningsvormers en leiers van

hulle onderskeie lande is. Bid asseblief vir wysheid om die beste gebruik te maak van hierdie geleentheid.

Jy is baie welkom om hierdie eredienste by te woon. Die studente het gewoonlik geen familie of vriende in Suid-Afrika nie en sal 'n hand van vriendskap oproeg waardeer.

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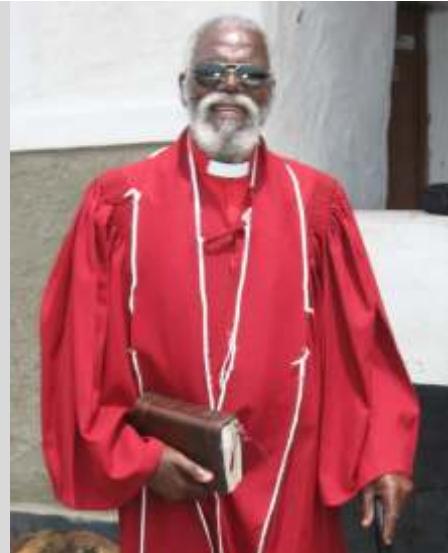
This is the testimony of one of the many church leaders who have been empowered by the church leadership and ministry skills development program that NBI has to offer. The main office of NBI, a division of Bible Media, is situated in Wellington where Dr Hennie van Deventer is the principal. Mrs Lenie Carstens is the registrar and Pastor Phaphile Celesi handles all Xhosa and Zulu enquiries.

This popular program is used by more

than 100 small Bible schools (or learning centres) all over the country. Local facilitators guide the learners through their studies. A very large number of church denominations (mainly independent churches) use the material for the training of their leaders. NBI's aim is to make this course available in all the local languages in order to reach as many church leaders as possible.

Past. Phaphile Celesti has also written a children's book in Xhosa, *Intsika Nesiseko Somntwana*, to help Sunday school teachers, church leaders and parents teach children about Christ.

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*Archbishop Thompson Adonis*

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vra selfaflegging en diensbaarheid!



*Danie Murray in gesprek met gemeenteleiders van Mosambiek.*

Sedert Mosambiek se deure vir ons as Gereformeerde Christene oopgegaan het in die 1970's, het daar al heelwat uitreike vanuit ons NGK-familie na Mosambiek plaasgevind. Daar is ook verskillende vennootskappe met opkomende gemeentetjies in Mosambiek gesluit, waarvan Ruvuma ([www.ruvuma.co.za](http://www.ruvuma.co.za)) een van die bekendstes is.

Danie Murray ([www.handevat.co.za](http://www.handevat.co.za)),  
deurwinterde sendeling met jarelange

ervaring van kerkplanting, die opleiding van kerkleiers en netwerkskepping in Mosambiek, en wat ook Portugees magtig is, doen waardevolle werk inveral Noordoos-Mosambiek en besoek die gemeentes, kerkleiers en diensdoende sendelinge in daardie gebied op 'n gerealde grondslag.

Na heelwat jare se mentorskap aan gretige Christene uit Suid-Afrika wat graag in Noordoos-Mosambiek ondersteuning wil gee, het Danie die volgende sinvolle gedagtes:

*Uit Filippense 2 is dit duidelik dat Christus homself verneder het en die mens kom **dien** het. Ook in Mosambiek word dit duidelik dat ons as gestuurdes ook meer leer as ons gaan dien en dat Mosambiekers makliker Christus deur ons leer ken as ons hulle **dien**.*

*Diens erken menswaardigheid en bring groei in inisiatief en leierskap. Dit is een van die effektiest maniere om 'n sterk strewe na afhanklikheid teen te werk. Diens*

*is ook die praktiese uitlewing van die grootste opdrag, naamlik om lief te hê.*

Danie waarsku ook teen die manier waarop ons materieel gee:

*Ons neig om vanuit ons Westerse materiële kultuur, met 'n goeie hart en sterk emosies, te gee. Dit veroorsaak dikwels meer negatiewe as positiewe groei. Dit versterk die gedagte dat ons as Mosambiekiers geen potensiaal het om te verander nie; dat ons arm is, dat ons minder geseënd en minder werd is.*

*Bydraes kan egter op 'n sinvolle manier gemaak word binne die veilige en betroubare ruimte van vennootskappe. 'n Vennootskap beteken dat daar alreeds 'n "commitment" en vertrouensverhouding bestaan waarbinne daar al baie vreugdes gedeel en teleurstellings deurworstel is. Dit bied 'n veilige ruimte waarbinne daar al genoeg meegevoel en omgee bewys is en waarin mekaar se menswaardigheid voor die Here erken is.*

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# HEFSIBA brei uit met Handelsvakke

Op 21 Februarie 2012 was dit 'n heugelike dag toe 45 eerstejaars hulle kom aanmeld het by die nuwe Fakulteit vir Bestuur en Rekeningkunde van Hefsiba op Vila Ulónguè, Noord-Mosambiek vir 'n vierjaar B.Comm-kursus.

Daar kom geruime tyd al versoeke van die owerheid en verskeie instansies dat Hefsiba hul waardegebaseerde opleiding moet uitbrei om ook leiers vir die handel en ontwikkeling van die land op te lei.

In 2004 het Hefsiba, Instituut vir Christelike Hoër Onderwys, tersiêre status van die Mosambiekse owerheid ontvang en hulle teologiese opleiding uitgebrei om ook 'n graad in Sielkunde aan te bied.

Groot uitdagings het voor die deur gelê om die sprong te waag na die aanbieding van handelsvakte met die oog op die verwerwing van 'n B.Comm-graad. Leermateriaal in Portugees en bekwame dosente moes gevind en kursusse uitgewerk word. Vakke vir 'n vierjaar-graadmatriks is by die Departement Onderwys geregistreer en die proses is aan die rol gesit.

Kobus Odendaal van die KGA-kantoor in Bellville is van einde-Januarie vanjaar vir 'n maand na Vila Ulónguè om te help



*Vlnr: Oscar Mkoka, Paulino Bartolomeu en Kobus Odendaal.*

om prosesse by Hefsiba te fasiliteer. Oscar Mkoka, wat ook as koördineerde en bestuurder vir die fakulteit sal optree, is aangestel as voltydse dosent vir Rekening-kunde. Hy is 'n gretige jongman met 'n B.Comm-graad van die Universiteit in Maputu.

Daar is ook drie deeltydse dosente aangestel. Past Migiel Nobre, een van die bestaande dosente, is aangewys as projekleier en het tot dusver uitstekende werk gedoen.

Die klasse het reeds begin, maar baie werk sal nog gedoen moet word om kursusse stewig gevestig te kry. Toepaslike handboeke moet dringend van Portugal gekry word, en 'n groot behoefte bestaan ook om nog boeke in handelsrigtings vir die biblioteek te kry. Die dosente is ywerig, maar verdere mentorskap is nodig.

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inligting.**

## A race for grace

"Change the way you look at things, and the things you look at, change."      *Wayne W. Dyer*

I recently came across this quote, and it made a profound impact on me. On numerous occasions in the Bible Jesus reminds us that we have the choice between life and death, between a blessing and a curse. We have the capacity to choose how we perceive the world. God may not always change the circumstances we are in, but He may enable us to look at our circumstances with different eyes, if only we allow Him to renew our minds (Rom 12 v 2).

Race for Grace was born out of this desire. A project was initiated with one goal in mind: to give others the gift of God's unmerited grace. To share His gospel and in so doing to empower others to also choose the LIFE that God has for them. John 17 v 3 says: "And this is life. That they may know God, the one and only true God, and Jesus whom He



Sania Murray

sent." In Zimbabwe this 'LIFE' means knowing God and trusting that He will provide the next meal, the next job, a pair of school shoes, or just for a brighter tomorrow. But to all it means hope.

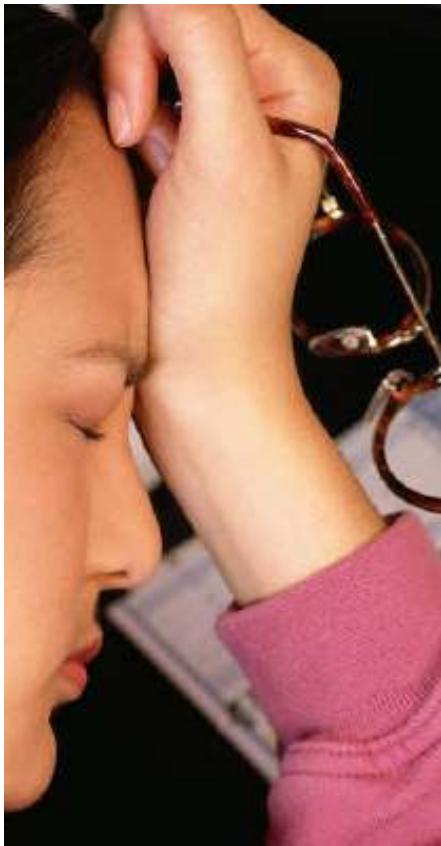
In January 2010 I 'raced for grace' at the 70.3 Ironman Triathlon in East London. Through this initiative I managed to raise a large amount of money that went towards Bible distribution to unreached people in Mashonaland East Province in Zimbabwe. Specifically, the project focused on Bible distribution amongst prisoners in the Muti Murefu prison in Mashonaland, and on Morgenster Missionary Station.

In October 2011 I participated in the Triathlon Off-road World Championship in Hawaii to raise awareness for the project and the plight of many impoverished and unreached Zimbabweans.

May you too be inspired to give a gift  
of hope and life today.

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## The (*rocky*) road from old to new



Never mind New Year's resolutions – the biggest challenge is to reach the end of the previous year and to make it to the New Year. The Cape of Good Hope can quickly turn into the Cape of Storms. Even at *Straatwerk!*

"I'm going to Jo'burg. I've made my decision. No, I don't have money. No, I don't have a place to stay. No, I don't have a job. It will be better for me there. I am tired of Cape Town and tired of working for *OPHELP Projekte*\*. I want to do my own thing. There are shelters in Jo'burg. Will you get me some boxes, so I can pack my things? Can you store some of them for me? And can you help me with the train ticket? It's about R450."

Yes, we got the boxes and the tape to secure them. We packed everything neatly and decided to go for a milkshake and something to eat, for old time's sake. Things tend to look better on a full stomach. And then the call came – a friend who really cares, who won't accept this sudden move. And right there all the plans change.

"Yes, well ..." he said, "One can't just throw away four years of hard work. What on earth was I thinking? Maybe it's not such a good idea to be alone on Christmas and New Year's Eve. Now I need to unpack everything and I haven't even gone anywhere."

We all have our ways of handling the ghosts that come with the turn of the year. Some drink too much, others sit in their rooms and make plans about the big city life in Jo'burg.

Make 2012 a year of being aware of those who, even midway through the year, struggle with the transition from one year to the next, and who struggle with the transition from the old to the new self.

**\*OPHELP Projekte** helps desperate people, mostly homeless people, to earn cash in hand by doing hard work as an alternative to aggressive begging, theft and other crimes.

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## Saai ... maai?

“Vat hom weg! Vat hom net weg!”

'n Ma se woorde oor haar seun na wie se tuiskoms sy so hartlik uitgesien het? Hoeveel jare in die gevangenis, hoeveel hartseer lê in die verlede; hoeveel hoop was daar op 'n nuwe begin ...

Ons het haar seun leer ken tydens die Herstellende Geregtigheidskursus in die Pollsmoor-gevangenis en was bly toe hy op parool vrygelaat word. Drie van ons het besluit om die pad na die Weskusdorpie toe aan te durf om meer uit te vind oor die spanning tussen ma en seun. Dis warm. Dis ver van Kommetjie af. Dit vra 'n tweede myl van gee, nie net van petrolgeld nie, maar van jouself.

Die gesprek tussen ma en seun is stroef. Daar is misverstande, aantygings en verontskuldigings. Haar seun kry nie werk nie (of wil nie werk nie). Hy ervaar dat die mense hom beloer en aankyk asof hy iemand gaan vermoor. Dit laat hom “vuil” voel. Daar is nie 'n ondersteuningsnetwerk nie; hy voel uitgeworpé.

Die gesprek fokus op sy waarde vir God, sy oorwinnings sover die afgelope drie maande. Trane drup oor sy wange. Hy sien ons verstaan iets van sy stryd. Ons bid saam vir moed en volharding en



waai totsiens vir die mense in Goeie Hoopstraat. Ons ry weg en het ook goeie hoop.

Die oproep wat ek na die vakansie maak om te hoor hoe dit gaan, verpletter die verwagting. Nee, dit het nie uitgewerk nie en Mamma het beampthes gaan vra om haar seun terug te vat tronk toe.

Soms lyk dit of wat jy gegee het, futiel was, of jy nie maai waar jy gesaai het nie. Of sal die saadjies nog ontkiem? Hoe staan ons mense by wat daagliks met hierdie uitdagings gekonfronteer word?

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# **100 Jaar van genade in Tivland**

Johan Botha van die KGA, Pieter Grové en Nelis Janse van Rensburg namens die VGK- en NGK-moderatuur onderskeidelik, het vanaf 21 tot 23 Oktober saam met die NKST, ons susterskerk in Tivland, Nigerië, eeufees gevier. Hulle is met groot liefde versorg in die Vrouediens-gastehuis by die NKST-hoofkantoor op Mkar.

Johan vertel verder:

"Die eerste vieringe was Vrydag by Sai. Die NKST-moderator, ds Orkuma, het die NKST se genadeverhaal ver gaan haal. Vroeg in 1911 het George Botha en hoofman Sai die plek daarvoor oorengekom. Op 17 April het Carl Zimmerman die sending se eerste rondawels en 'n skool begin bou.

"Die Here het baie mense se bedieninge, deur die jare, ryklik geseen. Vandag is daar 326 gemeentes in Tivland, talle laer- en hoërskole, 'n aantal tersiêre inrigtings, hospitale, mediese klinieke en 'n aantal sendingstasies van die NKST.

"Die 100-jarige Gyang Gyang, jongste seun van hoofman Sai, nog fisies sterk en helder van gedagte, was besonder bly om ons weer te sien. 'n Kleinseun van hoofman



Sai het ons die nuwe gedenktekens gewys wat opgerig is ter ere van die koms van die Woord en die eerste vier dopelinge.

“Saterdag op Mkar het die teoloog, dr Jakubu, die leierskap uitgedaag oor die kerk se ware identiteit, noodsaaklike hervorming, evangelisasie, rentmeesterskap en die jeug.

“Sondag op Makurdi het die NKST-lidmate die koms van die vier bokse (die Woord, mediese dienste, onderwys en landbou) wat deur die eertydse sendelinge na hulle gebring is, herdenk. Dr Makena het ons holistiese getuienistaak vir vandag opnuut beklemtoon, na aanleiding van die mosterdsaad (Mark 4:30) en Jesus se eie bediening (Luk 4:18). *Kom laat ons almal hierin saamstaan*, was ds Orkuma se afsluitingswoord.

“Ons feesgroet vir die NKST: *Groete van al julle broers en sisters in Suid-Afrika. Baie van hulle wens hulle was vandag hier saam met ons! In die verlede het ons sterk klem gelê op selfbestuur, selfonderhou en selfuitbreiding. Vandag en môre is ons as Jesus se één kerk aan mekaar verbind en interafshanklik, medeverantwoordelik vir die verkondiging van sy heerskappy, in en buite Afrika.*”

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# Rerouted to freedom

My friend Leigh and I were excited to be invited to tea by Sandra\*, a friend, who we hadn't seen for some time. Sandra also invited Rachel\*, another friend of hers.

Over a cup of tea Rachel shared her family history with us. Her family were early pioneers in Israel, where her grandfather had given his life to save the life of his commander in one of the Israeli wars. While the enemy was shooting at the commander, Rachel's grandfather shielded him and was fatally wounded in the crossfire.

This reminded me of a story I had heard before. During the Second World War a Jewish family was hidden by French people. After they were discovered by the Nazis, they were arrested and, together with many other Jewish people, were put on a train to a concentration camp.

The French Resistance Movement tried to devise a plan to save them. The train would pass close to the Swiss border. If only they could manage to



*Cecilia Burger (Simcha) and her friend, Leigh*

change the route of the train to get it to Switzerland, this family and all the other passengers would be safe. As the others were still discussing the matter, one of them disappeared.

Only much later his friends discovered why this man had left them in such a hurry. He had lain down on the railway track, and with his arms and legs switched the point (turnout) by pushing the metals in another direction, causing the train of death to arrive in Switzerland. One man gave his life to save the lives of all the passengers on the train.

This story gave Leigh and me the opportunity to explain to our Jewish friends how Messiah Jesus did the same for us – He gave his life for us to enjoy freedom.

Rachel, in particular, listened attentively while we shared the Good News with them.

Let us pray for this ministry that requires a great deal of perseverance and creativity.

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# Veritas College South Africa



In South Africa the church is growing and urgently needs leadership development due to a great shortage of trained leaders. Unfortunately, the 'big five' of Africa - poverty, poor health, low standard of schooling, remoteness and cultural division - hinder the development of leaders.

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  - Apply the obtained Biblical truths in a specific context
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## In Memoriam



Ons harte gaan uit na die naasbestaandes van die volgende mense wat nie meer met ons is nie:

*Du Plooy, Simon* was o.a. die hoof by die Nkhoma-drukpers in Malawi vanaf 1999 tot 2001.

*Ekermans, Ina* het as sekretaresse op Morgenster, Zimbabwe gewerk en was veral vir die ouditering van die verskil-lende buitestasies se boekhoudings verantwoordelik.

*Iornenge, John* was die algemene sekretaris van die NKST in Nigerië vanaf 2005-2011.

Irvine, Elsabé was 'n Engels-onderwyseres by Robert Blake in Malawi vanaf 1979 - 1988. Na haar afrede het sy in Edinburg gaan woon.

*Klemp, Freda* het vir baie jare op Morgenster as verpleegsuster in die hospitaal gewerk.

*Maduma, David* was die eerste sendeling van ons kerkfamilie in Msingi; die

bediening van die evangelie was vir hom tot aan die einde 'n ernstige roeping.

*Olwagen, Lenie* was betrokke by Tswana-sending, MEMA en Bybelkor.

*Steytler, Rentia* was die eggenote van wyle ds Johan Steytler in Malawi.

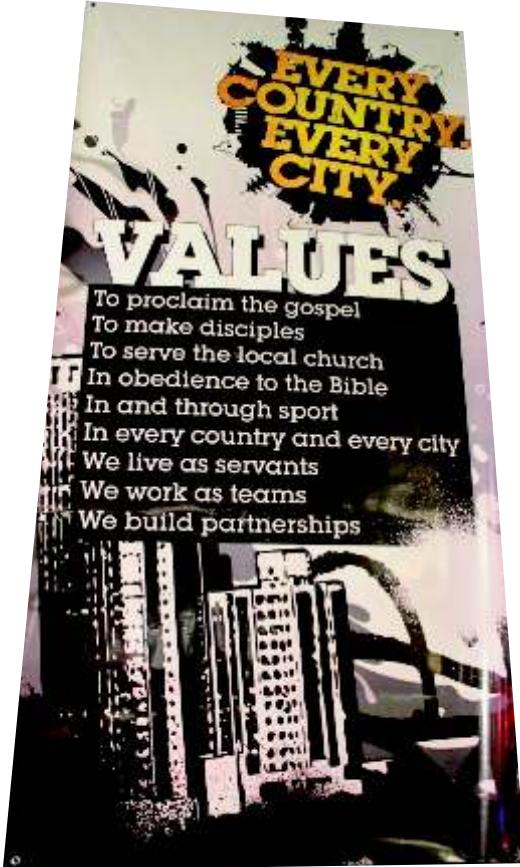
*Van Bemmel, Gert* was o.a. die hoof van die skrynwinkel van Efata in die Transkei vanaf 1974 tot 1977.

*Van der Merwe, Wena* was die eggenote van Johan van der Merwe (Sakebestuurder by die KGA-kantoor).

*Van der Wilt, Finnie* was matrone by Nkhoma Hospitaal. Haar man was die bouer daar.

*Van Ieperin, Han het saam met haar man,  
wat 'n geneesheer was, in Nigerië gewerk.*

*Van Schalkwyk, George* het vir baie jare in die Tesourierskantoor op Morgenster gewerk. Tydens en na die Vryheidsoorlog in Zimbabwe het hy op Masvingo gewoon en Bybelonderrig in skole gegee.



## What does it mean to give?

In November 2011, Ben Marais and Joseph Jacobs (of Sport and Play) both of whom are involved in *Hope Through Sport* got the opportunity to go to the ACE 2011 International Sport Ministry Conference in Orlando, Florida in the USA. The conference was attended by 550 delegates from 130 countries over the world, all working in the area of sport ministry. On the photo with Ben and Joseph are representatives from the Middle East, Africa and Europe.

*Resource kit containing more than 5 000 sport ministry resources. We are now tasked to take this and multiply it in our regions, towns and churches.*

*God showed us that to freely give and enrich others is truly one of the most blessed actions to be involved in. If you look at the values of the ISC as stated in the picture (far left), you will see that the desire to give and bless comes from the understanding that God created us to work together in teams, to work in partnership with others and to work with the attitude of serving one another. Only then can we obey God's commands towards reaching the world.*

*We are committed to taking up the challenge to serve, partner and work in teams with you as churches or ministries through the use of this God-given universal language of sport ministry.*

*Ben Marais & Joseph Jacobs:  
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*Ben and Joseph (right) with representatives from the Middle East, Africa and Europe*

(Knip op die stippellyn en pos / e-pos / faks)

Ja, ek wil baie graag 'n medewerker van die Kommissie Getuienisaksie (KGA) word.

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## *“Getrou aan Christus in die Werkplek”*

“Arbeidsbediening het ontstaan vanweé en bly voortbestaan ter wille van die kerk van Jesus Christus se getuienis in en om die wêreld van werk.” So sê Johan Botha, PSD vir Getuienisaksie en betrokke by Arbeidsbediening se bestuur. Dié bediening se missie onderstreep juis dit.

## *Arbeidsbediening wil*

- as die hele kerk van Christus -  
deur werkende lidmate en geestelike

*in die krag van die Heilige Gees,  
betrokke wees in die markplek,  
om daar die deugde en waardes van die  
evangelie,  
só te beklemtoon en uit te leef,  
dat die koninkryk van God,  
in en om die arbeidswêreld,  
duidelik sigbaar sal wees,  
asook gevvestig en opgebou sal word.*

Die eerste doelstelling van Arbeidsbediening (om hul missie hande en voete te gee) fokus daarop om lidmate van alle plaaslike gemeentes op te wek, toe te rus en te ondersteun om as dissipels van Jesus Christus in en om die arbeidswêreld geloofsgetrou te werk en te getuig.

Arbeidsbediening in die Kaapstad Metropool – IMPAK – besoek daarom graag in die loop van 2012 al die gemeentes van die NGK en VGK in die Kaapse metropool. IMPAK wil sodoende graag die leierskap en lidmate van hierdie gemeentes bewus maak van die ondersteuning wat hierdie bediening aan hulle kan bied vir die uitlewing van hul roeping as gelowiges in en om die werkswêreld.

Ds Simon Konzapi, geestelike werker, en Sakkie Botha, bestuurder van IMPAK, werk in hierdie uitreik baie nou saam om die VGK- en NGK-gemeentes in die metropool te besoek, in te lig en toe te rus met die oog op hulle eie bedieninge in en om die werkswêreld.



Sakkie Botha



Simon Konzani

# A Franciscan blessing

May God bless you with *discomfort* at

- easy answers and
  - half-truths and
  - superficial relationships

So that you may *live* deep within your heart

May God bless you with *anger* at

- injustice and
  - oppression and
  - exploitation of people

So that you may *work* for justice, freedom and peace

May God bless you with *tears* to shed for those  
who suffer

- pain
  - rejection
  - hunger
  - war

So that you may *reach out* your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with *enough foolishness* to believe you can make a difference in the world.

So that you can **do** what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

Bron: Philip Yancey - Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?

'n Hartlike dank aan alle medewerkers met die samestelling van hierdie uitgawe. Ons volgende uitgawe verskyn in Oktober 2012.

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