



Getuie Witness

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

KGA 21 jaar later – ‘He ain’t heavy; he’s my brother!’

KGA (die verenigde Kommissie vir Getuienisaksie van die NG Kerkfamilie in die Kaap) is in November vanjaar 21 jaar gelede gestig.

“Die verantwoordelikes is destyds diep geïnspireer deur die duidelike Bybelse eis en ons belydenisboodskap oor die sigbare eenheid van die kerk.” Só vertel drie stigerslede by die KGA se onlangse Jaarvergadering en danksgegging aan die Here.

“Daardie April 1986 NG Kerkfamiliekonferensie oor ‘Wat is Sending?’ by die Universiteit van Wes-Kaapland, het vir ons besondere koers gegee. Ons was absolut eerlik met mekaar en het saam bely die verskeurdheid van ons kerkfamilie was en

is ‘n struikelblok vir die Here se sending,” het Phil Robinson vertel.

“En in daardie selfde jaar het ons by die Sendingkommissie van die NGK in Wesen Suid-Kaap besluit, ons kan en wil nie meer alleen werk nie. En ons het die destydse Getuienisaksiekommisie van die NG Sendingkerk versoek om asseblief die pad verder saam met ons te stap,” het Martin Pauw ons herinner.

“n Besondere ding wat ons saamstap op hierdie getuienispad vir my uit die RCA en ons ander gegee het, was om mekaar se behoeftes, verwagtinge en moontlikehede te leer ken,” onthou Dennis Naidoo. “Ons het ontdek ons is mekaar se broers en susters wat mekaar wil ondersteun. Iewers het ek

iemand hoor sing: *He ain’t heavy, he’s my brother.*”

“En ons kan hoopvol vorentoe,” het Russel Botman, nog ‘n stigterslid en eerste KGA-voorsitter, ons uitgedaa, met vier fokusse vir die toekoms:

- Gereformeerdes bely met oortuiging – elke duimbreedte van die werklikheid behoort aan die Here!
- Die Here roep ons ook om eenheid sigbaar te beliggaam, soos in die KGA, as ‘n spieël vir die hele kerk.
- Ons moet aan die vreemdelinge by ons gasvryheid gee, en
- Die Woord moet altyd ons finale rigsnoer wees.



KGA-lede en -verteenvwoerdigers tydens die Algemene Jaarvergadering in Julie vanjaar.

Together again ... in the Lord's mission

A century ago the Holy Spirit raised people up to take the Gospel from South Africa to far off Nigeria. The challenges were enormous. The journey to Tivland took three months, sub-tropical diseases were deadly, the loneliness hard to endure. Yet, 161 men and women went there between 1911 and 1961. They learnt the Tiv language, produced evangelism material, started Bible translation in 1914, founded medical services and developed agriculture and technology – together with Tiv Christians.

In 1957 the NKST, our sister church for Tiv speakers was established. Personnel and financial constraints unfortunately caused the DRC to have to transfer the work to the Christian Reformed Church in the USA. In 1960 Nigeria got independence and led the resistance to South Africa's apartheid policy. For safety

reasons the DRC workers had to withdraw from Tivland. Informal contact was kept with people there, but only after 40 years would we again speak officially.

The start of this new phase of interaction happened quite unexpectedly. In 2004 Dr Kurugh Antiev, former general secretary of the NKST met Dr Coenie Burger, former moderator of the DRC, at a world ecumenical meeting in Accra, Ghana. “Good day” he said. “I am your brother from Nigeria. Can we restore our relationship?”

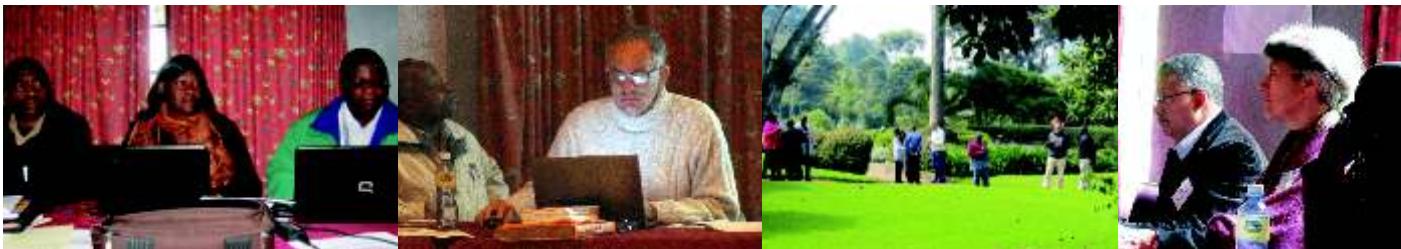
Several visits to and from Nigeria followed. The president and the general secretary of the NKST, Revv. Ayohol Ate and Peter Azuana, officially visited us as DRC family in the Cape during August with very good news: “We are still the NKST, but no longer for the Tiv ethnic group alone; in July we changed our name

to *Nongo uKristu u I er u Sha Tar* – ‘The Universal Reformed Christian Church’. We want to be open to everybody and also reach out to all people around us. Can we please take hands in this?”

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Fltr: Peter Azuana, Nelis van Rensburg, Ayohol Ate and Johan Botha dressed in Tiv clothing at the DRC Welgemoed.



NetACT faciliteer grensverskuiwende denke in Kenia

Vanaf 18 tot 20 Julie vanjaar het daar 'n besondere konferensie in Kenia, 50 km noord van Nairobi by die pragtige internasionale konferensiesentrum te Brackenhurst plaasgevind. Dit was 'n inisiatief van NetACT wat hulle jaarvergadering met 'n werkswinkel oor *Gender Equality in Africa* gekombineer het. Kobus Odendaal het as assosiaat-lid van NetACT die KGA daar verteenwoordig.

NetACT (*Network for African Congregational Theology*) is 'n netwerk van teologiese instellings met 'n presbiteriaans-gereformeerde tradisie in Sub-Sahara-Afrika. Dit het in 2000 in Lusaka in Zambië ontstaan met die Kweekskool op Stellenbosch as basis. Prof. Jurgens Hendriks is die uitvoerende beampete en 15 teologiese skole in nege Afrikalande (SA, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mosambiek, Zambië, Kenia, Namibië, Angola en Nigerië) is deel van die

netwerk

NetACT het ten doel om deelnemende teologiese skole by te staan om leierskap te ontwikkel en dievlak van teologiese opleiding te verhoog. Dit word gedoen deur hulpverlening aan die ontwikkeling van relevante kursusse, voortgesette studieprogramme vir dosente, dosent-uitruilprogramme, konferensies en die publikasie van handboeke oor teologie in Afrika.

Tydens die werkswinkel is daar gefokus op die neerdrukpende ongelykheid wat vroue in die kerk en samelewing in Afrika ervaar. Alhoewel daar geringe positiewe veranderinge hier en daar bespeur word, geniet vroue nog geensins gelyke regte in Afrika nie. Daar was voordragte oor geweld teenoor vroue, ongelykhede in die huwelik en gesinslewe, in die werksplek, in die samelewing en veral in die kerklike strukture.

Die helfte van die konferensiegangers

was vroue. Die aanbiedinge is geesdriftig deur die groep bespreek en daar is intringend na oplossings gesoek. Die manne moes soms met skaamte aanhoor van die ergerlike misdrywe van hul geslagsgenote teenoor vroue. Die doel van die werkswinkel was om die aanbiedinge uit verskillende dele van Afrika verder te slyp met die oog op die samestelling van 'n handboek met die titel: *To live with Dignity: Gender Equality in Africa*. 'n Volgende werkswinkel gaan die publikasie finaliseer vir verskyning teen Augustus 2013.

Die waarde van die werkswinkel was nie net om die omvang van ongelykhede te besef nie, maar om die stilte oor die onderwerp te help verbreek; in die meeste gemeenskappe is die blote bespreking van die onderwerp taboe. NetACT ontsluit 'n dinamika wat teologiee nadenke in Afrika 'n reuse-hupstoot gee.

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Redaksioneel

Sáám in die Here se sending

Hierdie *Getuie* bevestig niemand is 'n eiland nie. Ons span oral saam met ander, as die liggaam van Christus.

Ons en die NKST vat weer stewig hande, Straatwerk-susters versorg sáam kinders wat na liefde honger op die Kaapse vlakte, NetACT dink en doen saam oor moeilike sake, gemeentes span saam vir stoele en tafels vir Makhathini, fasiliteerders vat hande om menswaardigheid te vestig by mense agter tralies, ons ekumeniese Arbeidsbediening staan mense by met hulle arbeidsuitdagings en om geloofsgetrou te werk.

FTS-bedieninge in Malawi wys sommige saai en ander maak nat, gelowiges van hier vat hande met gelowiges in die Kunene, Member Care vra dat ons sendelinge sáám sal versorg in Afrika, wêreldwyd maak mense skool vir kinders bekostigbaar in Malawi, dowes gaan saam op die langpad na ander dowes elders in Afrika met die liefde van Jesus, 20 skoolkinders en 6 volwassenes wat hande met Boesman-Christene.

Spanwerk bring nuwe Nehemia Bybelinstituut-kursusse, CCAP Harare se eeu fees verheug die familie, Heidekoppie met Kingfisher en KGA vat hande vir toerusting, Tumbine se vriendelikheid en broederliefde

oorweldig, wedersydse liefdesbetoon by Msinga werk vernuwing, en 'n groot verrassing uit Nigerië – die vrug van saamspan in die Here se sending, 100 jaar gelede.

Dit alles gee ons baie groot vreugde en nuwe hoop. Want saamspan is huis die KGA se eie storie!

Mag die ryk verskeidenheid van saamspan-stories in hierdie publikasie aan ons 'n nuwe saamwerkywer en oorvloedige dank aan die Here gee.

Together in the Lord's Mission

This *Witness* confirms nobody is an island. Everywhere we work together with others, as the body of Christ.

We and the NKST again join efforts, Straatwerk-sisters work jointly to care for children who hunger for love on the Cape Flats, NetACT reflects and acts together on difficult issues, congregations pool resources for chairs and tables for Makhathini, facilitators work together to create a sense of human dignity and worth among inmates, and our ecumenical Industrial Ministry assists people with labour challenges and in how to work faithfully.

FTS ministries in Malawi illustrates how some sow the seed and others provide water, believers here and in the Kunene take hands. Member Care calls for joint

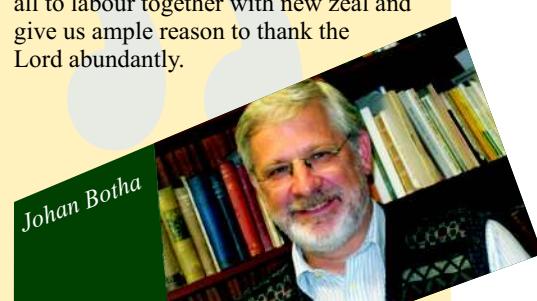
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support to missionaries in Africa, people across the globe provide affordable education for children in Malawi, deaf people journey to other deaf people elsewhere in Africa with the love of Jesus, 20 schoolchildren and 6 adults take hands with Bushman Christians.

Teamwork brings brand new courses from the Nehemiah Bible Institute, CCAP Harare's centenary gives joy to the family, Heidekoppie with Kingfisher and CFW join hands to equip believers, Tumbine Synod's kindness and brotherly love overwhelms, love for one another in Msinga brings about renewal, and a big surprise from Nigeria - the fruit of teamwork in God's mission, 100 years ago.

All of this gives us great joy and new hope. Teamwork is indeed CFW's own story!

May the rich variety of stories about teamwork in this publication inspire us all to labour together with new zeal and give us ample reason to thank the Lord abundantly.



'The soul is healed by being with children'

Fyodor Dostoevsky

"I have been blessed in my business and one only needs a certain amount of money to live from – and there is no need to buy aeroplanes, even if you have the money..."

This is how our story started in Heideveld. This businessman didn't buy an aeroplane, but a house – a tiny maisonette in Badsberg Close in Heideveld – and with that the miracle unfolded and Straatwerk's *Valuable to Jesus Campaign* (STOP abuse, prostitution and pornography) could stand central in all the outreaches that we conducted.

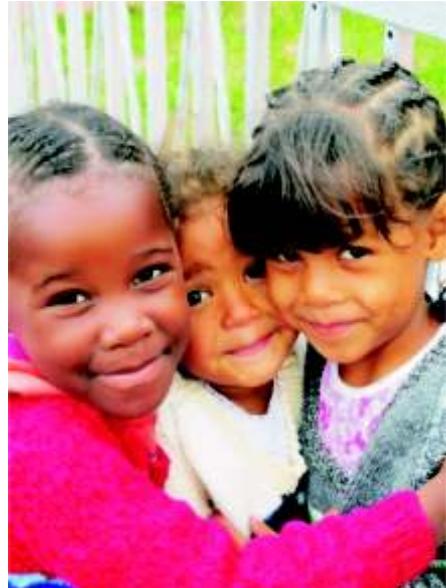
Heideveld is an area situated close to the N2 in Cape Town. The area is plagued by high levels of poverty, gangsterism, sexual abuse and crime. It forms part of the Cape Flats. But at our house in Badsberg Close we are trying to be a light in the community.

The community has come to know this as a house where love rules and assistance

is always given. No one is judged and no one is rejected. The children at our *Kid's Club* are amazing – all 100 of them (although we started off by being only 25). Some have shy smiles. Some talk loudly. Some show us their new dance moves every week and others love to just sit in the corner and listen, but all of them hunger for love, and thus the number grows every week.

The teenage groups for the older children are also growing and community outreaches in our neighbourhood are weekly events.

Straatwerk believes that the only way to fight the darkness and the evils of the neighbourhood is with persistent and abundant grace and love. In the same way, the Lord saves us, continually, every day, with His grace and His abundant love. As a team we have realised that much is achieved through continually working together.



**Read more about Straatwerk at
www.straatwerk.org.za and
www.itsamazing.org.za.**

Facebook pages: *Straatwerk, Valuable to Jesus, Zoë Trust - Heideveld*

Malingunde spog met hulle eie KIX-kleuterskool



Die onderwyseresse. Agter: Mery Chinthuchanji (links) en Failes Dive(regs), die hoof. Voor is Elizabeth Kampheta (links) en Juliet Chingavere (regs).



Die Malingunde KIX-Kleuterskool



Ons is gereed vir die afskou!

Danksy KIX kon daar vanaf Julie 2010 tot Junie 2012 'n totaal van 154 kleuterskool-onderwyseresse in die Malingunde-omgewing in Malawi opgelei word. Met die twee hoofvakke Onderrigmetodiek en Kinderevangelisasie as basis, word daar verseker dat die kleuters 'n sterk Christelik-gefundeerde opleiding ontvang.

Danksy twee susters van Sutherland, Jackie Bloemerus en Annatjie van Zyl, het die laaste groep van 35 onderwysers elkeen 'n Kinderbybel in Chichewa ontvang wat hul nou in hul kleuterskooltjies kan gebruik.

Daar word ook beplan om hierdie opgeleide onderwyseresse te ondersteun met 'n voortgesette opleidingsprogram in die KIX-kleuterskool op Malingunde. Dit bestaan uit 'n kantoor en 2 klaskamers wat 75 kleuters tussen die ouerdomme 3 tot 5 sal kan akommodeer. Dit sal funksioneer as modelskool en geleentheid bied aan

onderwysers wat die KIX-opleidingsprogram voltooи het, om vir kort periodes saam met die personeel klasse waar te neem. Hier sal hulle dan verder onderrig word in Skoolbestuur en Volwasse Leierskap. Sodoende sal hulle ook gereeld hul vakkundigheid kan opskerp en begelei word in aanpassings ten opsigte van metodes en beskikbare materiaal vir die effektiewe ontwikkeling van kleuters.

Die personeel bestaan uit Failes Dive (die skoolhoof) en drie onderwyseresse, Mery Chinthuchanji, Elizabeth Kamphefa en Juliet Chingayere. Die skool het op 17 September geopen.

Die ouers betaal 1 500 kwacha (R50) per maand per kind. Hierdie inkomste sal die salarisse van twee van die vier onderwysersesse en die koste van 'n bordjie ontbytpap, die water en ligte dek.

'n R10 000-bydrae van Francois en Marian van der Merwe van Tierhoek in

Calvinia was 'n groot hupstoot om die broodnodige kombuis te help staanmaak. Hier gaan die kindertjies hulle ontbyt en versnaperinge vir die dag ontvang.

'n Uitreikspan van die Paarl, Lutzville en Klawer – ses families (Johan en Marlies Coetzee, Fritz en Nelleke van Heerden, Oubaas en Sereza Kershop, Hannes en Anneke van Zyl, Koos en Marlida Lombaard, Marius en Roanne du Randt) en vier dames (Christelle Huysamen, Bettie Binneman, Martha van Zyl en Joan Wiggens) was ook daar gedurende die Junie-vakansie en het met verfkwas en troffels gesorg dat die skool en speelpark teen 17 September gereed was vir Malingunde se opgewonde kleuters!

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'n Sertifikaat agter tralies

Die vroeë rit van Kaapstad na Malmesbury deur groen velde in die skerp oggendlug is 'n voorspel tot 'n diep ervaring van samesyn. Ons vyf fasiliteerdeurs van die Herstellende Geregtigheid (*Restorative Justice*)-program word noukeurig deursoek voor ons die bultjie opstap na die Weskus Korrektiewe Dienste-Sentrum. Die afgelope agt weke het die groepie van 26 gevangenes elke Woensdag die opvolg-sessies na die weeklange kursus getrou bygewoon. Vandag ontvang hulle hul sertifikate.

Groot glimlagte oor skoongewaste gesigte begroet ons en 'n haastige, persoonlike gesprekkie word ingepas. Die

kapelaan en ander amptenare het 'n spesiale lokaal gereed gekry en ons kry gedrukte programme waarop in hoofletters aangekondig word dat die KOOR ons gaan vergas. Dan stap hulle in. Silwerskoon vars-gestrykte pienk hemde kontrasteer fel met die swart das, netjiese swart broek en blinkgepoetste, swart skoene.

Wat het verkeerd geloop in hierdie pragtige mense selewens dat hulle agter tralies beland het?

Wanneer die sowat 30 koorlede in verskillende stemme lostrek onder die musikale hande van hul dirigent, verstil alles binne jou. Dis lofliedere oor God se krag wat jou nooit sal verslaak nie.

Wanneer die volgende liedere meestal in Xhosa gesing word, maak die taal nie saak

nie; dis die boodskap van krag en oorwinning, van totale oorgawe aan die musiek wat jou hart en verstand omkeer. God is groot en doen groot dinge in dielewens van gebroke mense.

Ds. Clayton gee 'n kort oorsig oor die inhoud van die kursus: Die oortreders se eie gebrokenheid; Die pyn van die slagoffers; Waardes soos respek, eerlikheid, vertroue en integriteit; Skuldbelydenis; Berou en Vergifnis.

Die vraag is egter watter verskil dit alles aan jou lewe maak, watter veranderings daar kom in jou gedrag en jou denke. En nie eers eendag daarbuite nie – nee, nou! Die jong man wat volgende week 30 word, het 'n straf van 44 jaar waarvan hy reeds 12 jaar uitgedien het; hy het 'n Nommer-bende verlaat. Mens wil *Bravo* skreef! Ds. Clayton bemoedig hom dat hierdie die beste besluit van sy lewe is en dat hy waarlik sy sertifikaat werd is!

Mens weet daar gaan nou baie vir hom,
en vele ander, gebed moet word, maar wie
is bereid om vir hulle in te tree?

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Makhathini Nursery Schools -

*where even
small contributions
can make
a huge difference*

URCSA Makhathini considers the ministry amongst the pre-school children of the Makhathini Flats a great challenge. As a result, the congregation now has seven nursery schools under its care with Lungani Mandlakazi as coordinator.

The tutorial standard of these nursery schools has increased significantly in the last few years, due to persistent attention to the training of staff. The staff's dedication and passion in their labour for the kingdom of God are evident and therefore they are willing to work for a salary of only R330 per month.

One of the schools, like the one at Ophansi, for example, has enrolled 96 children this year. This school is being run by only two staff members in an old evangelist's house.

The people of the area are used to



life in the open and therefore many of the activities at the nursery schools are presented outside under big trees.

It often happens that children arrive at school without having eaten anything at home. The school committee of each school does their best to initiate projects to provide food for children who arrive at school hungry. Some schools even have their own vegetable garden. It has been proven that children's scholastic performance can increase with up to 20% because of healthy daily nutrition.

Thanks to financial contributions of individuals and congregations, 60 tables and 200 chairs have been purchased for the schools, for which we are very grateful. We

want to give special thanks to the financial contributions which came from the following congregations: URCSA Kylemore; DRC Wellington-East; DRC Merweville and the DRC Calvinia.

Even a small contribution can potentially make a huge difference in the future of many children on the Makhathini Flats. These donations have inspired the teachers in their valuable work, and our children's faces are radiant with excitement.

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Arbeidsbediening bied relevante antwoorde

Arbeidsbediening se passie is om alle mense in die werkplek geestelik te ondersteun en te bemagtig vir die uitdagings van elke dag. Met die visie "Geloofsgetrou in elke werkplek" word uitgereik na elkeen, ongeag hul agtergrond, status of oortuigings.

Arbeidsbediening fokus op die vestiging van balans tussen die persoonlike- en werkslewe van werkneemers. Mense se werksomstandighede en -uitdagings, hul persepsies daarvan, hul verhoudings en vertrouensvlakke by die werk beïnvloed ongetwyfeld hul persoonlike lewens weg van die werk. Dikwels is daar 'n direkte verband tussen mense se werksomstandighede en byvoorbeeld die kwaliteit van hul huwelike, hul verhoudings met hul kinders en ander mense asook ander persoonlike probleme soos aggressie, moedeloosheid, negatiwiteit, psigiese moegheid, ens.

Aan die ander kant beïnvloed mense se persoonlike omstandighede ook hul werkselewe. Gelukkige, tevreden en gebalanseerde mense is meer suksesvol in

wat hulle doen by wyse van hul werk en loopbaan. So ook is persoonlike probleme dikwels die oorsaak dat hulle nie produktief en gemotiveerd by die werk is nie en daarom vir die werkgewer 'n las word.



Groepswerk

In die arbeidswêreld is werks- en inkomsteverlies vandag 'n wesenlike realiteit en spreek Arbeidsbediening dit dan ook daadwerklik aan. So ondersteun ons ook mense wat hul werk verloor. Werksoek-seminare word dus aangebied, asook daadwerklike hulp met betrekking tot die verwerking van werks- en inkomsteverlies.

Arbeidsbediening funksioneer op ekumeniese basis en vat hande met ander organisasies wat in die arbeidskonteks op die bevordering van gesonde werksomgewings en arbeidspraktyke fokus.

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Fishers, Trainers and Senders Ministries, **MALAWI**



Fulltime workers and volunteers of FTS Ministries during a week of prayer.

From the 8th to the 12th of June this year FTS (Fishers, Trainers & Senders) Ministries launched a successful outreach to a particular district in Central Malawi.

In that area, there are 22 villages with an estimated population of 1 400 people. Within the radius of 3 to 5 km, 95% of the people are Muslims and the remaining 5% is made up by a Christian sect. There is also a newly formed Baptist Church within the radius.

FTS Ministries deployed a team of 20 people (16 men and 4 women), of whom 11 were sent from Lilongwe. Nine people (some converts from Islam) trained by FTS Ministries, were from other communities within the particular district.

The Jesus film was shown that many may come to know the full story of Jesus Christ. Afterwards, many who were touched by the film came for further teaching.

We believe God prepared our hearts as well as the hearts of the people to whom He send us; we had time to help people with family issues and after the prayer session every morning, people were coming on their own to hear the Word of God. Prayer walks and participation in the community's daily activities also helped to reach the people with the Gospel.

One of the chiefs, along with her husband, gave her life to the Lord and she was willing to surrender the witchcraft

Die Liefde vir ons Moslemnaaste

Islam doen deesdae aktief sendingwerk en brei wêreldwyd vinnig uit. Van hulle is soms gewelddadig teenoor teenstanders, soos tans in Nigerië. Ons beleef ons Moslemnaaste ken nie regtig die liefde van Jesus nie! Hulle soek dit by ons.

Daarom bemoedig dit dat gelowiges uit Kraaifontein-Noord tans 'n sendelingpaar in Soedan ondersteun, wat onder bitter uitdagende omstandighede daar bly dien en getuig. En dit gee hoop dat Christene uit Suider-Strand onlangs 'n klein gemeentetjie in Pakistan kon gaan bystaan en bemoedig en ook die plaaslike hoofman se guns kon wen.

Ons bid saam vir hierdie uitreike van Liefde!

tools that she inherited from her grandparents. She wanted to learn how to pray there and then and participated in our evening prayers that same night.

During a follow-up visit, a Bible study group was established for 23 converts.

“... I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws His wages; even now He harvests the crop for eternal life so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.”

DRC Beaufort & URC Carnarvon

– a new joint presbytery

When the presbytery of the DRC Beaufort and the presbytery of the URC Carnarvon had a joint meeting from 23 to 25 August at Victoria West this year, it was the fruit of much prayer and many conversations – it was the culmination of many pastors' ministry.

The meeting, which was opened with a joint communion service in the URC church, Victoria West, was also a historic occasion when, for the first time in this congregation, a female minister, Rev. René Potgieter, ascended the pulpit and served the Word at this special event.

During the joint session it was decided that from now on, the two presbyteries will meet as one presbytery. A joint presbytery commission was appointed with three members from each of the two original commissions. The two presbyteries also approved the following important decisions:

- An in-depth look at the devastating effects of alcohol abuse on the rural communities is needed. This includes



Presbytery members of the URC Carnarvon and the DRC Beaufort enjoying a meal together at their joint meeting.

what is the future of the NGOs? The presbytery has to get clarity about this for itself.

The decision about the unification of the two presbyteries will be sent to each presbytery congregation with an accompanying letter that will explain the decision.

Glory to God in the Highest!!

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Kunene vir Christus



Tjise, die Himba-vrou wat in 2003 tot bekering gekom het. Verlede jaar was sy op haar eie uitreik. Sy word elke jaar opgesoek.



Hoofman Langman Mohenje (regs) en ds. Jason van Opowe.

Op 28 Julie vanjaar was die NG-gemeentes van Napier en Riviersonderend op hul 14de uitreik na Koakoland om die Woord aan die Ovahimbas te gaan uitdra. Na 'n rit van 7 800 km het die groep van ses op Vrydag, 10 Augustus weer teruggekeer.

Die Napier-lidmate het die krale-besoek gedoen en die Riviersonderendspan het vanjaar ses van die tien skole besoek en video-aanbiedings gedoen; die groot droogte het verhoed dat die ander skole besoek word. Die video-animasies het bestaan uit die Kersverhaal, die Verlore Seun en die Saaier. Omdat die kinders nie multimedia ken nie, was die aanbieding vir hulle 'n belewenis. Baie van die onderwysers het nou ook skootrekenaars en ons is oorval met versoek om die kort

video's vir hulle beskikbaar te stel. Hulle wil dit gebruik tydens Godsdiensonderrigtyd wat by die skole aangebied word.

Ons het ook vir hoofman Langman Mohenje, hoofman van die Otjitanda-gebied, gaan opsoek. Verlede jaar, met ons vorige uitreik, het die gemeenskap wat onder sy gebied val, die eerste keer van Jesus gehoor en hy het gevra dat ons hulle weer vanjaar moet besoek. Vanjaar het ons hom 30 km verder gekry en die Sondag is daar 'n erediens naby sy kraal in die rivierbedding gehou. Na die Sondag-oggenddiens het hy vir ds. Erik gevra dat ons vir hom moet bid dat hy ook sy hart vir die Here kan gee.

Dit is nie altyd 'n maklike lewe in

Kunene nie – daar is geen krag by die skole wat ons besoek het nie; daar moes van kragopwekkers gebruik gemaak word. Weens die droogte, wat sy tol eis, grawe die Himbas putte, 7 meter diep, in die riverbeddings om water vir hul vee te kry. Hul diere is ook verskriklik maer. Die Himba-mans het ook 'n groot vrees dat hulle al hulle vee sal verloor as hulle 'n oorgawe aan die Here maak, aangesien die toordokter dit vir hulle wysmaak.

Laat ons vir ons broers en susters in Kunene bid – daar waar hulle oorlewings-uitdagings baie moeilik is.

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Skakel gerus in by die weeklikse **VrydagNuus**, 'n elektroniese nuusbrief van die NGK Wes- en Suid-Kaap. Dit hou jou op hoogte van ons NGK-familie se jongste nuus, asook relevante nuus van die breëre Christengeloofsgemeenskap. Stuur jou naam, e-posadres en kontaknommer aan Marieta Mundell by kommunikasie@kaapkerk.co.za en maak seker jy word deel van hul meer as 1 600 lezers wêreldwyd.



Eye outreach in Mozambique

On August 26, Dr Johan Eloff and his team arrived at Vila Ulóngue in the northwest of Mozambique for their annual eye outreach. Within four days 60 cataract operations and two other eye operations were performed, and about 200 glasses were issued to poor-sighted people, who can now read their Bibles. In total, 728 patients were examined.

We owe a big thanks to ACRIS (Pascoal Cumbane and his staff) for arranging the whole outreach from Mozambique's side. The government's attitude is wonderfully positive and there was excellent cooperation between the local hospital's ophthalmic assistant, Chico, and a Cuban doctor.

The South African team consisted of

Drs Johan Elöff, Mathys Labuschagne, Lourens Coetzee, Chris Blignaut, and nursing sisters Helen Meyer and Estelle du Plessis – she is currently working in Nkhoma Hospital , Risna Heyns (an optometrist) , and Anlie Engelbrecht who did visions and helped with the cooking. A support team of ten members from the DRC Universitas, Bloemfontein, was of huge help.

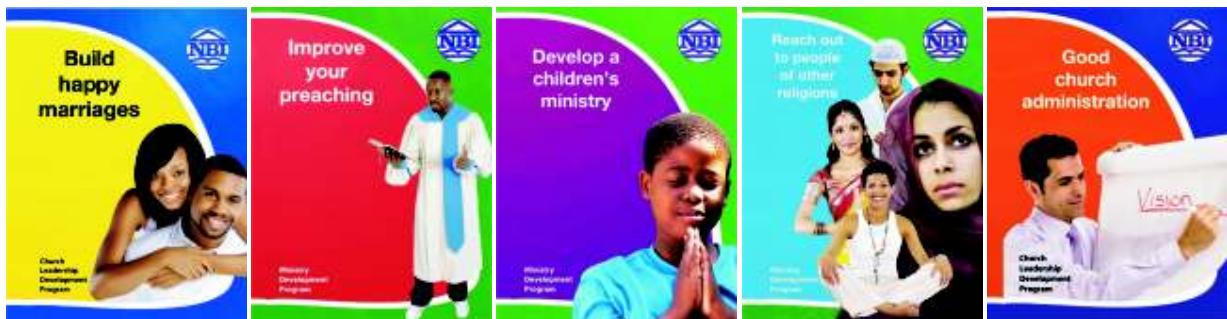
Mose, who is 20 years old, is deaf and blind. He was operated on but can now only distinguish between light and dark. Dr Lourens requested our prayers for him and to ask God to improve his sight.

A very fortunate woman of Furancungu was operated on in 1984 by a Dr Levi in Malawi for her cataracts when she was

3 years old. Everyone was amazed when she gave the ticket that Dr Levi gave her mother for that operation in 1984 to Dr Johan this year. He could fit her with new glasses, and as she was operated on at an early age, she now has perfect sight. How wonderful that throughout the war, she kept that ticket safe!

What a privilege to be part of such a miracle-working, God-given project. To God be the glory and thanks that these people's quality of life could be improved. We want to thank everyone who contributed in any way, especially those who prayed for this outreach.

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Hennie van Deventer, sy kollega Phaphile Celesi en hul span medewerkers by NBI doen 'n reusewerk wat groot invloed het. Hennie Pretorius, ook deel van die NBI-span, vertel:

"Wanneer jou motor ouer as twee dekades is, moet jy nie die beste diens daarvan verwag nie. Dieselfde geld vir 'n Bybelkursus wat twintig jaar oud is: dit kry baard en wat daarin geskryf staan, kan beter gestel word, terwyl die skrywers daarvan se insigte ryper geword het.

“Dis die een rede hoekom die Nehemia Bybelinstituut se leerplan radikaal herskryf moes word. Die ander rede is dat die staat – eintlik die Departement van Onderwys – vereis het dat sulke inrigtings vir volwasse onderwys hul kursusse uitkomsgebaseerd moet skryf.

“Die tafel was gedek vir 'n groot taak.

Ook die Sentrum vir Kontekstuele Bediening van die Universiteit van Pretoria, wat ons kursus akkrediteer, het alle rede om hieroor te glimlag.

"Hierdie hersieningswerk is nou al vir die afgelope vier jaar aan die gang: daar word fluks gevorder om die 30 kursusse (wat elkeen in 'n aparte boekie gepubliseer word) gereed te kry. Die eerste 15 van die hersiene boekies is reeds gepubliseer. Benewens die herrangskikking en verryking van studiemateriaal is daar twee verdere verbeteringe: die meer verantwoordelike toetsingsproses asook die groter aksent op opdragte wat die studente in hul praktiese omstandighede moet toepas.

"Ons skakel al hoe meer oor na groepswerk gelei deur bekwame fasiliteerders vir wie daar 'n nuwe gids vir elke module voorberei word. Die kursus

wat in Engels hersien word, word nou ook weer in die drie grootste landstale vertaal: Zoeloe, Xhosa en Afrikaans. Buite ons landsgrense word ook ruim van die kursus gebruik gemaak o.a. in Zimbabwe, Namibië, Malawi, Mosambiek, Zambië, Madagaskar – en selfs in Indië.

In 2011 het 797 nuwe studente hier in SA vir die NBI-kursus ingeskryf, terwyl 314 in dieselfde jaar die kursus voltooi en 'n sertifikaat van die Universiteit van Pretoria ontyng het."

As u die kursus finansieel wil ondersteun, kan u met Lenie Carstens, die registrator (021 864 8258) of met Hennie van Deenter, die prinsipaal (021 864 8225) skakel.

Sendelingversorging – seën en genade

“Sendelingversorging sluit baie aspekte in en soms kan mens oorweldig word deur die behoeftes van ons sendelinge,” vertel Marina Prins van Member Care Suidelike Afrika. As sy terugkyk oor die afgelope paar maande, onthou sy die volgende *seën en genade-oomblikke*:

"In Maart woon ek saam met 50 Afrika-leiers MANI (*Movement for African National Initiatives*)-leierskapsvergaderings in Kenia by. In ons Member Care-groepie sê Samson Dorkunor van Ghana: 'Member Care is in my heart!'

“En dit is juis waaroor ons droom en waarvoor ons werk in MANI – dat *Member Care*-netwerke in Afrika sal ontwikkel uit verhoudings wat oor jare gebou is en dat ons as mede-Afrikane saám ons sendelinge sal versorg.

"Ek dink aan Louise Laubscher wat my 'n paar weke gelede uit Malawi bel om te sê dat gewapende mans die vorige nag in haar huis en hul kantoor ingebreek het, maar hoe sy, ten spyte van die inbraak, die Here se **genade** en **getrouheid** ervaar het – dat sy niks oorgekom het nie.

"Ek dink aan Kotie en Rina Smit van Nacala Mosambiek wat ook die afgelopen tyd verskeie kere getuig het hoe die Here



Louise Laubscher met 'n deelnemer aan 'n dissipelskapkursus (links) en Kotie en Rina Smit (regs)

hulle beskerm het, ten spye van mense wat in die nag agter hulle huis rondbeweeg en by van die bure ingebreek en mense aangeval het. Rina wat steeds kan skryf: *Ek glo dat ons Vader sommer 'n batteljon engele gestuur het om ons te beskerm.*

"Louise skryf later: *Dankie vir jou poging om alle sendelinge se stemme en harte te laat hoor. ... daardie uitrek van mense, wat duidelik intree met gebed, of wat vra hoe dit gaan, is van onskatbare waarde. ... elke stem van omgee is soos 'n lig wat opgaan in 'n donker en wrede*

wêreld ...

“Wanneer ons God se *genade en seën* so sien en ervaar, raak dit ons en word ons fokus weer opnuut geplaas op ons God en Vader wat dié Groot Versorger is, en dank ons Hom dat ons deel mag hê aan hierdie kosbare bediening aan sendelinge.”

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EBENEZER - 'Thus far has the Lord helped us'



Ken, a retired Financial Director, and Colleen Cross, a mother of four, are a pair of 70-year olds, willing to serve the Lord wherever He leads. So God sent them to a wonderful little school in the remote hills of Nkhoma, Malawi ... the Ebenezer Institute of Learning. Colleen and Ken fulfil the roles of school principal and builder/administrator respectively.

The school was started by Willeke Ter Haar in 2008, prompted by her husband, Dr Reynier Ter Haar (Medical Superintendent of the hospital), as an educational facility to provide quality teaching to the young children of the hospital staff who wanted to keep their children in a rural community and take

care of their education. Therefore the school is associated with the Nkhoma Hospital where the missionary family Ter Haar has been most influential for about 16 years.

Ebenezer is unashamedly Christian and caters for children from three years old in three Kindergarten levels and grows by one Grade each year. The new academic year started in September with the opening of Grade 4. The school offers seven classes, employs seven teachers and four assistant teachers (all Malawian), three other local staff and enjoys ad hoc help from expat student volunteers ... and the likes of us oldies! This year 150 children were enrolled from Nkhoma and also from other

villages far and wide.

Quality buildings are erected each year, sponsored by various foreign donor churches and individuals from America, Korea, Canada, the Netherlands and others. All the children receive a 50% subsidy of their school fees thanks to the tireless work of the dynamic Willeke, who finds willing supporters from all over the world.

Thus far has the Lord helped us,
indeed!

*Sponsor a Malawian child's education:
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Our Sister Church in Zim celebrates her Centenary

Our sister church in Zimbabwe, the CCAP Harare Synod (Church of Central Africa Presbyterian), celebrated her 100th anniversary from 4 to 6 May earlier this year. Braam Hanekom, moderator of the Western and Southern Cape Synod, Kobus Odendaal and Reggie Simpson of the CFW, Enoch Kibito of the URC Cape, and former missionaries Hannes Londt and Kobus Minnaar represented the DRC family.

In 1912, after many requests from the Chewa Christians from Malawi working in Rhodesia, Rev. TCB Vlok came to serve them on behalf of the missionaries in Malawi.

In the beginning of the last century Malawians were forced to do migrant labour in order to earn money for the hut tax introduced by the British authorities in Malawi. Large numbers of Malawians came to South Africa to work in factories and mines. Others went to Zambia and Zimbabwe for the same purpose.

During Rev. Vlok's first Sunday service in Salisbury for Malawians, there were already 350 churchgoers of whom 103 were catechumens and 125 full members. Rev. Vlok worked another 24 years in Zimbabwe, experiencing huge growth of the church.

Over the decades, several missionaries from the Western Cape went to serve the



Elfr. Reggie Simpson, Hannes Londt, Braam Hanekom, Kobus Minnaar, Enoch Kibito and Kobus Odendaal at the centenary.

church there. Rev. Marthinus Daneel worked in Zimbabwe in 1952 and stayed there for 28 years, ten years of which he was moderator of the church. He was also involved in the establishment of ten churches, the construction of several church buildings and the formation of the CCAP Synod in 1965. Louis du Toit, Kobus Minnaar, Hannes Londt, Hans Block and Bertus Viljoen, with the support of their wives, have done great work in the CCAP.

Presently the Synod has 21 congregations with 14 ministers and 20 spiritual workers. Political events and land reform struck the church severely and led to massive

urbanization and emigration of their members

The CFW, on behalf of the DRC and URC in the Cape Region, is still in partnership with the CCAP to support the church in her vision to be a living, serving church in Zimbabwe.

At the celebration Rev. Chirongo, the moderator, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the South African Christians' 100 years of involvement and support to their church in Zimbabwe.

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Robertson-Oos besoek Mahopas



Dries, Ilse, Jana, Cordre saam met Xao (links) en Xgashe (regs)

Die Jeug Uitreik-tuin by Oangwa, 2 jaar later



Die NGK Robertson-Oos is vanaf 2010 betrokke by Dries en Ilse van Jaarsveldt wat sedert 2004 sendingwerk onder die Boesmans by Mahopa doen. Die klein sendingstasietjie is in die Noordwste van Botswana, naby die grens van Namibië geleë. Louis Bruwer van Robertson-Oos se Getuienis-kommissie vertel:

"Gedurende die Junie-vakansie van 2010 is 'n span van 20 skoolkinders, vergesel van 6 volwassenes op 'n jeuguitreik na Mahopa. Die hoofdoel was om 'n beskutte tuin by Qangwa, sowat 20 km oos van Mahopa, te help vestig. Die uitreik was 'n reuse-sukses, en nie een enkele spanlid het onaangeraak teruggekeer nie.

“Sedert 2010 ondersteun ons lidmate vir Dries-hulle op verskeie maniere. Vanaf

29 April tot 3 Mei
vanjaar het lede van
ons gemeente se
Getuieniskommissie
hulle weer gaan
besoek met die oog op
moontlike uitreike
gedurende 2012 en/of
2013.

“Buiten die paar
handyman-take
waarmee ons hulle
kon help, was die
mees betekenisvolle

deel van ons besoek seker die tyd wat ons met Dries en Ilse kon spandeer. So kon ons hulle behoeftes, verwagtings en toekomsplanne beter verstaan.

"Die mees aangrypende was om te besef met hoe min materiële dinge en sosiale interaksie, en in afgesonderheid die twee mense bereid is om hulle kosbare werk tussen die Boesmans te doen.

"Ons kon hulle bystaan met die her-installasie van 'n stel sonpanele by die boorgat by Xain Xagho en die uithaal van die drinkwater-boorgatpomp op Mahopa. Kobus het tot laat een aand gesweis dat die vonke spat om Willem, die Boesman-tolk en kerkleier, se donkiekar te herstel.

"n Baie groot lekkerte was om die 2010 jeuguitreik-tuin by Qangwa vanjaar te gaan besoek. Dit was wonderlik om te sien hoe goed Boo en Russian eichandig die tuin in stand hou. Meer as genoeg groente word dwarsdeur die jaar geproduseer om in die behoeftte van die Boesman-pasiënte by die Qangwa-kliniek te voorsien. Met die tuin as aanknopingspunt het Russian, 'n opgeleide evangelis, die afgelope paar maande reeds vyf jong mans na die Here gelei en gedoop.

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Kingfisher – “Op u woord sal ek die nette uitgooi” Luk. 5:5

Heidekoppie, Die Gemeente met Oop Deure, is 'n missionêre gemeente in Proteahoogte, Brackenfell. Hulle het 'n samewerkingsverhouding met 'n aantal organisasies wat hul visie deel. Een hiervan is Kingfisher, 'n internasionale mobiliseringsbeweging. Die gemeente-kontak met Kingfisher geskied deur Gert en Martha Roberts, voltydse mobiliseerders van Kingfisher.



persoonlike begeleiding sodat dievlammetjie kan oorspring na die res van die gelowiges in hulle omgewing.

Van die beplanning sluit in die dissipelmaking van veral jongmense, armoedevertiging, bediening aan mense totaal buite enige kerkverband en die kweek van 'n leefstyl by gelowiges wat regtig 'n impak in hulle omgewing en elders maak. En dis net die begin!

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Tumbine Synod – an overwhelming experience

Kobus Odendaal was privileged to attend a part of the IRM (*Igreja Reformada em Moçambique*) in Mozambique's bi-annual synod meeting that was held from 23 to 26 August this year. He shares his experience with us:

"On 23 August, on the back carrier of a bicycle taxi with my suitcase in front of me, I crossed the border of Malawi into Mozambique. I was on my way to Milange, the main centre of the IRM (*Igreja Reformada em Moçambique*), 5 km from the border of Malawi.

"The purpose of the meeting, which was led by the moderator, Rev. Carlos Pedro Erbate, was to give the congregations and the different ministries of the synod the opportunity to report back on all their activities, to share challenges and receive advice and encouragement.

"The highlight was being welcomed with overwhelming friendliness and brotherly

se etes en verblyf bekostigbaar te maak.

Die kursus het gefokus op die ontsluiting van die Koninkryk deur dissipelmaking en word so ingerig dat dit tot praktiese bediening moet lei. Dit het beteken dat ná die opgewondenheid om die reikwydte van God se koninkryk te ontdek en 'n kykie te kry in die dinamika van dissipelmaking, een hele oggend gespandeer is net aan beplanning van wat in die volgende maande gedoen moet word.

Kingfisher onderneem om elkeen van hierdie mobiliserende leiers vir ten minste 'n jaar te begelei sodat hul koninkryksdrome 'n werklikheid kan word. Dit behels nog heelwat toerusting, maar primêr



love. Great appreciation was also expressed for the relationship between many congregations in the Western Cape and congregations and ministries within the Tumbine synod.

"The financial support is very important, but the on-going relationship is what they really value. It was also wonderful to hear of the growing activities in the congregations and how they take ownership and responsibility for many financial challenges. With them being a

young church with young ministers, our support and communion with them in their difficult circumstances is a big encouragement to them.

"Our relationship with the IRM synod Tumbine helps us to remember: We are part of Africa and we have brothers and sisters in Africa who care for us."

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