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CFW (Commission for Witness) of the DR Church family, Cape Region

# Getuie Witness

## We are blessed to bless others *in Zimbabwe*

If you visit Morgenster Mission Station in Zimbabwe nowadays, you will find a young couple, Mark Horst and Annemarie Horst-Vogel with their two young kids, Lennard and Jasper, all the way from The Netherlands.

Annemarie specialised in Tropical Medicine as she knew all along that she wanted to work in less privileged areas in the world. When she finished medical school, she and Mark (who studied International Business Administration) made a trip to two doctors they had befriended – one in Tanzania, the other in Zimbabwe. They felt that God called them to come to Zimbabwe. It all came together in a beautiful way and as there was a responsibility for Mark too, they applied for the 'job' in Zimbabwe. It was done through the GZB, a mission society of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands.

Annemarie's expert knowledge was demonstrated when a woman that was

diagnosed with diabetes needed an amputation of one of her legs. She could not afford to pay for the procedure in Harare, and as she would die without the amputation, Annemarie decided to do the amputation at Morgenster. The woman was saved!

Mark is the Health Manager of the Health Department of the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe (RCZ). His enthusiasm and managerial skills are already having a great influence on the health systems at large. Among other positive changes he has brought about, is an improvement of the distribution process of HIV medication to patients.

But working in another country and culture is not so easy. They miss their family and friends and their parents cannot enjoy their grandchildren growing up. But for them it is also an enriching experience.

"Zimbabwe is a country that cherishes Christian values and we feel blessed," says



*Dr Annemarie Horst-Vogel and Mark Horst with their two young sons, Lennard (3) and Jasper (1).*

Mark. "People are more important than business, elderly people are respected, and many believe there is a God. It is also great to have a lot of family time, as we live so close to our work."

The skills and care of these two young professionals are a blessing to the many Zimbabweans who use the health services of the Reformed Church.

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## Heidekoppie – 'n seën vir Franssprekende Christene in Brackenfell

Dis Woensdagmiddag. Uit die NG Kerk Heidekoppie crescendo luide, ryk stemme van Afrika begelei deur net 'n handtrom. Die getale groei aan soos die middag vorder. Daar word gesing, gebid, geleer, bedien – alles in Frans.

Maar waar het dit alles begin?

Die tema vir vanjaar se Wêreldbiddag vir Vroue, opgestel deur Frankryk, was *Ek was 'n vreemdeling en jy het my verwelkom.* Heidekoppie – Die Gemeente met Oop Deure is geleë in Brackenfell; 'n area met

heelwat Franssprekende immigrante uit Afrika. Die Heilige Gees oortuig hulle om die keer nie 'n Biddaggeleentheid vir die gemeentelede te hou nie, maar om die tema van die Biddaggeleentheid *uit te leef* en die Franssprekende "vreemdelinge" te verwelkom.

Die verskillende Brackenfell NG gemeentes het met groot opgewondenheid saamgewerk – 'n Franse prediker en tolk is gereël, 'n koor van die Veritas Kollege stem in om te kom optree en honderde lekker-goedpakkies en uitnodigings in Frans is persoonlik by verskeie woonstelblokke uitgedeel.

Uiteindelik het die aand aangebreek en die opwinding en verwagting was groot. Maar nog groter was die teleurstelling – slegs twéé Franse besoekers, buiten die koor, en 'n skrale handjievol gemeentelede het opgedaag. Was al die moeite verniet? Het hulle die Here verkeerd gehoor?

Die aand was nietemin geseën (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYRBExMeC5U) en na afloop van die byeenkoms is 'n weeklikse

Bybelstudiegroepie bestaande uit twee Franssprekende Kongolese en twee van die gemeentelede begin.

Enkele weke later kontak die *Evangelical Mission for Congolese Youth* die NG Kerk Heidekoppie. Hulle wil graag Franse gelowiges in die area bedien, maar benodig 'n lokaal hiervoor.

Die Here het hul gemeente geseën met wonderlike lokale; waarom sou hulle dit vir hulself hou? En nou, vier maande na die Wêreldbiddag vir Vroue en Mans, is daar steeds die weeklikse Bybelstudiegroepie, en ook elke Woensdagmiddag sowat vyftig Franssprekendes uit die omgewing vir 'n biduur en Sondagmiddae 'n hele saal vol vir 'n erediens! Wie sou kon raai die behoeftie is so groot?

Wat 'n seënning om so oor taal- en kultuurgrense heen te kan hande vat en 'n bietjie nader te kan beweeg aan hierdie groep broers en susters in ons gemeenskap!

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KGA se Taakspan-fokusse

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So that the  
Deaf can hear

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Darling word  
eko-groen

## KGA se 3 Taakspan-fokusse

"Dit is opwindend en help my baie," sê iemand nou die dag. Want die KGA se Jaarvergadering het onlangs besluit om voortaan deur middel van drie taakspanne op ons belydenis, dat *Jesus die Here* van elke mens in sy of haar hele wêreld is, te fokus. Almal wat saamwerk, kan nou maklik verstaan en inskakel by die *diens-en getuieniswerk* van ons Familiekerkverband.

Taakspan 1 fokus op die verhoudinge met ons kerkfamilie buite die RSA. Ons praat van ons "familie-ekumene" en erken so dat ons al baie jare baie bevoorrug is om bande met naby familie te hê in lande soos Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mosambiek, Negerië, Kenia en Japan. Ons is van verskillende kontekste, maar werk as eweknieë, gelykes met mekaar, in liefde en respek, om die koninkryk van ons Here saam oor verskillende grense te laat groei. Ons vat doelgerig hande en dink en besluit saam oor hoe ons dit *hier naby* en



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Taakspan 1



Johan Botha  
Taakspan 2



Carin Brink  
Taakspan 3

daar ver die beste kan doen. Sedert 1998 beklemtoon die KGA hierdie verbintenissterk. Vandag ontmoet ons kerkleierskappe mekaar gereeld en leer en werk ons saam.

Taakspan 2 fokus op ons NG kerkfamilie in die Kaapstreek se gestuurdeheid na die wêreld deur al ons byna 60 ringe en 600 Kaapse familie-gemeentes. Die taakspan help ontwikkel daarom vennootskappe tussen gemeentes, ringe en bedieninge, wat by 'n verskeidenheid kontekste hier nabig en daar ver betrokke raak. Ons werk doelbewus in vennootskappe met mekaar en met mense in die plaaslike gemeenskappe met evangelisasie-uitreike (Woord), dienswerk en vaardigheidsontwikkeling (Brood).

Taakspan 3 fokus in en om die wêreld van werk met die evangelie van Jesus, die eintlike Eienaar. Deur Arbeidsbediening is ons al baie jare betrokke by talle werkplekke in ons werkgebied. Saam met ander help ons mense wat werk om met hulle geloof in die Eienaar die uitdagings in en om hulle werk, arbeidsverhoudinge en die ekonomiese sinyval aan te spreek.

Deur die drie taakspanne dien ons met ons seëninge saam ander se belang, fokus ons saam op hulle behoeftes, gee ons saam die evangelie aan en ontvang ons self ook in die proses talle seëninge.

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## Redaksioneel Editorial

*'n Loflied kom die Vader toe, wat ons in Christus geseen het met al die seëninge van die Gees wat daar in die hemel is (Efes 1:3).*

Só, singende begin ons broer Paulus sy brief vol seëninge aan die Efesiërs en vir ons. Sy brief openbaar die geheim dat Jesus Christus die Here en hoof is van alles en almal. Deur Jesus se groot liefde en genade is ek en jy gered, glo ons, is ons geskep en bestem vir goeie dade (2:8-10), behoort ons almal aan mekaar, ongeag waar ons vandaan kom, is ons saamgevoeg in een nuwe mensheid (2:15), geroep om in vrede, beskeidenheid, verdraagsaamheid en eenheid met mekaar te lewe (4:1-3). En hierby is ons almal wat in Jesus glo, as gawes vir mekaar gegee, tot opbou van sy een liggaam in liefde (4:11, 12, 16) en só ook tot seën vir ander en die skepping.

Hierdie Getuie vertel Jesus se liggaam groei en sy seën versprei steeds.

Heidekoppie NGK omarm Frans-sprekende Afrikane, Kylemore VGK en ander vat hande met Makhathini, Straatwerk help stukkende mense op, ons rolmodel-suster staan uit in Makhathini, die Goudini-Smitte en Noord-Mosambiekiers ontdek mekaar, 'n biskop-broer se geloof bly groei, Nkhoma Hospitaal bedien die gemeenskap, Marina Prins versorg steeds medewerkers, Mary Chipoka reik uit na mede-dowes, Arbeidsbediening in Houtbaai help

vaderloses op, hoofman Chireya seën sy mense met CAVA- en NBI-materiaal in Zimbabwe, Bredasdorpers leer by Msinga-gelowiges, die IRM in Noordwes-Mosambiek en die NKST in Noordoos-Nigerië gee Jesus vir Moslems en ander naastes aan, die Songo-gemeentes in Tête groei, Joodse naastes ontdek Jesus, die Messias en Darling VGK word eko-groen ...

Voorwaar, 'n juiglied kom ons Vader toe!

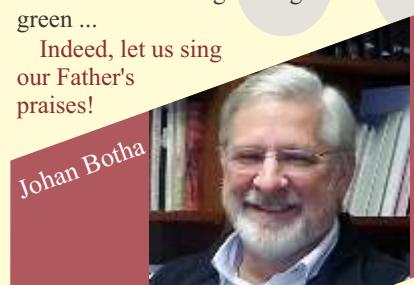
*Praise be to the Father, who has blessed us in Christ with all heavenly blessings (Ephesians 1:3).*

In this singing tone, our brother Paul starts his letter full of blessings to the Ephesians and to us. His letter reveals the secret that Jesus Christ is Lord and head of everything and everyone. By the love and grace of Jesus are you and I saved, do we believe, have we been created and destined for good works (2:8-10), do we all belong to each other, no matter where we come from, are we merged into a new humanity (2:15), called to live in peace, humility, tolerance and unity with one another (4:1-3). And indeed all of us who believe in Jesus have been given as gifts to each other, to build up his body in love (4:11, 12, 16), and as such we are a blessing to others and creation.

This Witness tells us that Jesus' body still grows and his blessing continues to spread.

Heidekoppie DRC embraces French-speaking Africans, Kylemore URC and others join hands with Makhathini, Straatwerk helps broken people to rise, our role model sister excels in Makhathini, the Smits from Goudini and the people from Northern Mozambique get to know each other, a bishop's faith continues to grow, Nkhoma Hospital serves the community, Marina Prince continues to care for co-workers, Mary Chipoka reaches out to fellow deaf people, Industrial Ministry in Hout Bay creates role models for fatherless kids, chief Chireya blesses his people with CAVA and NBI material in Zimbabwe, Bredasdorpers learn from Msinga believers, the IRM in North West Mozambique and the NKST in North Eastern Nigeria present Jesus to Muslims and other neighbours , the Songo congregation in Tête grows in maturity, Jewish neighbours discover Jesus to be the Messiah and Darling URC goes eco-green ...

Indeed, let us sing  
our Father's  
praises!



Johan Botha

## *Die oupa, die jong man en die dametjie...*

Wat het hierdie bogenoemde drie mense in gemeen? Al drie het 'n plek gesoek om te behoort. En dit by Straatwerk gevind.

**Oupa** is reeds 94 jaar oud (soos onse pres. Mandela) en die oudste deelnemer aan die Ophelp Projekte – met nogal 'n groot liefde vir Jim Reeves! Hy het vir jare na Straatwerk se Ophelp Projekte-depot gestap om daar, op sy stil manier, 'n verskil te maak. Hy kon nie deelneem aan die gewone skofte van harde en vermoeiende werk nie, maar was diensbaar deur die *Jesus Saves*-jassies te was en die depot se sitbankies skoon te hou. Oupa werk nie meer nie, maar is 'n inspirasie vir almal.

Ashley se lewe het begin skeefloop toe hy 17 jaar oud was. Hy het verkeerde vriende gekies, begin dagga rook en te veel gedrink. En uiteindelik het sy huislike omstandighede hom na die strate gedwing. Hy het verslaaf geraak aan 'n lewe van geen verantwoordelikheid, geen werk en rondslinger.

Een nag was Ashley (toe 25 jaar oud) in Groenpunt, en die Straatwerk-kombi ('n bekende gesig in die middel van die nag) het verby hom gery. Die uitreikspan het vir Ashley gewaar en met hom en sy vriend gaan gesels. Ashley en sy vriend was nie regtig geïnteresseerd nie, maar het tog langafand die Straatwerk-kaartjie geneem.

Twee weke later het Ashley se vriend steeds die kaartjie gehad en Ashley het besluit om te gaan kyk waaroor hierdie Ophelp Projekte gaan, want hy was moeg, desperaat en uitgeput van 'n doelloose lewe.

Ophelp Projekte se stoorvrou het na hom uitgereik, sy naam opgegee vir werk en gesê: "Dis finish en klaar; jy is nou deel van Ophelp!"

Ashley is nou 'n voorman by die Mowbray-depot en 'n voorbeeld vir al die deelnemers daar. Hy getuig: "I'm very happy that Straatwerk found me, or did I find Straatwerk? Either way, the project gave me a second chance in life. No going back."

**Jennifer Solomons** het by Napier-straatnagskuiling geslaap toe sy op 22 April 2013 vir die eerste maal na Ophelp Projekte se depot gekom het. Daarna het sy baie van die mense by die nagskuiling van Ophelp Projekte vertel.

Sy het hulle aangemoedig om 'opgehelp' te word uit hulle lewensomstandighede. Jennifer het 'n bonus van R300 ontvang omdat sy soveel inisiatief aan die dag gele het om mense wat in dieselfde posisie as sy was, aan te moedig om hul omstandighede te verander.

Jennifer het nou die dag by die depot ingeloer met 'n groot glimlag; sy het



Онра

kontrakwerk vir 'n jaar by die Brandweerstasie in Roelandstraat gekry! Sy getuig: "Jesus saves, Jesus has saved me. Had it not been for Ophelp Projekte, my life would still be a mess, but I have learnt valuable lessons at 'the school of life' and Jesus helped me through."

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"I think of Paul's statement in 1 Cor 3:7 & 9 when I reflect on our amazing outreach to the Makhathini in Kwazulu-Natal recently," says Rev Willie Koopstad of URC Kylemore. "In partnering with others we realise it is simply true that some plant, some give water, but God lets things grow."

"Between 21 June and 6 July 2013, after a challenging time of dedicated fundraising, planning and organising under the leadership of our congregation's Commission for Witness, a team of ten visited the URC Makhathini. For five years we and other congregations of the DRC Family have partnered with the URC Makhathini congregation to serve the needs of people and witness about the love of Jesus. Remarkable prayer, financial and

## *Partners in God's mission*

moral support for our visit came from our sisters and brothers in Ida's Valley URC, Stellenbosch DRC (Moedergemeente) and Pniel Congregational.

"Because the trip of 4 000+ km is very costly we visit the URC Makhathini only every third year. This year our visit included house renovations, an evangelism outreach, home visits and children's ministry at Zama Zama. We also support one of the congregation's spiritual workers financially.

"Our only craftsman was Br Winston Hendricks from the Anglican congregation in Kylemore. He instructed us all to do renovations for the evangelist's house at Ophansi. We partnered with the Vredendal DRC in this project. We bought the tank, fixed the gutters and then their team came afterwards to connect the water system. Our visible work on the premises attracted much attention. Many people came to talk to us. We shared Christ's love with them and the URC Makhathini now builds further on these encounters.

"The hunger for the Gospel among the youth and the children at Zama Zama amazed us. With Makhathini's spiritual workers we co-lead children's worship services and Bible studies for the youth.

despite the challenges with isiZulu. Many were overwhelmed by the gift of new Bibles. During house visits we were touched by the spiritual maturity of many older people. We often shared food with others at mealtimes and got many opportunities for interaction and discussions.

"The URC Kylemore is a small congregation, but we are deeply aware that we are joined together in the larger community of believers. And so we partner with others, as we believe it should be. We are thankful for partners in the Lord's mission, like the DRC Family's Commission for Witness for their example and moral support.

"We pray that God will wake up many more URC congregations to experience the joy of taking hands with others and sharing the Gospel across borders. The era of us being objects of mission is long past. It is when we leave our comfort zones and are exposed to a different context that we realise: *We are blessed to be a blessing to others.*"

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**Geslagsgelykheid:** *NetACT help skuif grense in Teologiese denke*

"In my middle-class practice as psychologist, my work as supervisor and trainer of colleagues and in my collaboration with disadvantaged communities, I have witnessed countless stories of violence, violations and oppression experienced by women."

Voor op die verhoog van die Lewensruimte-saal van die Nasionale Instituut vir Dowes op Worcester staan Elize Morkel, sielkundige van Somerset-Wes, lid van die moderatur van die Sinode van die Wes-en-Suid-Kaap asook die Algemene Sinodale Moderamen.

Sy is een van 22 sprekers wat besig is om hul navorsingsonderwerpe oor Geslagsgelykheid tydens 'n onlangse NetACT-werkswinkel wat van 7 tot 12 Julie geduur het, aan te bied. Die titel van haar onderwerp: *Aware and empowered responses to gender injustice: A challenge to the church.*

Vandat ons soggens met ons wekker-radio om sesuur met die dag se nuus wakker skrik totdat ons die eerste koerant-opskrifte sien, hoor of lees ons van ten minste een of meer gevalle van geweld teen vroue en kinders – en dit voor ontbyt. Ons gewelddadige samelewing stem ons tot groot kommer, veral as ons lees en hoor hoe dit ook in die res van Afrika toeneem.

En midde-in hierdie skynhaar hopelose

situasie word ons as kerk van Christus daaglik s met die uitdaging van hóé om 'n verskil in die wêreld om ons te maak, gekonfronteer. Die al-siekerwordende samelewning waarin ons leef, het werklík álle moontlike hulp nodig.

Navorsing oor hierdie onderwerp het so dringend geword dat *NetACT (Network for African Congregational Theology)* reeds in 2011 'n werkswinkel in Stellenbosch oor dié onderwerp geloods het. Daaruit het 'n boek deur skrywers van verskillende Afrika-lande gevolg: *Men in the pulpit, Women in the pew? Addressing gender inequality in Africa* (SUN Press, 2012).

NetACT is 'n netwerk van vyftien teologiese instellings met 'n presbiteriaans-gereformeerde tradisie in nege Sub-Sahara-Afrikalande wat fokus op leierskapsontwikkeling in die kerk. Dit het in 2000 in Lusaka, Zambië met die inisiatief van proff Martin Pauw en Jurgens Hendriks ontstaan, met die Fakulteit Teologie van die Universiteit Stellenbosch as basis. Prof Jurgens Hendriks is tans die uitvoerende beampete.

Na die 2011-werkswinkel op Stellenbosch, is die gesprek verlede jaar by Brackenhurst (Limuru) in Kenia voortgesit. Tydens hierdie sessie is aanbiedings uit verskillende dele van Afrika bespreek met die oog op die samestelling van 'n opvolgbundel met die titel: *Living with Dignity*:

*Towards gender equality in Africa.* Dit sal uiteindelik as handboek met praktiese voorbeelde vir bespreking by die 15 geaffilieerde kweekskole voorgeskryf word.

Tydens vanjaar se werkswinkel op Worcester is die beoogde 22 hoofstukke verder geslyp met die oog op publikasie vroeg in 2014. Vier redakteurs (uit Kenia, Malawi en Suid-Afrika) is daarvoor verantwoordelik, met prof Elna Mouton as koördineerder. Interessante aspekte van geslagsgelykheid wat deur medeskrywers en navorsers verbonde aan kweekskole van Angola, Nigerië, Kenia, Malawi, Zambië, Zimbabwe, Namibië, Mosambiek en Suid-Afrika bespreek is, vorm deel van die uitgawe, soos: Hoe raak geslag vroue se rol in families? Hoe beïnvloed dit haar rol in die kerk; haar posisie in die werksituasie? Hoe word sy deur MIV/vigs geraak? Hoe raak dit enkelvroue? Watter effek het gestremdhed op hoe die samelewing vroue beskou?

Met hierdie en ander soortgelyke onderwerpe onder die loep, kan die beogde boek beslis 'n sterk positiewe invloed op die denke van wordende predikante hê waar vroue nog steeds in die meeste Afrika-lande suid van die Sahara om verskeie redes geen of beperkte leierskansrolle in die kerk speel.

Mariëtte Odendaal – KGA-kommunikasie



Mama Rose Sihlangu openly shares her life story with a heart full of gratitude towards the church.

She is a typical example of most people in the Makhathini area. As a young child she became very ill and was taken to the sangoma for healing. A few years later it became clear that, as firstborn, she was predestined to succeed her aunt as a sangoma. (It was only later in life that she

# Makhathini's Mama Rose Sihlangu

met Jesus Christ.)

She got married at a young age and her husband worked in Johannesburg. He didn't support her financially and she had to take care of their children. As an intelligent young woman she wished to return to school and finish Grade 12, but her husband refused. Left with little choice, she started selling bananas on the streets

One day the local pastor of our congregation saw her on the street and was moved when he saw her struggle for survival. He and his wife started to walk a long journey with her and helped her to develop her full potential as person.

The church started a brick-making business to fund the pre-school on the church premises, with Mama Rose as teacher. This project funded a small salary

for Rose, and also food for the children at school. In 1993 Rose started studying and in 2008 she succeeded in getting her Advanced Certificate in Education.

As a committed Christian she is a highly respected person in our congregation today. For the youth of the congregation her message is: "You are somebody and you can do something. Use the opportunities that you have, even if it is small, and you will go forward, even if it is slow."

She also says that her pastor teaches her how to carry on by faith. Today she is such an inspiring role-model to so many children growing up in this resource-deprived setting.

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## *Susan in haar kombuis.*



Jannie Smit (links) en Kobus Odendaal (regs) in gesprek.

# *Goudini se Smitte op Chandame*

Kobus en Mariëtte Odendaal was in Junie vanjaar op besoek aan Mosambiek en het onder andere ook by Jannie en Susan Smit van Goudini-gemeente wat nou op Chandame in Noordwes-Mosambiek bly, aangedoen.

Jannie en Susan se besluit om in Mosambiek vir die Here te kom werk, het begin toe Goudini-gemeente in 2003 'n uitreikspan na Chandame gestuur het. Jannie was in die span wat vooruit gegaan het om solank die kerk te begin bou. Hy het toe reeds geweet dat die Here hulle daar wil gebruik en dat hy en Susan daar gaan kom woon. Susan vertel:

"Maar ek moes eers vrede kry – dis nie maklik om jou pa in die ouetehuis en jou kinders en kleinkinders agter te laat nie. In 2005 word ek een oggend wakker met Num. 18:19, die laaste gedeelte wat gaan oor hoe God 'n verbond met jou en jou

nageslag sluit – en toe kry ek vrede met die wete dat almal versorg sal wees deur ons wonderlike God.

"Ons karavaan (waarin ons sou bly) is opgeknap, die Goudini-gemeente het reeds kerkgrond daar gekoop en die kerkrAAD van Chandame het toestemming gegee dat ons daar kon kom bly.

"Onservaardatonsnouhierbaienader aan dieHereleef – miskien omdat ons so ver van Suid-Afrika is en dit hier minder gejaagdis. Die Christene hier is baie toegewydaan dieHereen diekerk is alles."

Jannie vertel verder: "Ek wil graag die plaas ontwikkel sodat dit 'n inkomste kan genereer ter ondersteuning van ons projekte. Dit moet ook terselfdertyd kan dien as 'n basis vir opleiding van die Farming God's Way-beginsels. Die plaaslike bevolking plant ook aartappels

ver in die valleie wat dan vervoer en bemark moet word; die trekker kom in hierdie opsig baie handig te pas.

“Ons wil graag die momentum wat daar reeds in die landbou is, ondersteun deur die mense van Chandame te help om effektiewer van hul grond gebruik te maak, veral ten opsigte van die wisselbou van gewasse soos soja en mielies. Sodoende kan die produksie daarvan aansienlik verhoog. Die maak van kompos word ook sterk aangemoedig, omdat kunsmis maar duur is.”

Susan vertel verder: "Ek probeer by my skooltjie vir hul leer om gedissiplineerde te wees, papiere op te tel en die omgewing netjies te hou."

Mag die Here julle in alle opsigte versorg, Jannie en Susan.

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inligting.*

# A *leader* for Christ

On Monday night Bishop Mahlombe sat in the weekly class of the Sokhanya Bible School at the Mandela High School in Old Crossroads, Cape Town. He was suffering from a severe flu. Afterwards he left in a hurry because he had to catch a bus to his night shift at a factory.



*Bishop Mahlombe (middle) receives his certificate from Sokhanya Bible School with Danie van Zyl (left) and Mrs van Zyl (right).*

He started attending classes in 2003 as a junior leader in a local Zionist Church. He had no formal education and he could read only the Bible, and this in a very abject self-taught manner. Though he had a relatively good knowledge of the Bible, his insights were quite confused since

He quite confused since these were picked up only from the preaching by others with an equally weak understanding of the Bible. From the beginning he was very committed and partook in discussions with great interest. He completed the full course covering the whole Bible in a three-year cycle and went on to do an additional year. With the background of having worked through the

whole Bible, one could see that he was now starting to really integrate his understanding of the Bible.

At the beginning of last year he was back in class, along with his son! He wanted to learn more. It is not so much that new things were taught, but working through the same Biblical material and relating it to the reality of everyday life in community and in church, helped him to grow even faster because of the foundation laid in the first four-year period of attendance. It is now an absolute pleasure to listen to him explaining issues with great insight to others in class. With this level of commitment he became a leader with great influence in his church and community and is acknowledged as a man with integrity and wisdom.

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## Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi – *heals the community*

"My first ten years were mostly spent in the hospital, but later I realised that you can work very hard and examine many patients, but if you do not do anything outside the hospital, you will be busy for a very long time, not making a big difference in the community." This is how Dr. Reynier Ter Haar explains his calling.

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Reynier Ter Haar began working as a medical officer at Nkhoma Hospital in 1996, and has now been the medical director there for the last twelve years. According to Dr Ter Haar, Nkhoma Hospital's main objective is to improve care at this 220-bed hospital. Their focus is mainly on general hospital care, where they perform about 1 600 general operations per year. Approximately 40 000 patients are examined by the Outpatient Department per year, of which 14 000 are admitted in different wards.

The hospital has recently focused on three initiatives, namely the reduction of infant mortality, maternal mortality and

the effective treatment of HIV/AIDS patients. Thanks to the close cooperation with community leaders and chief Masingera, large improvements in these three areas can already be seen.

Every year in January and February, many children are usually admitted to the children's ward (due to malaria). Three years ago it was decided that a spray programme would be implemented, where 20 000 homes were sprayed against malaria. Mosquito nets were also distributed and its use encouraged. The positive results were dramatic – within just one year there was a 75% decrease in admittance to the children's ward. At present it is only 30% occupied. In just one year, there are now about five hundred fewer children per month in the ward – a large workload relief for the nursing staff.

In the maternity ward, about 3 000 babies are born per year. Thanks to the good cooperation with the surrounding out-clinics, there is a dramatic decline in

maternal mortality because pregnant women are better informed regarding preventable diseases.

There is also a community programme where patients' blood tests are taken by community clinics and transported to the hospital. After being analysed by the laboratory, the results are sent by SMS to the different out-clinics within two days. The patients are then notified and if they are HIV positive, they can begin with their treatment immediately.

The hospital also has specialist sections, such as the Eye Department that specifically focuses on eye problems. Patients are collected from different out-clinics and about 3 500 patients' vision is restored per year.

What a blessing this hospital is for the people of Malawi!

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*Marina Prins (links voor) bij van haar studentevriende in Gloucester.*

Marina Prins het Meimaand met verdere deeltydse studies in Sendelingversorging begin. Sy sal oor die volgende drie jaar haar MA in Member Care deur Redcliffe Kollege in Gloucester, Engeland doen. Omdat dit deeltydse studies is, gaan sy steeds voort met hul bediening aan sendelinge vanuit haar kantoor in die Strand. Sy vertel:

 "Dit was verseker 'n geloofspad om tot op hierdie punt te kom. Verskeie jare praat ons reeds op die Global Member Care Network Raad van die noodsaklikheid van 'n akademiese kursus in Sendelingversorging. Marion Knell, een van ons raadslede het toe verlede jaar saam met Redcliffe Kollege die kursus saamgestel en die eerste deeltydse studente het in Mei 2012 begin.

"Vir my was die kursus net 'n bietjie te 'onbereikbaar' en met klasgelde in ponde en my werkslading hier, het dit na iets gelyk wat net 'n mooi droom sou bly. Maar van die begin van die jaar het die Here op verskeie maniere met my begin praat oor hierdie studies. En so het my geloofspad begin... en selfs toe finansies op nommer 99 nog nie in plek was nie en ek die droom voor die Here neergelê het, gee

die Here vir 'n tweede keer Jakobus 1:6(b)  
'... want iemand wat twyfel, is soos 'n  
brander in die see wat deur die wind  
aangejaag word'. En in die volgende twee  
dae kom meer finansies in as in al die  
vorige maande.

"Op 11 Mei sit 'n paar van ons klas laatmiddag in 'n katedraal in Gloucester en die Skrifgedeelte is uit Num. 11 – presies dieselfde Skrif wat 'n vriendin vir my gegee het voor my vertrek na Engeland vir die drie weke-klas. God belowe aan Moses dat Hy ander sal gee om saam met hom die verantwoordelikheid vir die werk te dra. Toeval? Nee beslis nie; wel 'n bevestiging van God se getrouheid. Al wat God van my gevra het, was om die eerste tree te gee ...

"Ek is die eerste persoon van Afrika wat die kursus doen en ons hoop om, nadat ek my studies voltooi het, die kursus aan 'n instansie in Suid-Afrika te koppel sodat dit hier aangebied kan word en so meer toe-ganklik kan wees vir studente van Afrika."

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### *Van die seuns tydens die kamp*

# Ons vaderlose generasie *kry hulp van Arbeidsbediening*

Die Bediening aan Vissers is een van Arbeidsbediening se fokusareas in die Wes- en Suid-Kaap. Gerhard Pietersen, tentmaker-predikant by 'n gemeente in Houtbaai en geestelike werker van Arbeidsbediening, kon onlangs 'n groot verskil in die lewens van vaderlose kinders in samewerking met die Sport en Spelbediening maak.

Hy vertel: "Tydens die naweek van 12 tot 14 Julie het ek en Cecil Abrahams 'n spanboukamp met tachtig kinders en hul vyf afrigters van ons sokkerklub by die Rocklands Kampterrein buite Simonstad gehou.

"Tydens die kamp het ons opnuut bewus geword van die vaderlose generasie-krisis en afwesige Christen-rolmodelle onder mans. Volgens Cecil is 90% van die kinders sonder pa's en heelwat ma's sukkel om alleen die mas op te kom. Daarom brand my hart vir hierdie generasie kinders en word ek gedryf deur my ywer om van die afrigters Jesus-rolmodelle te maak waarna kinders kan opkyk.

“Ons almal het net besef kampe en 'n deurlopende, volhoubare mentorskapsbediening en selfs jeugbediening-opleiding

vir jong afrigters is 'n leemte in die gemeenskap. Hier is regtig 'n enorme behoefte aan 'n permanente uitreikspan wat minstens tien maande van die jaar vier dae van die week as mentors saam met die afrigters kan werk en selfs in die skole en skooltjies die bediening kan doen. Ek is tans besig om na verskillende oopsies te kyk en na netwerke te soek wat dit vir ons moontlik kan maak om 'n span hier te vestig.

"Ek beoog ook om vir elke afrigter wat 'n dissipel word 'n spesiale *Coach Bible* te skenk. Dit is 'n pragtige sagteband uitgawe met 'n leeromslag bestaande uit dagstukkies vir sportafrigters agterin – 'n ongelooflike eenvoudige instrument op die sportveld.

"My grootste vreugde is dat ek met ope arms in die sokkerklub ontvang is en dat die gemeentes groter gereedheid toon om gemobiliseer te word. Ons is voorwaar geseen om ander te seën – begenadig om ander te begenadig, opgehelp om ander op te help."

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## *In Memoriam*

*Ons harte gaan uit na die familie en naasbestaandes van die volgende persone wat die afgelopen jaar oorlede is:*

**Du Plessis, Lourens** – Seun van Piet en Estelle du Plessis. Piet-hulle was vir verskeie jare van die laat-1900's tot in die eerste jare van die 2000's (Piet as bouer en Estelle as klinieksuster) by Villa Ulongue, Mosambiek werkzaam.

Piet is tans bouer en Estelle verpleegsuster by Nkhoma in Malawi. Hul seun, Piet, het op 27 April in 'n vliegongeluk naby Worcester gesterf. Hy laat sy vrou en drie seuns agter.

**Visser, Dirk** – Hy was vir 'n paar jaar onderwyser en administratiewe beampte by die Trichardt Internasionale Skool in Maputo, Mosambiek. Hy het in Maart in 'n frats-motorongeluk gesterf.

# *So that the Deaf can hear the Good News*



Mary Chipoka is from Zimbabwe. She was born deaf. But thanks to the work of many children of God, this didn't mean the end of the road for her. She could go to the Henry Murray School for the Deaf at Morgenster, Zimbabwe. Here she received an excellent education and completed her O-levels and started to study hairdressing.

There was just one thing she wanted to do: learn more about the Bible. As a child she attended church services for the hearing and could not understand much. When a deaf outreach team visited the school she could finally "hear" the gospel in her own language – sign language. The Lord called her to full time ministry so that other deaf people can "hear" this Good News.

So Mary, with the help and financial support of her school and the Reformed Church of Zimbabwe, came to Worcester, South Africa, to study Theology at the National Institute for the Deaf (NID). Her goal is to return to her country and become the first deaf (and female) person to be ordained in Zimbabwe so that she can bring God's Word to her own people – the Deaf.

Mary is currently a first year student. She will have to complete four years of training and will then hopefully be ordained in the Reformed Church of Zimbabwe as a pastor for the Deaf. There are many challenges ahead, but she is positive that with the help of the staff at the NID, her family and friends, the Henry Murray School for the Deaf and the Reformed Church of Zimbabwe, she will succeed and be empowered to bring God's Word to the Deaf.

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## *CAVA's huge impact on the life of a Zimbabwean chief*

"When I was a young man, CAVA literature meant a lot to me," says Chief Chireya. According to Gerard Breytenbach, manager of CAVA (Christian Audiovisual Action) in Harare, Zimbabwe, the chief was clearly delighted to have rediscovered them earlier this year after so many years.

Chief Chireya is no ordinary chief, but a paramount chief, which means he is a chief of a group of chiefs in the area of Gokwe, in the Midlands Province of Zimbabwe. He is a man of great influence.

Before he became a chief, he was converted and discipled through CAVA literature. Later on he became a lay leader in a church where there was no pastor, using the literature as teaching and preaching resources. Because of what CAVA's literature meant to him as a youngster, he now wants to expose his whole area to the benefits of this excellent and relevant material. Apart from his normal duties as a chief, he also works closely with church leaders in his area, of which Bishop Chiponda is one. He intends to set up a fully stocked Christian bookshop with CAVA material after his visit to Israel in September. He has also set a goal to promote the Nehemiah Bible



Chief Chireya (middle) with Gerard Breytenbach (left) and Bishop Chiponda (right).

Institute (NBI) course in his community since he himself was a student in the year 2000. This course promotes leadership in churches on various levels.

CAVA's ministry started in the 1970s when missionaries wanted to address the needs of the Zimbabwe farm workers. Sets of literature, audio cassettes and picture books were made available to farmers together with a manual tape player that was

operated without electricity or batteries. Since then CAVA has developed into a three-pronged national ministry reaching five southern African countries. They focus on producing literature, printing, audiovisual ministry and discipleship training through the Nehemiah Bible Institute (NBI) course.

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*Die Vrydagoggend met hul laaste Bybelstudie in Msinga het hierdie kruis in die lug bokant Bredasdorp se uitrekspan gehang.*

# *Sáam onder die kruis*

Vanaf 20 – 29 Junie het 'n uitrekgroep vanaf die NG Kerk Bredasdorp uitgereik na die VGK-gemeente in Nhalakalhe, Msinga, Kwa-Zulu-Natal.

Hulle uitreik-tema *Wat sou Jesus?* het mooi ingepas by hul gemeente-tema van hierdie kwartaal *Weerkaats (saam) met 'n vreemdeling*. Hulle het in Msinga sáám gaan "weerkaats" met die Kerkraad van vyf buiteposte en die mense met die evangelie bedien.

Hulle het ook elke dag pasiënte besoek, saam met 300 juigende kinders gedans en gesing en die Woord bedien,

100 voorskoolse kindertjies van Jesus vertel, aan 20 matrieks daagliks ekstra klasse gegee, die kerk help omhein, Sondae tussen die Zoeloes die Here gedien en saam persoonlike huisbesoek gaan doen by gesinne en tussen wildvreemdes op die vloer in hul hutte gesit. Hulle het ook saam by die basaar onder 'n afdak R1 500 wins help maak – die meeste geld wat die gemeente nog op een dag ingesamel het!

Die groep het ook meer van die Zoeloe-kultuur geleer deur saam met hulle 'n gemeenskapsfees by te woon in 'n beeskraal – die soort blootstelling wat baie

insig gee in hoe om ons mede-Christene te verstaan wat anders as ons is.

Vir 'n week het hierdie uitreikspan saam met mekaar geleef en besef dat hulle nooit alleen is nie en langs God staan in hierdie uitreik. Daar is groot dankbaarheid vir sy buitengewone genade en dat die Here hulle en die VGK-gemeente van Nhalakahle weer eens bymekaar gebring het.

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# The passion to evangelise in Northwestern Mozambique

"Our goal is to enter new areas and to evangelise the people there..." explain Rev. Manasse and Mr. Kamowa. They are the chairman and the secretary of the Missionary Department of the IRM (Igreja Reformada em Moçambique) Mphatso Synod in Northwestern Mozambique respectively.

I met with these two church leaders in the guest house on HEFSIBA's beautiful campus at Vila Ulóngué in Northwestern Mozambique during our recent visit there. They are enthusiastic about their church's passion and have launched a few actions already.

Last year, a senior minister, Rev. Kasolo Banda, was sent as a missionary to the areas of Songo and Chitima close to the Cahorra Bassa Dam. He started ministering among the people and began a few prayer houses. At this time Chitima is already an established congregation.

The latest area on which the Missionary Department is currently focusing is the Guro area in Manica Province in the South.

It actually started with a vision that Rev. Khoza received from God in 2002, and of which he was reminded again in 2010 after he was transferred (at his request) from Tumbine Synod to Mphatso Synod in 2006. After the Church Council of Nsanja (near Vila Ulóngué where he was ministering) gave him permission, he and two elders started to evangelise new areas in the Guro

district in 2011.

They went from house to house for a week and 22 people were converted to the Christendom. The DRC of Wellington-East supported this outreach and made it possible for them to visit the new Christians on a monthly basis.

In 2012 the congregation sent Ev. José Francisco from Nsanja to the area for two months, again with the support of Wellington-East, and the group grew to 86 members.

"Just last week Ev. Francisco was sent there on a more permanent basis and will be supported by the CCAP Lilongwe congregation in Malawi for three years. Because there are prayer groups, he literally has to go from door to door to bring the gospel to the people," Mr. Kamowa explained.

A joint group from Vila Ulóngúe and Malawi went along to support him for the first weekend. They had a guest house as a base from Friday to Sunday, from where they evangelised in groups of six in the small town of Guro by visiting the people from house to house.



*Mr. Kamowa (left) and Rev. Manasse (right)*

"If you want to evangelise people, you should also do follow-up work," Rev. Manasse told me, "and our Mission Committee will definitely follow up this outreach and support the new believers there.

"After this first outreach, there was already a group of about ten new believers who wanted to start a prayer house."

May God bless the IRM's initiative and provide in all their needs.

Mariëtte Odendaal  
CFW: Communication

# Simcha Bediening aan Jode tree op in Kuilsrivier



Deel van die opdrag van *Simcha* Bediening aan Jode is dat Francois Wessels en Cecilia Burger by gemeentes en ander groepbyeenkomste moet optree om gelowiges bewus te maak van almal se getuienistaak teenoor die Jode.

Cecilia het onlangs by 'n byeenkoms van die Dienssentrum vir Seniors in Kuilsrivier opgetree en vertel meer hieroor:

"Soos gewoonlik, is ek weer eens bemoedig deur die belangstelling, die omgee en stories van mense.

“Een van die stories wat deur 'n senior van Kuilrivier vertel is, was die verhaal van Miriam\*. Haar pa, mnr Goodman\*, was Joods. Toe hy met 'n nie-Joodse meisie trou, was die Joodse familie nie gelukkig met sy keuse nie, te meer omdat sy aanstaande bruid nie die Joodse geloof wou aanneem nie.

"Intussen het mnr Goodman se maernstig siek geword. Sy het verskillende predikante op die plattelandse dorp waar hulle gewoon het, besoek. Op haar sterfbed het sy haar seun gevra: 'Glo jy in Jesus?' Hy het reeds in Jesus geglo, maar wou nie

sy ma ontstel nie en antwoord toe: 'Ek is nie seker nie.' Hierop het sy ma geantwoord: 'Ek glo in Jesus as die Messias.' Kort hierna is sy oorlede.

“Dr Peter Salzberg, 'n Joodse Christen, was daardie jare in diens van die NG Kerk se Sending onder Israel. (Die naam het intussen verander na *Simcha* Bediening aan Jode). Dr Salzberg het aan mnrr Goodman verduidelik dat Jesus die Messias is en dat hy, met geloof in Jesus, nie sy identiteit as Jood sou verloor nie.

"Dr Salzberg het mnrr Goodman in die NG Kerk gedoop. Miriam, vernoem na haar ouma, onthou hoe sy as klein dogtertjie toegekyk het hoe dr Salzberg ook haar babasussie in die NG Kerk gedoop het.

“As die Here werk, kan niemand dit keer nie.”

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Together, with mutual respect, we help to build ...

and through the mission of the church in this area.

Challenges in Msinga that we attend together are the equipping of the believers to stand firm and to witness joyfully to the truth of the Gospel; skills training in parenting, construction and food production; the battle against poverty, violent crime and the traditionalists resisting the Gospel; the development of social and health care centres; as well as sufficient remuneration and transport support for the five fulltime workers, 60 home-based care volunteers and the 20 youth transformers.

However, this materially poor district is a source of hope. We praise Him for the blessing of a new younger leadership coming forward in the Msinga church. And

we thank Him for our diverse partnership through which we can spread his Word together, do home-based care, develop children's ministries and youth outreaches, assist with building projects and medical clinics and much, much more.

Our partnership motto reminds us:  
**Together, in unity and trust, to the  
glory of the Lord, we help to build the  
kingdom of God, through word and  
deed and prayer, in and from Msinga."**

*Johan Botha  
Director of the Commission for Witness*

"It was a wonderful experience. I never realised there were so many people and institutions involved with Msinga URC until now. This inspires me and gives me a lot of energy. I want to stay part of it!" These were the words of an excited young Roxanne Nyenes, "mother" of the Tygerberg student outreach team for Msinga, at the partnership meeting in Pomeroy, Msinga during April 2013. Her words captured how all of us felt who met there to discern God's will for our joint action with the people of KZN.

Johan Botha explains, "The church council of the URC Msinga annually hosts our partnership meeting in their midst. We, who come from elsewhere, understand clearly that the church council is our anchor partner in the local context. We agreed to always act as 'guests' in 'their home'. We also decided together to continually respect each other for the different gifts we bring to this partnership. And as interdependent, co-responsible partners we together take responsibility for what is to be done for



*Interdependent, co-responsible partners, here seen under the old tree where Ev David Maduma started the ministry in 1961.  
The diversity of Msinga partners blesses people in and from Msinga with the Gospel of Jesus, the Christ.*

## *VGK van Darling word eko-groen*

Dit is nou al vir baie jare dat ons gemeente van die Leesrooster gebruik maak as struktuur vir ons bediening. Die Leesrooster het ons gehelp om in die ritme te kom van 'n lewe wat volgens die verskillende seisoene van die kerklike jaar asemhaal. Een hiervan is die Seisoen van die Skepping. Saam met die res van die ekumeniese kerk dwarsoor die wêreld het ons geleer om gedurende Septembermaand na te dink oor die implikasies van Kersfees, Paasfees en Pinkster vir ons verhouding met God se skepping.

In 2010, na die bywoning van 'n konferensie oor die Verklaring van Accra het ons dié dokument by ons kerkraad se jaarlikse evaluerings- en beplanningsessie bespreek. Ons het saam tot die oortuiging gekom dat dit nie genoeg is om net tydens September op die skepping te fokus nie. Daarvoor is die ekologiese (en ekonomiese!) uitdagings net te dringend en te groot. Ons wou die

saak nog dringender aanpak.

In 2012 het ons kerkraad besluit om van nou af, dwarsdeur die jaar, aan te sluit by die nasionale en internationale ekologiese dae wat fokus op die uitdagings vir ons planeet. In Julie 2013 het ons lid geword van SAFCEI (*South African Faith Communities' Environment Institute*). Daarmee het ons gemeente deel geword van die netwerk van eko-gemeentes. Ons vat nou hande met ander wat saam die getuenis aktief uitleef dat God ons in Jesus Christus roep om inklusief lief te hê. Ons het só amptelik 'n eko-gemeente geword.



Die Kaapse nannegaii

Ons is ontroo aan Hom as ons die evangelie net van toepassing maak op die redding van die menslike siel.

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# What's in a name?



Have you perhaps read anything about Borno State in the far north-east of Nigeria lately? It will not be a surprise if you came across some very sad news. During August suspected Muslim fundamentalists shot dead more than 30 morning worshippers as they left the mosque, in what seems to be a reprisal attack, apparently because the inhabitants of the particular town refused their radical message. Not long before and after this other groups of people were killed in similar fashion. In June some schoolchildren were shot dead while writing exams.

Communication from this area in Nigeria is difficult and often contradictory. However, it is true that many peace-seeking people have already died in a bitter, ideologically-driven fight, allegedly aimed at overthrowing the Nigerian government. Terror seems to reign, and it does so in the name of religion.

While pondering this sadness, I thought of the Borno capital, Maiduguri, apparently not far from the flash points. I realised a deep irony. Maiduguri, with mostly Muslim but also many Christian inhabitants, is popularly known as "*Home of Peace*". It reminded me of Old Testament prophetic visions of Jerusalem as the "*city of God*" (Ps 46:5), "*the throne of God*" (Jer 3:17), a "*safe place*" (Zech 14:11), a "*city of trust*" (Zech 8:3), "*the holy city*" (Is 48:2). All

these Old Testament names picture a peaceful place and rule that provides care, comfort, peace and shelter to all.

People all over Africa dream of such peace. And they work diligently to see real homes that prosper, shelters of peace and trustworthiness; cities and towns and villages where children have no need to fear the anger and violence of ideologically skewed adults.

Further south from Borno, is Benue State where our sister church, the NKST (*Nongo uKristu u i Ser u sha Tar* – The Universal Reformed Christian Church) is based. One evening in 2012, a Christian pastor from the North, holding his Bible, approached one of our CFW members visiting NKST at the time and said, "Do not worry, I am an evangelist. Your people brought us the gospel from SA. That is all we really need. Please do not mention my name, but do keep on praying for us who have to live courageously and hospitably in the Northern frontiers to establish Christ's message of love and peace."

Shall we all heed our nameless brother's urgent call and join in fervent prayer to the Prince of Peace (Is 9:5) for the people in and around Maiduguri, Borno, Kaduna, Benue, Nigeria, North Africa – to be blessed with homes of peace?

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# Die Laarim-sending *in die Boya-heuwels van Suid-Soedan*

Vir 15 jaar was hulle sendelinge naby Yei in Suid-Soedan. Oortuig dat hulle geseën-de werk afgehandel was, het hulle in 2010 na Suid-Afrika teruggekom. Maar nou is hy en sy familie weer op pad terug Soedan toe! "Hoekom so?" wou ons van George Bezuidenhout weet.

"Die Here se Woord rig ons pad," antwoord George. "Matt.24:14 leer: 'Hierdie evangelie van die koninkryk sal in die hele wêreld verkondig word en al die nasies sal hoor...' Nagenoeg 7 200 van 16 350 etniese groepe in die wêreld kort steeds 'n Christelike teenwoordigheid. Dis bykans 43% van die wêreldbevolking. 'n Deel van dié sendingfront is in Afrika, noord van die ewenaar. Die werk is nog nie klaar nie!"

"Maar hoe doen mens iets hieraan?"  
wou ons weet.

"Ons is sterk aangespreek deur die visie van die *Africa Inland Mission* (AIM), *Christ-centered churches among all African peoples*," verduidelik George. "Daar is meer as 940 etniese groepe in Afrika sonder die evangelie of 'n gevestigde teenwoordigheid van Christelike gelowiges. AIM fokus reeds op 44 van hierdie onbereikte volksgroepe in meer as 20 lande van Noord-Afrika.

“Een so 'n groep is die 100 000 Laarim-

mense van die Boya-berge in Suid-Soedan wat sonder die evangelie leef! Dié veeboere is verwant aan die Didinga- en Murle-stamme in Suid-Soedan.”

George vertel die stamhoofde het in 2000 en 2010 versoek: "The church should not leave us in darkness but send missionaries to teach us God's ways and to open our eyes..."

George en Maretha, saam met AIM en 'n aantal NG Kerkfamilie-gemeentes en individue, ook uit ons sinodale gebied, is tans besig met voorbereidings om aan hierdie roepstem gehoor te gee. Hulle familie sal hulle DV vroeg in 2014 as pioniers by die Laarim-stam vestig, om die kerk van Jesus daar te gaan plant.

Kom ons bid vir George en Maretha-hulle, vir ons Laarim-naaste wat na Jesus verlang, die medewerkers wat die Heilige Gees daar sal oprig, vir die ondersteuningsvennootskap wat aan ons kant moet groei en vir die nodige finansiële bronne vir hierdie sending.

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