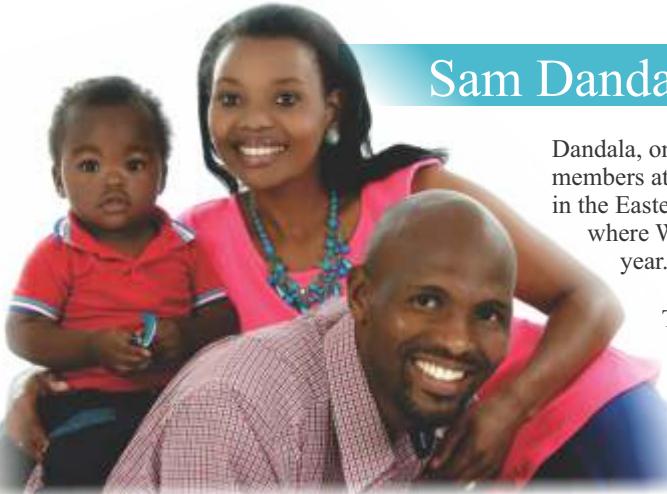




# Getuie | Witness

## Getuienisaksie van die NG Kerkfamilie, Kaapstreek Witness Ministry of the DR Church family, Cape Region



*Sam Dandala, his wife, Amanda and their son, KJ (Kungawo)*

"He is very excited about his studies and is enjoying it tremendously. He asked us to convey his thanks to everyone who helps with the study fund that enables him to study," says Willem Botes about Sam

## Sam Dandala's story

Dandala, one of his enthusiastic church members at URC Decoligny near Mthatha in the Eastern Cape (former Transkei) where Willem was minister until last year.

Sam completed his first year in Theology in 2015 and is enrolled at Unisa for ten modules for 2016. It forms part of an access programme to the ministry which has been approved by the URC General

by the CRC General  
Synod. Prof Klippies Kritzinger

Sam was a leader of Operation Mobilization's ship who had to make arrangements with authorities before the

large ship could dock. He did that for eight years. In this way he visited many countries and was exposed to a variety of important aspects of leadership development.

A few years ago Sam was also part of a Year Service Team (Diensjaarspan) with Willem Botes and is currently an elder of the URC Decoligny Congregation where he also serves on the men's and youth management.

Sam is strongly evangelical and is a valuable asset to the church in the Eastern Cape. His theological studies will take four years and he is financially supported by his congregation, as well as by other sponsors.

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# Piketberg Matriek Projek maak dramatiese verskil

Gielie Loubser, diensgroepbestuurder van Gemeentebegeleiding vertel: "Die afgelope tyd is dit vir ons duidelik dat ons die werk wat die Here onder en deur ons doen weer moet vertel of bekend maak.

“Ons as Gereformeerdes plaas 'n groot premie op nederigheid en dat die een hand nie mag weet wat die ander hand doen nie. Dis goede waardes, maar die gevaar ontstaan dat ons ook nie die eer aan die Here gee wat hom toekom nie en dat ons oor onself en ons gemeente negatief begin dink. Van reeds vroeg vanjaar het dié teks uit Matteus 5:16 oor my pad gekom: 'Laat julle lig so voor die mense skyn, dat hulle julle goede werke kan sien en julle Vader wat in die hemel is, verheerlik.'

“Die meeste van die stories wat ons ontvang, gaan oor 'n gemeente se betrokkenheid in die gemeenskap,” sê Gielie. “Dis asof die Here ons help om ons fokus wyer uit te kring as net na onsself, na huis weg van onsself.”

Een so 'n storie het verlede jaar afgespeel in Piketberg se biblioteek. Die bibliotekaresse, Gerna Croeser, het aan haar kollegas vertel van die projek onder die NG Kerk se Vrouuediens om vir hul matrieks te bid in hulle graad 12-jaar. Haar kollegas het toe voorgestel dat hulle dit uitbrei na die HELE gemeenskap se kinders.

Die voorstel was die geboorte van die Matriek Projek. Nadat daar, buiten die NGK en VGK, ook drie ander denominasies in Piketberg deel van die projek geword het, is daar 220 matrieks in hul eksamen aan die Here opgedra en prakties versorg. Hul name, vakke en eksamen-datum, asook hul individuele behoeftes is aan vrywilligers uitgedeel en so het die hele dorp se matrieks pakkies met liniale, penne, teksverse, 'n matriekgebed en snoepies as ondersteuning ontvang.

Die resultaat was 'n slaagsyfer wat

dramaties gestyg het, matriekvrystellings wat meer as verdubbel het en 'n gemeenskap wat eerstehands beleef het watter krag daar in saamwerk en gebed lê.

Vanjaar het Piketberg se NG Matrieks deel van die projek geraak en gaan hulle ook bydra om met hul gawes en geleenthede hulle medematrieks uit ander gemeenskappe hy te staan en te bemagtig

Kom ons hou die matriekuitslae van Piketberg vir 2016 dop!

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# AnnaMarie de Klerk: 45 jaar in Malawi!

Op Sondag 6 Maart is 'n groot dankdiens vir AnnaMarie de Klerk se 45 jaar in diens van ons susterskerk in Malawi, die CCAP gehou. Sy woon op Malingunde, 30 km wes van Lilongwe.

Die diens is gehou by Bwaila Gemeente waar daar honderde lidmate en vriende hul dank aan die Here vir haar lewe en diens betoon het. Die moderator, dr Chatha Msangaambe, het gepreek en mev Khombe het namens die vroue van Malawi oor AnnaMarie se bydrae getuig. Johan en Marelise Coetzee van Lutzville was ook daar en het vele groetes uit Suid-Afrika saamgebring.

AnnaMarie het in haar 45-jarelange diens veral groot insette ten opsigte van vrouebemagtiging en vroeë kinderontwikkeling gelewer.



*AnnaMarie sny die koek wat spesiaal vir die dankdiens gebak is.*

## *Redaksioneel*

Ons het onlangs die opstanding van Jesus gevier.

Lukas 24 vertel van die Emmausgangers wat na die Pasga van Jerusalem af wegstap huis toe. Die teleurstelling en moedeloosheid lê vlak in hul gemoed. 'n Vreemdeling loop saam met hulle en vra hulle uit oor die gebeure in Jerusalem. "Maar Meneer, hoe is dit moontlik? Weet jy nie hoe ons Joodse kerkleiers, op 'n skelm manier die onskuldige Jesus laat kruisig het nie? Hy was regtig 'n kragtige profeet en ons hoop vir 'n nuwe toekoms vir Israel was op hom. Nou is alles verby."

Hulle gesels verder en Jesus vertel hulle hoe die Skrifte by die gebeure inpas. Hulle luister en nooi die vreemdeling in, gee hom slaapplek, nooi hom vir ete en deel hul brood met Hom. Daar aan tafel ontstaan 'n goddelike oomblik en hulle weet Jesus is tussen hulle.

Al die stories in die Getuie/Witness vertel van sulke goddellike oomblikke, waar iets ontstaan wat meer is as net ons gewone menslike handelinge. Dit is oomblikke waar mense God kan raaksien en getuig van sy teenwoordigheid. Dit is gebeurtenisse wat sin en betekenis aan hul lewens gee. Tog is dit elke keer *mense* wat iets doen en in liefde uitreik. 'n Mens sou kon sê: "Menslikheid skep goddelikhed."

Die Emmausgangers het gasvryheid aan Jesus, die vreemdeling, betoon, hom ingenooi en kos en slaapplek gegee. So het hulle God ontmoet. Deur liefde te betoon, ontkom ons aan ons selfsugtigheid en eiebelang en beweeg ons in areas waar ons God ontmoet, hom raaksien en waar hoop ontstaan.

Editorial

*We recently celebrated the resurrection of Jesus.*

*We read in Luke 24 about Jesus meeting the two disciples on the road to Emmaus as they walked back home from Jerusalem after Passover. They are still trying to cope with their disappointment and despondency after what had happened during the past weekend. A stranger suddenly joins them and asks them what they are discussing as they walk along. "But Sir, how is this possible? Don't you know how our Jewish leaders, in a very sly manner, let our innocent friend, Jesus, be crucified? He was truly a powerful prophet and our hope for a brighter future rested upon him. Now everything is finished."*

*They continue talking and Jesus explains to them how to understand the Scriptures and how it fits in with what happened during the Passover. They listen and invite him into their house, offer him a place to sleep and invite Him for supper, and share their bread with Him. And there, at the table, a godly moment arises and they know Jesus is in their midst.*

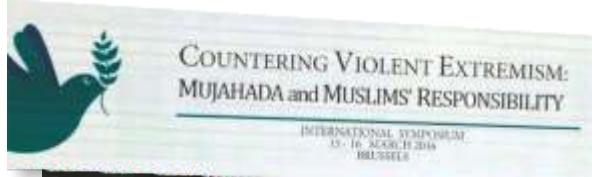
*All the stories in the Getue/ Witness tell us about such godly moments where something arises that is beyond our normal human activities. These are moments where people can see God and bear witness to his presence. These are events that give meaning to their lives. Yet every time it is people who do something and reach out in love. One could say: "Humanity creates divinity."*

*The disciples on the road to Emmaus were hospitable to Jesus, the stranger. They invited him into their house, gave him food and invited him to stay over. And by doing this they met God. By showing love, we escape from our selfishness and self-interest and move into areas where we meet God, seeing Him and where hope arises.*



Kobus Odendaal

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# Waar kom gewelddadige ekstremisme vandaan?

Braam Hanekom het onlangs 'n konferensie in Brussel bygewoon, getiteld *Countering Violent Extremism*. Hy gee hier sy indrukke en van die lesse wat Suid-Afrika hieruit kan leer:

- Daar was konsensus dat ekstremisme nie deur geskrifte soos die Koran aangemoedig word nie, maar veroorsaak word deur onkunde van en gebreklike *interpretasie* van hierdie geskrifte.
  - Binne hoofstroom Moslem-geleidere word aanvaar dat die ware en groter *jihad* – die *mujahada*, nie 'n oorlog teen ander is nie, maar wel die interne strewse en stryd is wat die gelowige moet voer ten einde die goeie te laat oorwin.
  - Ons sal moet deeglik nadink oor waarom feitlik al die terroriste-organisasies uit die *Salafi/Wahhabist*-stroom in Islam kom.
  - Daar was groot konsensus dat *onderwys en opvoeding* van die belangrikste teenvoeters vir terreur is.

- ISIS is 'n beweging wat hulle veral op die *jeug* toespits. Kyk maar na die wyse waarop *DABIQ*, ISIS se Engelse elektroniese propaganda-tydskrif, aangebied word. As jy dan besef watter segment van ons eie samelewing tans onder 25 en werkloos is, gaan die rooi ligte aan.
  - Daar is ook ernstig oor die *radikalisering van die ganse wêreld* gepraat. Dit het baie gesigte. In Europa is dit terreur. In Suid-Afrika sien ons dit onder studente en arm mense. In die VSA sien ons dit in 'n groepering wat hulle deur Donald Trump laat meesleur.
  - Dit blyk al meer dat ons nou die vrugte begin pluk van 'n *geglobaliseerde wêreld* waarin gevëstigde identiteite of bedreig word, of waarin sommige voel dat hulle identiteit binne die groter samelewing nie erken word nie. Dit gebeur ook in Suid-Afrika.
  - Groter sosiale en ekonomiese breuklyne

verhewig die spanning. Ongelykheid en gebrekkige sosiale kohesie is die teelaarde vir terreur. Dit wat op ons kampusse gebeur, is meer as die resultaat van 'n paar radikale wat vasgevat moet word.

- Ons het 'n paar berge om te klim, maar na alles is ek met 'n dankbare hart tuis. Suid-Afrika bly 'n land met unieke geleenthede en merkwaardige godsdienstige verdraagsaamheid. Mag ons dit met wysheid bly koester. Ek sê dit as 'n oortuigde Christen wat 'n diep verbintenis met die persoon van Jesus Christus het. Ek weet egter ook dat die verre meerderheid Moslems nie terroriste is nie.

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die NGK en die VGK.*

# *Audio Bibles in Makhathini*

The Makhathini congregation was recently blessed with thirty Zulu audio Bibles donated by the Dutch Reformed Church Riversdal. Initially it was difficult for the mostly illiterate local people to operate the audio Bible on their own. Therefore Emmelina Gerber from Wellington trained the congregation's Care Workers and now they use it almost every day to spread the Word of God effectively.

There are so many beautiful stories of handicapped people in the congregation who are thankful for the opportunity they now have to listen to the Word of God.

One of these people is Gogo Eliza Mahamba from Kwandaba, where she has been living since birth. She is a highly respected lady in her eighties with more than sixty descendants. Her favourite Bible verse is John 14 vs. 6 where Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life." Ntombifuthi Tembe visits her often to take care of her (physically, emotionally and spiritually). It is interesting how she,



*Gogo Eliza Mahamba (right) listening to her audio Bible*

without the ability to read the Bible, knows the Bible very well and never hesitates to confess her belief in Jesus Christ as her Saviour. She lives an uncomplicated and simple life with a heart full of joy and satisfaction.

Like Gogo Eliza Mahamba there are so many other people in the Makhathini flats

who can now listen to the Word of God in their houses, at the river while washing clothes, or anywhere else.

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# Vrederust Pre-Primêr

“Ek en my vrou, Leentjie, het ons eie plan vir ons uitdienstrede gehad. Maar ons Hemelse Vader het 'n ander plan vir ons gehad.”

So getuig Hennie Pretorius wat 15 jaar gelede die Vrederust Pre-Prim  re Kleuterskool-projek in geloof begin het. Dit vorm nou deel van die Schoemanshoek Community Enhancement Project, bekend as SCEP.

Hennie vertel: "Nadat Jes 43:18 en 20 met my gepraat het – Maar moenie net aan die vroeëre dinge dink en by die verlede stilstaan nie. Kyk, Ek gaan iets nuits doen, dit staan op die punt om te gebeur; julle kan dit al sien kom ... (v18) Die wilde diere sal My vereer, die jakkalse en die **volstruise** ... (v20), het ek en my vrou na Schoemanshoek, na die NG Gemeente Kangovalleie verhuis; na **volstruiswêreld** in die distrik van Oudtshoorn."

Hier het Hennie in gebed met die Here gepraat. Hy het vir die Here genoem wat hy rondom hom sien – die maatskaplike en morele verval wat hom bekommerd maak, die negatiewe invloed daarvan op kinders in hulle ontwikkelingsfase. Hennie het duidelik die stem en wil van ons Vader gehoor en verstaan toe Hy hom antwoord: “Dit wat jy sien, waaroor jy bekommerd is, dit sien Ek ook. Ek is óók daaroor bekommerd. Ek wil by jou weet: Wat gaan

jy daaromtrent doen?" Die antwoord het uit Matt 28:20 gekom: "**Leer hulle om alles te onderhou wat Ek jou beveel ...**" **Leer hulle – 'n opvoedkundige opdrag.**

"God het wonderlik voorsien," vertel Hennie. "n Plaaslike boer het grond geskenk, 'n bank en ander instansies het fondse beskikbaar gestel. 'n Geloofstroeping het waar geword toe die kleuterskool ses jaar gelede gebou is. Nagenoeg 60 kleuters tussen ouderdomme 2 tot 6 jaar wat vroeër nie 'n kleuterskool kon bywoon nie, ontvang nou onderrig deur drie opgeleide onderwyseresse in programme van Vroeë Kind Ontwikkeling. Beloftes van ons Hemelse Vader word steeds 'n werklikheid, in antwoord op gebed."

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*Members of the 1992 Sokhanya team at the Graduation Ceremony. Fltr: Dr Danie van Zyl; Archbishop W Sinani (first Chairman), Archbishop B Gagayi (one of the first students and current Chairman) and Dr Hennie Pretorius.*

On 7 November last year Sokhanya Bible School celebrated their last annual graduation ceremony as an institute. "It was a festive event and the students' preparation for the accommodation and entertainment of visitors, as well as that of the programme was excellent," says Dr Danie van Zyl, principal and lecturer at

Sohkanya Bible School  
(<http://www.kga.org.za/wp/sokhanya/>).

“The effort and cost that students from as far as Johannesburg and Matatiele incurred remains astounding,” he says. “Some of their family members travelled far by road, bus or train to attend the ceremony.”

Sokhanya celebrates  
their last annual  
Graduation  
Ceremony

Dr Danie van Zyl explains: "At the end of 2015 Sokhanya Bible School, after 24 years of operation, was dissolved as an institute and the Sokhanya courses will henceforth be offered by the Nehemiah Bible Institute at Wellington. Students unanimously voted in favour of this merger and we are very thankful for the positive way in which the Board of the NBI has welcomed Sokhanya. Although it will involve some changes for students who are used to attending classes to now study by correspondence, for the majority of students already doing correspondence studies it simply involves a change of address."

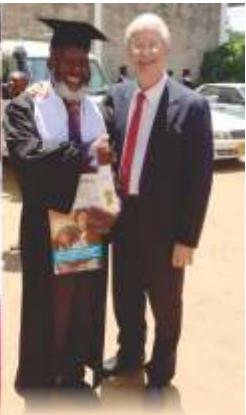
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*The Graduates*



*Kobus Odendaal delivers a message on behalf of the DRC Family Cape Region*



*Gerard Breytenbach (right)  
with one of the graduates*

# *Graduation Ceremony of NBI in Harare*

Gerard Breytenbach, manager of CAVA (<http://www.kga.org.za/wp/cava/>) shares with us the following news:

“This year’s annual Nehemiah Bible Institute (NBI) graduation ceremony was an occasion to write home about. The stately historical Dutch Reformed Church building in the centre of Harare was packed to capacity.

"Such a cross-section of people you don't find together every day – a real foreshadowing of what awaits us! There were people from all walks of life, those who are rejected and frowned upon,

different nationalities and a hotchpotch of churches that you wouldn't normally find sitting around the same table. Our common denominator was NBI (Nehemia Bible Institute) but really, of course, it was the blood of Jesus that eradicates all differences.

“Graduates came from three different prisons (including some officers), many different churches (including the white garment churches), the National Army and the Zimbabwe Republic Police. There was even a student from Namibia and one from Botswana - 70 in all!

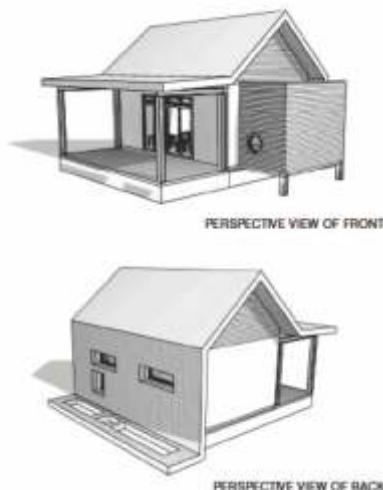
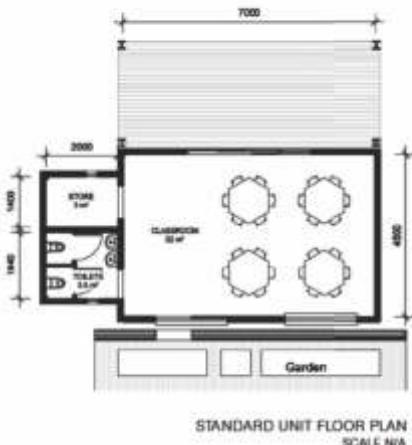
“Our guest of honour and main speaker was Dr Kobus Odendaal from Western Cape Commission for Witness. And to add to the jubilation, the prison choir raised the roof with their rousing renditions of gospel songs, even during our hot meal that sealed off a perfect day!

“God is good ...”

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## **PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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# Hoop en Versoening Trust (HVT) Vroeë Kind Ontwikkeling

“Ons wil graag hoeë kwaliteit skooltjies bou en 'n konkrete verskil op plaaslikevlak én in landelike gebiede aan dielewens van ons kinders te maak. Daar is oneindige geleenthede wat lê en wag.”

So sê Braam Hanekom, besturende direktuur van die Hoop en Versoening Trust. Hy is baie opgewonde oor hul jongste Vroeë Kind Ontwikkeling se vlagskipprojek wat binnekort by die

## Wiggel Waggle Dagsorgsentrum in Riversonderend geloods gaan word.

Hy vertel: "Tydens die laaste Sinodesitting is daar baie ernstig gepraat oor Vroeë Kind Ontwikkeling, een van HVT se twee fokusareas; ons ander fokus is Landelike Gemeenskapsontwikkeling.

“Nadat hierdie behoeftes bespreek is, het ons, in samewerking met 'n argitek, 'n konsep ontwikkel om voorafvervaardigde

liggewig staal te gebruik om goeie kwaliteit skooltjies op die platteland beskikbaar te stel. Dié boumetode word beskou as van die jongste bewegings in internasionale bouteegnieke,” vertel Braam.

"Badisa-skooltjies sal opgrader word, en klaskamers sal aangebou word. Dit werk soos legoblokke wat in mekaar pas – soos die behoeft groei, kan nog klaskamers bygevoeg word. Elke eenheid het ook sy eie kleedkamer en pakstoortjie.

"Die liggewig staal wat in Atlantis vervaardig word, is uitstekend geïsoleer – tot vier keer soveel soos gewone boumateriaal. Dit word op skaal uitgerol en is dus koste-effektief. Daar is ook goeie kwaliteitsbeheer."

Braam vertel verder: "Riviersonderend se Wiggle Waggle-skooltjie is die eerste projek van dié aard, en sal ongeveer R1 miljoen kos – en die gemeente het reeds R100 000 neergeset!"

Mag die kerk in hierdie opsig konkreet 'n invloedryke bydrae lewer tot die kwaliteit opvoeding en opleiding waarop al ons kinders geregtig is.

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# Vrouediens NGK Vasco se warm hart vir Hawesending

“Wow, this is wonderful!” en “We are so happy and grateful!”

So het die Fillipynse seemanne van vreugde en opwinding uitgeroep toe hulle onlangs verras is met geskenke wat deur die Vrouediens, NGK Vasco in Goodwood, Kaapstad aan hulle geskenk is. Dane du Plessis van Biblia Hawesending Tafelbaai het dit aan hulle oorhandig en vertel dat hulle hom nog steeds bly bedank het totdat hy weer in sy motor geklim en weggy het!

Carin Brink, Streeksbestuurder van Arbeidsbediening Kaapstreek, het op Dinsdagaand 9 Februarie by Vasco Gemeente gepraat en aan hulle meer vertel van wat Arbeidsbediening in die algemeen, en Biblia Hawesending in die besonder, alles doen. Dit was by hierdie geleentheid dat die Vroueaksie dié groot geskenk van klere en toiletwaarde aan Carin oorhandig het om aan die Biblia Hawesending-seemanne te besorg.

Carin het aan hulle verduidelik dat Arbeidsbediening die hele kerk van Christus in die werkplek verteenwoordig en as sodanig gerig is op mense en hul werksituasies. In die Kaapstreek fokus Arbeidsbediening op Biblia Hawesending,

Handel & Nywerheid,  
Transnet en Vissers. Hulle  
bring nie net die liefde van  
die Here na die werkplek  
nie, maar is ook daar in tye  
van nood en help met  
berading, lewensordeerrig  
(‘coaching’) en  
mentorprogramme waar  
nodig.

Carin het verder  
spesifiek oor Biblia  
Hawesending gepraat en  
meer vertel van die  
behoeftes van visser- en  
seemanne wat in die hawens  
van Saldanha, Kaapstad,  
Houtbaai, Kalkbaai en Mosselbaai werk,  
of aandoen.

Dis nie 'n maklike lewe nie en hierdie mense word baie dikwels uitgebuit en blootgestel aan baie moeilike werksomstandighede. Dit is in sulke tye dat die omgee van ander mense via 'n lekkerruik koekie seep, sjampoe of 'n warm trui en jeans van onskatbare waarde is. Hulleervaar nie net fisiese sorg nie, maar sien ook hoe Christus is en lyk.

Richard Rohr skryf in een van sy



*Filipynse seemanne in ekstase toe hulle hul geskenkpakkies van die Vrouediens NGK Vasco Gemeente oopmaak.*

dagstukkies: "God simply wants mirroring images of God to live on this earth and to make the divine visible. That is, of course, the way love works. It always overflows, reproduces, and multiplies itself."

Baie dankie, Vrouediens NG Kerk  
Vasco, vir julle omgee aan minder-  
bevoorregtes.

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## *Keates Drift mourns Mama Constance Mazibuko*



*Ev. Johnson and  
Mama Constance Mazibuko*

"The miracle of Christ is in the fact that He enables Zulus and Afrikaners to love one another, more than blood relatives."

So says Albert Myburgh of the Dutch Reformed Church South Point of Struisbaai and Agulhas, who is supporting the URC Keates Drift congregation at Msinga KZN for many years now. He attended the funeral of Mama Constance, wife of Ev. Johnson, who died on January 25, on behalf of the Msinga Partnership.

Rev Zuma of URC Mhlumayo congregation at Msinga explains that Mama Constance's ministry began at Mhlumayo in 1983, where she and her husband, Ev. Johnson served for several years. They moved from there to Keates Drift.

According to Rev Zuma Mama Constance was not only a housewife, but she also cared deeply for the congregation. She was very involved with sick people and made sure that they received help when needed.

Rev Zuma continues: "Mama Constance was like an advocate for orphans, elderly people and social work. She assisted orphans who had no birth certificates and elderly people without identity documents to obtain these

documents.

"She was truly a role model and was very involved in women's crafts and church work and was even the chairperson of the Christian Women's Ministry, not only in the church but also in the presbytery.

"We are very grateful that she so devotedly supported her husband, Ev. Johnson. We will miss her at the women's work. Her smile, singing, testimony and her ability to preach the Word of God will be deeply missed. She was also a mother in my life. We're talking about a child of God. It is sad, but we praise our Lord Jesus Christ; Mama Constance worked for the Lord."

Albert Myburgh witnesses: "We have become very fond of the members at Keates Drift and really see the love of Christ in Baba Johnson and we could also see it in Mama Constance. She was a believer who actively served her fellow human beings. We are very sad for our brother Johnson who must stay behind."

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## *A Caregiver who cared*

"I was referred to Hannah\* by a Jewish friend, a believer in Jesus," says Cecilia Burger from Simcha Ministry to Jewish people. "This was the beginning of our friendship of many years. I often visited Hannah and used to read the Bible with her. I was overjoyed when she indicated one day that she was ready to accept Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. She told me that though her husband Michael\* respected her, he didn't share her faith. He was an agnostic.

"I got to know Michael when he retired from work a few years later. At first he always excused himself when Hannah and I read the Bible and prayed together. After a while he started to join us for the prayers as he saw a difference in Hannah's life.

"When Hannah became frail and needed more care, Michael employed Angelina to help look after her. The Lord

used Angelina to bring about a turning point in Michael's life. Witnessing Angelina's gratitude and joy when she got the job, Michael realised that God exists. He listened as I shared with him about God's love that He showed us in Messiah Jesus, who gave His life to set us free from sin and death.

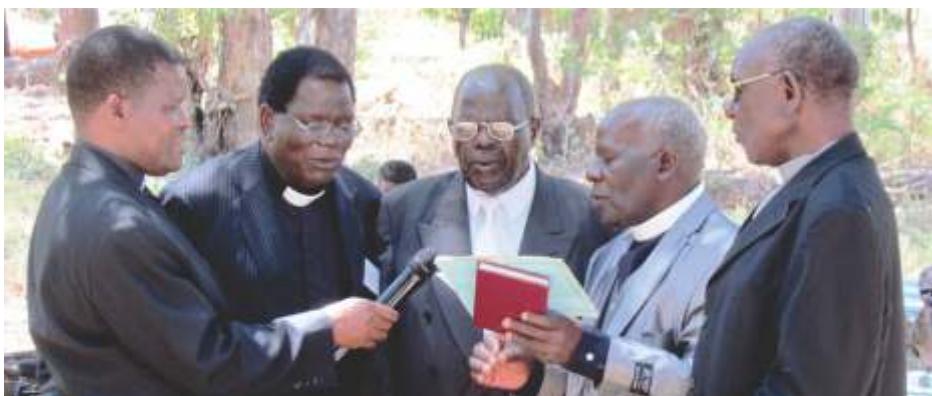
"After Hannah passed away, Angelina stayed on and looked after Michael in the home for the aged where he lived until he died a couple of weeks ago. Angelina remembers Michael as someone who cared for others. When she would bring him his food, he always asked, 'Where is yours?' If she couldn't convince him, he would refuse to eat his food.



"Angelina served 'unto the Lord' and made a difference (Col 3:23)."

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# Nyimbo za Mulungu (“*Hymns of God*”) 100 years old!

Fltr: Revv M Likhoozi, K Mgawi, JGM Maseko, MZ Khombe and DF Kachipanda

One of the best known and most widely used publications in Southern and Central Africa is the Church Hymnary in Chewa known as *Nyimbo za Mulungu*. In 2016 this book is celebrating its centenary. It is still used by churches in countries such as Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and even South Africa.

In 1910 at a conference of the *Federated Missions of Nyasaland* held at Mvera Mission, a committee was appointed to compile a Chewa hymn book. The result was the 1916 edition of *Nyimbo za Mulungu*. It contained a Chewa translation of 310 hymns from many parts of the world as well as 90 in Yao.

A *Tonic Solfa* edition was also produced.

In 1934 the *Consultative Board of Federated Missions* agreed to revise the *Nyimbo* and the new edition appeared in 1954. A revised (third) edition was produced in 1967 by what was then

known as the *Fellowship of Christian Churches in Malawi*. In the same year ownership of the book was handed over to the *Christian Literature Association of Malawi*. The book contained 376 hymns in Chewa. It was agreed that there would be no further revisions but that if it became necessary, a complete new book should rather be produced. Nevertheless, a slightly improved version did appear in 1974 with eight additional hymns as well as a number of new indigenous tunes. In the same year a new *Tonic Sofa* edition was published, followed by an English translation in 1975.

The proposed new (Fourth) Revised Edition was finally completed in December 2005 and subsequently printed. The arrangement and numerical order of the older versions was completely changed, with more than 100 new hymns added (to a total of 500) as well as an addendum with 100 choruses.

Martin Pauw



# “Utter Rubbish”

Diegene wat gereeld die Polkadraai-pad vanaf Stellenbosch na Kuilrivier ry, sou al agtergekom het dat die enorme berg afval aan die rand van die dorp nou soos 'n mooi mensgemaakte bergie lyk – silwerskoon en selfs sag op die oog.

Tydens die Woordfees in Maart vanjaar het ek afgekom op die nuusblad van Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit se Departement Vaste Afval, *Utter Rubbish*, wat oral beskikbaar was tussen die verskillende boekepraatjies en diskokersgesprekke.

Ek was gefassineerd deur al die inligting in hierdie pragtige publikasie. Ek lees van hoe Slabtown, 'n ongebruikte area op die stortingsterrein, omskep is in 'n blokmaakfasiliteit; ek lees van Klapmuts se Oorlaaistasie waar verskillende tipes afval in aparte grootmaat houers geplaas kan word en die publiek versoek word om hul rommel te skei en in die aangewese houers te gooi; ek lees van Home Biogas (<http://www.homebiogas.com/>) wat nat afvalstowwe (bv. kos) afbreek tot metaan wat weer vir kookdoeleindes gebruik kan word – en selfs uitstekende kunsmis vir jou tuin is! Ek lees van die *Green Ants*, jongmense tussen die ouderdom van 18 tot 35, vir wie daar werk geskep word as gevolg van die *Youth Jobs in Waste*-program wat reeds in 2014 deur die Departement Omgewingsake geloods is.

Welgedaan, Stellenbosch; ons hoor ook graag van gemeentes se inisiatiewe om ons omgewing ekologies meer verantwoordelik te help bestuur – hierdie mooi aarde wat deur God aan ons geleen is.

*Mariëtte Odendaal*  
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# *FTS's Children's Ministry in Malawi*

Louise Laubscher, founder and director of FTS (Fishers, Trainers & Senders) Ministries in Lilongwe, Malawi, shares with us the story of two 10-year old children, Joseph and Maggie:

“Joseph lived a life of disrespect and Maggie lived a life of isolation and rejection, always fighting hard to prove that she is normal and worthy to be part of the day-to-day life, and therefore also school.

“After becoming part of a Community Kids Club established by a volunteer Children’s Ministry teacher, (trained by FTS Ministries), the lives of both these kids changed. Where there was sin, it was addressed. They attended school and improved in their school work. They discovered that Jesus loves them and they accepted Jesus into their lives.”

Louise continues, "After FTS Ministries sent two staff members to attend the training in Children's Ministry at Petra College in RSA a few years ago, we have trained at least 14 Children's Ministry volunteer workers per year. So in the past ten years more than 200 of



*Maggie (left) at a Bible quiz event.*

these volunteer workers have been trained!

“There are approximately 80 kids in 70 community-based children’s clubs in five different districts in Malawi with more than 5 600 kids,” Louise says. “Our dream is to have the financial capacity to train two more people through Petra College and make a

deeper impact on the lives of these 5 600 children.”

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## *Tweedejaar sielkunde-klas met dr Damasio Manuel*

# Hefsiba – grootste getal voorgraadse studente in geskiedenis!<sup>Tweedejaar</sup>

Ivan Stevens, sielkunde-dosent van Hefsiba en tans woonagtig op Milange in Noordoos-Mosambiek vertel: "Dit was 'n geskiedkundige oomblik toe die akademiese jaar van *Hefsiba Institute for Christian Higher Education* vir die eerste maal op drie verskillende kampusse op dieselfde tydstip geopen is.

"Nadat daar gedurende die vorige twee jaar herhaaldelik magtigingsprobleme en burokratiese hindernisse opgeduik het, wat die aanvang van die studiejaar in Zambezia Provincie vertraag en selfs gestop het, was dit op 8 Februarie om 16:00 'n heugelike oomblik toe drie afsonderlike openingseremonies, naamlik te Vila Ulónguè, Milange en Mocuba, gelyktydig begin het.

“Die Abertura Solene de Ano Lectivo (die amptelike opening van die akademiese jaar) is 'n belangrike en statige geleentheid in die Mosambiekse kultuur,” vertel Ivan. “Hooggeplaaste van die regering,

burgemeesters en amptenare van die Departement van Opvoedkunde word genooi en aan die einde van die toesprake en formaliteite word die mees senior-geplaaste persoon uitgenooi om die aanvang van die akademiese jaar formeel aan te kondig en as geopen te verklaar. Dan word die **Pátria Amada** (volkslied) gesing – aangrypend!"

Steven vertel verder: "Daar word by elke seremonie groot gewag gemaak van die **Aula de Sapiência** (openingsrede). Tydens die seremonie op Mocuba, waar die grootste getal sielkunde-studente studeer, was dit my voorreg om hier die rede te lewer met die Portugese titel: 'Die bydrae van Sielkunde tot volhoubare ontwikkeling.'

"Op versoek en in pas met gemeenskapsbehoeftes, is die kurrikulum van die 4-jarige Honneurskursus aangepas om 'n meer gerigte professionele fokus te bring wat gebaseer is op sterk Christelike

waardes wat in gemeenskapsdiens, leierskap en etiese optrede neerslag vind. Die belangstelling hierin is baie groot. Op Mocuba is daar ook 'n boomplanting-seremonie gehou," vertel Ivan.

“Die lesings het die volgende dag begin. Vir die 2016-akademiese jaar het Hefsiba die grootste getal ingeskreve voorgraadse studente in sy geskiedenis! Vila Ulóngué het 84 (teologie: 17, ekonomiese: 55, sielkunde: 12), by Milange is daar 80 studente (ekonomiese: 23, sielkunde: 57) en by Mocuba is daar 91 (sielkunde).

“Nou begin die harde werk,” sê Ivan.  
“Ons dank die Here vir groot genade en  
vra ook vir u gebede.”

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### *Listening attentively*

Meeting new friends by learning together

Jack Carroll said: *Those who practise excellent pastoral leadership are both self-directed and career-long learners. They are not so much a "learned" clergy as a "learning" clergy. They take the initiative in asking questions like these: What am I learning in my successes and failures in pastoral ministry? What new things do I need to know to do the job God has called me to do?*

Die VBO-program van Communitas is gerig op die voortgesette bedieningsontwikkeling van predikante.

Ekklesia is an ecumenical network centre that offers coordinated services to congregations and pastors, and also presents continued theological training for pastors.

Both Communitas and Ekklesia offer a variety of courses focussing on theological themes and the development of ministerial skills. These courses are open to all pastors, congregational leaders and laymen.

Sommige kursusse, soos die Gevorderde Sertikaat in Bedieningsvernuwing word vanaf 2014 as ekumeniese kursus vir leraars van verskillende denominasies, kultuur- en taalgroepe aangebied. This year the 3 modules of the Advanced Certificate in Ministry Renewal was attended by 17 pastors: 8 from ecumenical churches, 7 DRC and 2 URCSA.

'n Afrikaanse dominee sê: "Ek hou baie van die kruisbestuiwing wat plaasvind. Nie soveel van die feit dat dit in Engels is nie! Maar ek kan verstaan dat van my broers nie Afrikaans so goed magtig is nie."

Another wrote: "There is an honest search for a 'live' theology. I feel very much at home and wanted to learn more. I am comfortable with the various denominations learning together and experienced it as hopeful for the future. "

Nog een: "Ek dink dis baie insigwend om saam met die ander ouens die kursusse te beleef. Hulle gooi goed in waaraan ons

nooit sou gedink het nie. Hulle leefwêreld en verstaan van presies dieselfde goed bring net 'n ander hoek om 'n ding in breër konteks te sit.”

An English-speaking pastor wrote:  
“Once again thank you for the incredible value you brought to my life and my ministry. I am looking forward to applying some of the principles and practices in my ministry. The group sessions strategically allowed participants to share their wealth of wisdom and experience and that has made this one a ‘winner’.”

- Kry die program by  
<http://communitas.co.za/taakspanne/vbo/ybo-programboekie-2016/>

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# Blitstreffer het jeug aan die praat

*in Lusaka, Accra en Mitchell's Plein*

Die antwoorde in Mitchell's Plein, Khayelitsha, Nyanga, Accra en Lusaka is min of meer dieselfde as jy hulle vra oor die *Youth Film series* van Alpha. Die nuwe produk wat deur Jason Ballard en Ben Woodman ontwikkel is om met jongmense oor die ABC van die evangelie en die verlossingsplan van Jesus Christus te praat, is 'n blitstreffer.

Dis basies twaalf sessies van 20 minute elk wat deur die twee jong jeugpredikers ontwikkel is terwyl hulle in Vancouver, Jersualem, Londen en Parys vrae beantwoord het oor wie Jesus was, wat het Hy kom doen, waarom het hy gesterf, waarom bid ons en wat is God se plan met ons vir die res van ons lewens.

So het hierdie twee predikers baie mense wat nog op hul eie ontdekkingsreis is oor die Christelike geloof, op 'n wêreldwye toer geneem – een wat eintlik net 240 minute lank duur.



Volgens Jaan Truter, direkteur van Alpha in die Wes-Kaapse gevangenis, word die jeugfilm baie goed ontvang deur al die Wes-Kaapse gevangenisse.

Dit word selfs as kategismus-materiaal gebruik in NG Kerke in Brackenfell en Durbanville.

Ander kerke soos die Anglikaanse kerk en die Katolieke Kerk benut dit ook in hul jeugprogramme.

"Die Alpha-program het nie regtig byval gevind by my 64-jarige oom nie, maar toe hy die Alpha-jeug-filmreeks raakgesien het, het hy pal na die DVD gekyk en agterna entoesiasties daaroor

gebabbel," vertel Truter.

Party graad 11-kinders bied dit Vrydagaande huis vir hul vriende aan terwyl hulle saam tuis eet en koeldrank drink.

“Wat hierdie program soveel tref- en plofkrag gee, is dat dit so simplisties is. Dit word selfs in Ghana en in Zambië aangebied. Die Engels is eenvoudig en die gewone mens kan die grappe maklik verstaan.

“Dis 'n goeie instrument vir dissipelvorming,” het Truter verklaar.

Fanie Heyns

*Lees meer by  
<http://www.alphayouthfilmseries.com/>.*

# Nigerian Matie, Dooyum Orpin

"How can women be subjected to so much violence and humiliation because of culture and even religion, when the church is supposed to protect them?" Asking this question is Dooyum Orpin (38 years old), a MTh student in Theology at Stellenbosch University.

Orpin comes from North Central Nigeria and is from the Tiv tribe, amongst whom the missionaries from the Dutch Reformed Church started to minister in 1909.

"My father taught me all about being a Christian," Orpin explains, "and God prepared my calling through his Christian foundation in my life. He was also one of the founders of the church in our village, Gboko. Because of the church's fierce opposition to the custom of polygamy, and having more than one wife, he was forced to leave the church. Nevertheless through all these years he supported me in becoming a Christian and is still encouraging me."

After school Orpin went to study law in 1999, but unfortunately had to give up his studies due to financial reasons. He went back to Gboko and started teaching at the primary school from 2001 to 2009.

In the meantime the church leaders



*Kobus Odendaal (left) with Dooyum Orpin (right)*

recognised his talent for leadership and teaching in the church and encouraged him to enrol in theological studies. After being examined by the Reformed Theological Seminary at Mkar, he was accepted as a student in August 2009.

After he obtained his BTh (1st class) he was called by the Seminary's Governing Board to become a lecturer in the department of Biblical Studies. He started teaching there in 2014.

Once again his potential was recognised and the board members recommended that the rector send him to Stellenbosch University for further studies. This was after a partnership was established between the NKST (our sister church) and the Commission for Witness of the DRC

Family (Cape Region) while Johan Botha and Kobus Odendaal visited them in 2014.

Orpin was admitted to the Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch in 2015 where he completed his postgraduate Diploma in Theology within a year!

This year he is enrolled for his MTh in New Testament and is doing research on *Gender and Health* with Dr Marius Nel as supervisor.

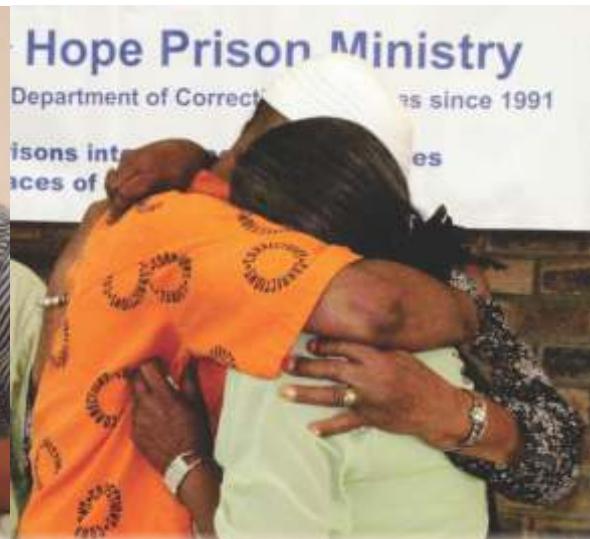
"Stellenbosch is a good experience for me; it has exposed me to so many diverse ways of learning," Orpin says. "I would like to go back to Nigeria and teach our students how to respect women and how to embrace them in our church leadership. The church has to address the menace of violence against women, because it affects not only people's marriages, but also societies. The church has an enormous task in this regard."

Orpin's dream is to one day establish an organisation where women will be empowered financially, morally and spiritually.

He is married to Nancy and they have five children.

Mariëtte Odendaal

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# *Herstellende Geregtigheid*

"Help my! Ek was 'n dwelmbaas in Atlantis, het ook kinders betrek, het vroue misbruik, mense vermoor en ander geleer hoe om te moor. Help my!"

Geharde misdadigers met lewenslange vonnis is eintlik gewone mense wat liefhet en kan huil oor die vermorste jare en die skade wat hul aangerig het.

Met die samewerking van die Departement Korrektiewe Dienste bied Hope Prison Ministry Herstellende

Geregtigheidskursusse aan. Dit strek oor ses dae en in die 36 uur saam hoor mens verhale van ontreddering in disfunksionele gesinne wat dikwels uitloop op bendebedrywighede, dwelms en drank.

Onlangs het 25 mans in Malmesbury Gevangenis tot 'n diepe besef gekom van die lot van slagoffers, die pyn en ellende van hul eie families en hul behoefté aan verlossing uit hul leefwyse. Hulle het ondersteuning, ook deur gebede, baie

nodig.

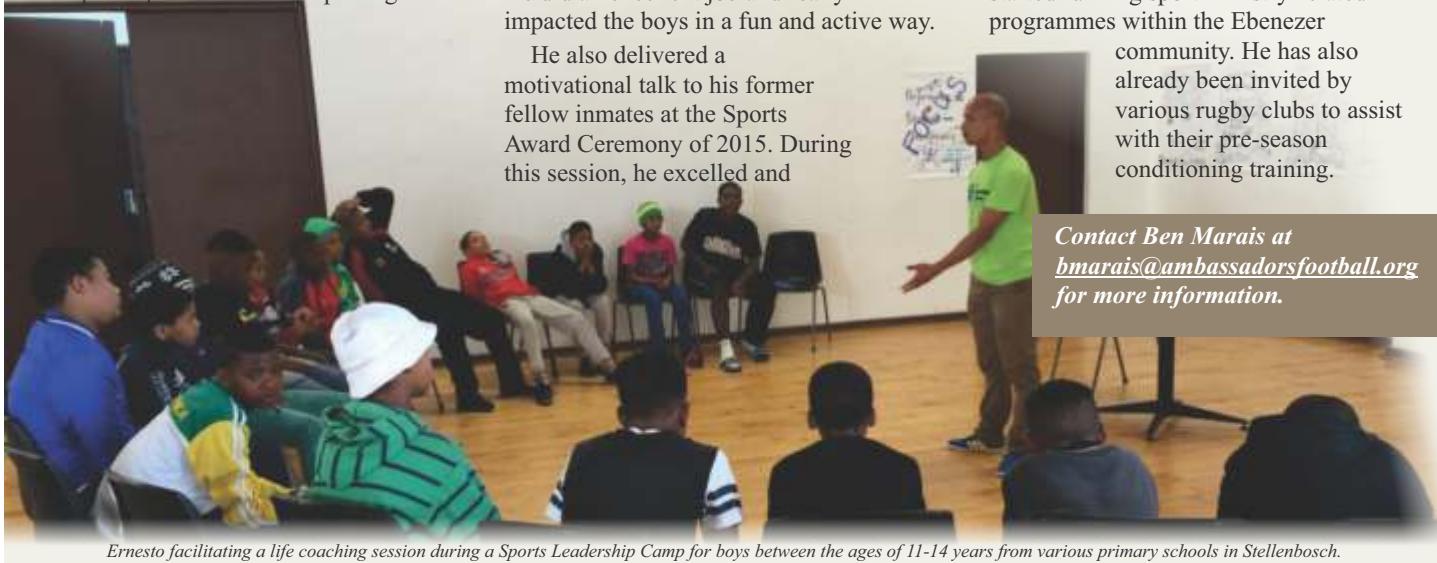
Hope Prison Ministry is 'n inter-denominiale organisasie met hul hoofkantoor in Pollsmoor, maar werk ook in verskeie Bolandse gevangenis. Ds Jonathan Clayton, die stigter, is ook al genooi na Swede, Australië, die Seychelles en Nigerië.

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## *Ernesto Love – transformed by Sport Ministry*

From the start, it was clear that Ernesto was a special young man who had made wrong choices that caused him to end up in prison. He became our top student while attending our sports training programme at Drakenstein Correctional Facility and scored an average of more than 95% during assessments administered by the WP Rugby Union. His friendly, helpful and humble character contributed a lot to him being one of the most popular students and inmates in the programme.

He participated in various sporting



*Ernesto facilitating a life coaching session during a Sports Leadership Camp for boys between the ages of 11-14 years from various primary schools in Stellenbosch.*

codes while in prison such as rugby, touch rugby, soccer and basketball. He was an active learner of the Bible and fell in love with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and became a passionate follower of Christ.

He is passionate about using sport and recreational activities to facilitate whole life educational coaching programmes with a key focus on sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ernesto also co-facilitated sessions in a Sport Leadership Programme for boys between the ages of 11-14 years. He did an excellent job and really impacted the boys in a fun and active way.

He also delivered a motivational talk to his former fellow inmates at the Sports Award Ceremony of 2015. During this session, he excelled and



community. He has also already been invited by various rugby clubs to assist with their pre-season conditioning training.

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# Oogspan weer op pad na Mosambiek

Die nou al bekende Oogspan beplan om Milange in Mosambiek van die 8ste tot die 15de Junie te besoek. Milange is in Sentraal-Mosambiek, slegs 'n paar kilometer van die Malawi-grens. Die naaste groot dorp is Blantyre in Malawi.

Die span onder leiding van Johan Eloff, 'n oogspesialis in Bloemfontein (wat die operasies sal uitvoer), Chris Blignaut (afgetrede oogarts wat help by die



Vlnr: Steven Simwawa, Estelle du Plessis en Johan Elof besig met 'n katarak-operasie.

operasies en ook betrokke by oogklinieke) en dan hopenlik nog 'n oogspesialis, sal deel van die span uitmaak.

'n Optomotris gaan ook saam om pasiënte vir brille te toets, asook 'n teatersuster, ook van Bloemfontein. Susters Helen Meyer, wat ook jare in Vila Ulónguè in Mosambiek gewerk het, Estelle du Plessis wat ook op Vila Ulónguè gewerk het en huidiglik op

Nkhoma in  
Malawi werk en  
Steven  
Simwawa wat  
by die  
Oogdepartement  
by Nkhoma  
Hospitaal werk  
en assisteer by  
die operasies.  
Laasgenoemde  
drie is al jare  
lede van die  
Oogspan wat  
elke jaar op Vila  
Ulónguè  
uitgereik het.

In daardie  
week sal hoof-

saaklik katarak-operasies uitgevoer word, maar daar sal ook oogklinieke gehou word om pasiënte met oogprobleme te sien en, waar nodig, te behandel. Brille, hoofsaklik leesbrille vir die ouer mense wat maar net hul Bybels wil lees, sal goedkoop verkoop word en tweedehandse leesbrille sal vir behoeftige pasiënte verniet gegee word. Die groot doel is egter om soveel blinde ou mense as gevolg van katarakke, weer te laat sien.

Die proses vorder goed en die meeste van die instrumente en toerusting is al aangekoop. Dit moet egter vervoer word na Mosambiek en daarvoor word 'n vliegtuig van Mercy Air gehuur en dit sal naby R100 000 kos. Dan moet die autoriteite op Milange met doeane reël dat alles doeanevry ingevoer sal kan word. Die proses is nog aan die gang. Op Milange is alles in plek en kry hulle ook 'n operasie-teater en -saal in die hospitaal vir die week.

**Persone wat gekontak kan word, is  
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Hunger and despair on their faces, yet ... hope in their eyes!



*Susan Murray helping past recipients through the Henry Murray Memorial Fund.*

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News24 headlines paint a grim picture:

"Zim faces worst malnutrition in 15 years" (15.03.2016);

"... hunger forces Zim pupils to stay out of school" (10-03-2016):

“At least 1.5 million face hunger in Zimbabwe” (4-08-2015);

"Drought kills at least 19 300 cattle in Zimbabwe' (24-02-2016) etc. etc.

Poor rains induced by the El Niño weather phenomenon have hampered food production in Zimbabwe, and diminishing reserves have left many people in rural parts short of essential supplies.

Susan Murray, wife of the late Henry Murray of Morgenster, Zimbabwe shares the following news with us: "Masvingo province and Morgenster Mission have not been spared. Poor and late rain is taking its toll on schoolchildren and students, also at Murray Theological College. As many cannot pay even the minimum fees required, budgets cannot be met and funds are lacking for food assistance.

"In the past week I received visits from three grandmothers, all widows, each caring for 6-9 orphaned grandchildren, their faces betraying deep fear and uncertainty deep down! Daily they pace

up and down their maize fields aimlessly in the scorching heat, looking up to the skies, hoping and praying for a miracle! With no regular income whatsoever, they are living only on what they can plant and reap. Some families are saving dwindling stocks by skipping meals and selling belongings, while schoolchildren are missing classes due to hunger. Yet people have an amazing survival instinct – amidst starvation and despair on their faces, the hope in their eyes never fades!"

Susan continues, "Many destitute and orphans rely desperately on the assistance from the Henry Murray Memorial Fund. In the past, contributions to this fund came mostly through supporters responding to the needs conveyed in our bi-monthly email newsletter. Due to the illness and deaths of Henry, his mother Ina and our son-in-law Andries, I was absent from Morgenster for long periods over the past 2 years and unable to write any newsletters. The consequences are devastating!"

"I salute the few faithful warriors who continued their support in spite of not receiving any updates. This kept the flame of hope burning and saved the fund from extinction!"

## *Voetspoorreis na Midde-Afrika*

“Die Argief bied ‘n ryk skat van inligting vir navorsers van uiteenlopende velde. Ons ontvang gemiddeld 30 navorsers per maand en 70 navrae per telefoon of e-pos,” vertel Liesl Rabie, verbonde aan die Argief van die NG Kerk in SA op Stellenbosch.

“Isabelle Murray het wyd en suid gesoek na haar oupa se dagboeke, min wetende dat dit hier, in haar eie dorp, gehuisves word,” vertel Liesl. “Sy het trane in haar oë gekry toe sy begin lees van haar oupa se onwrikbare geloof te midde van baie swaarkry. Dit het haar nuwe moed vir haar eie lewe gegee.”

Isabelle vertel verder: "Ek het altyd geweet ek stam uit geslagte sendingvoorvaders, maar een van die grootste vondse van my lewe was die onlangse ontdekking van my oupa Andrew George Murray ('n broerskind van dr Andrew Murray) se 21 dagboeke (1890-1922) in die Argief.

"Oor die afgelope 13 maande stap ek op die mees onverwagte wyse en plekke saam met Oupa – per trein, stoom- en rivierboot, te *machilla* (drastoel), per donkie en te voet – van Stellenbosch en Wellington, via Livingston College in Londen (waar Oupa sy jaarlange mediese opleiding ondergaan

het) tot in Mvera, Nyassaland. Ek hoor vir die eerste maal hoedat Oupa, self nog siek met malaria, deur die vol rivier geswem het om Tillie, ernstig siek met malaria, te gaan dokter en haar later, op Nkhomaberg, om haar hand vra. Ons reis na Mphunzi waar Oupa se aangeplante boomlaning nou nog sierlik die hemelruim in troon. Ek sien hoedat hy eiehandig vir haar uit roukleistene 'n pastorie bou en 'n katel, kombuistafel en klerekas uit kiaat maak.

“Maar wat my die diepste raak,” sê Isabelle, “lees ek in sy 'gebedsgesprekke' met God: 'What is the future to bring forth? Whatever is to happen, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ', is sy woorde met sy aankoms in Mvera in 1902. En later, na maande se blootstelling aan Afrika, pen hy die volgende neer: 'Well, my week's work at Chigodi is at an end. I wonder what has really been effected. It has taught me something of prayer, but I feel I have not nearly prayed as I should have. There is not yet that yearning after souls, a thirst for their salvation ... as there was with our Master. It is only as He lives His life in one, that I can be what I should.' In hierdie laaste woorde, vind ek opnuut die rigsnoer vir my lewe vorentoe.”



*Isabelle Murray by die Andrew Murray uitstalling in Wellington*

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Word deel van die VrydagNuus-vriendekring

Enigeen wat gesteld daarop is om ingeligte opinies oor kerksake te vorm – en die wel en wee van die NG Kerk-familie op die hart dra – kan gerus hiervan kennis neem.

Lidmate en ander belangstellendes hoof lankal nie meer op die openbare media staat te maak om akkurate en eerstehandse nuus en inligting oor ons NG Kerk-familie en ander kerksake te bekom nie.

VrydagNuus, die amptelike sinodale nuusbrief van die Sinode van Wes-Kaapland, is 'n gebruikersvriendelike bron van aktuele nuus en inligting – en dit staan enigeen vry om hiervoor in te teken.

Hierdie elektroniese nuusbrief verskyn weekliks gedurende Wes-Kaapse skoolkwartale. Dit is ook op die Sinode

van Wes-Kaapland se webwerf beskikbaar. Verder word die nuusbrief gestuur na die hele elektroniese netwerk van die NG Kerk as oor-en-weer-inligtingsdiens tussen die sinodes, (volgens ooreenkoms) na die VGKSA Kaapland-sinode se gemeentes en predikante, asook aan 'n groot aantal ander individue en instansies nasionaal, sowel as internasionaal.

Die doel van VrydagNuus is drieërlei:

- Algemene inligting en blootstelling aan die breë kerklike toneel;
  - Spesifieke sake op die gemeentes/lidmate van toepassing;
  - Pastorale kommunikasie met gemeentes deur die kerkverband.

## Inligting oor geleenthede deur sinodale



Marieta Visagie

strukture aangebied (bv kursusse en gesprekke), mediaverklarings en skrywes deur die kerkfamilie se leierskap, nuus, video's en pragfoto's oor kollegas wat aftree of in gemeentes bevestig word, vakatures in die kerklike omgewing, spesiale kuiergeleenthede in ons gemeentes, pitkos rakende aktuele sake en vele meer maak deel van hierdie lekkerlees nuusbrief uit.

Dit is maklik om in te skryf om VrydagNuus weekliks direk en heeltemal gratis te ontvang: stuur jou naam, van en e-posadres aan ***Marieta Visagie by  
[kommunikasie@kaapkerk.co.za](mailto:kommunikasie@kaapkerk.co.za)*** en word deel van die VrydagNuus-vriendekring!

## Straatwerk's *Beads of Prayer and Healing*

Lisa Truter of Straatwerk shares the following story with us: "Angie\* has experienced many challenges during her young life. Last year she was unemployed, far from family and struggling. A friend that was involved in prostitution invited her to 'make money'.

"But then the Straatwerk team shared the Gospel with Angie and after two months she was miraculously able to exit the lifestyle. Now Angie makes bracelets, clearly enjoying the opportunity and financial help. She also volunteers at a school, which the ministry pays her for. Earning the rest of her needed funds, she is saving for a 'braai-stand' to sell 'braai'-meat. She has also applied for jobs.

"Angie is growing in the Lord," Lisa continues, "and is determined to never go back; encouraging many through her NEW life and having much hope! The old has gone - the new has come!"



*A prayer partner with her matched outreach friend*

*But how did the story of the bracelets start?*

Lisa explains: "Tamara (saved and transformed from prostitution) voluntarily made matching bracelet sets. Christians signed up for ***Evangelism Prayer*** chose a bracelet and gave their details. The other bracelet went with an outreach, asking the lady if she would like someone to pray for her and then she had to choose a bracelet.

Once matched, we contacted the prayer partner with the matched outreach name and prayer requests.”

One person responded as follows: "Thank you so much for letting me know. I have been praying for whoever the bracelet may belong to. I do it with heartfelt pleasure." Most of the participants started praying immediately and continue to do so in a committed way.

"In less than four months, 68 matches were made. Seeing one of the prayer partners or ladies on the street wearing their bracelets warms our harvest-expectant-hearts!" Lisa says.

For many years (as part of their therapy) Straatwerk's *Hands of Hope* has been offering ladies who leave prostitution the opportunity to make Gospel-message bracelets, earning cash for each quality controlled bracelet. It is unmistakeably clear that only the Lord can transform these precious ladies trapped in prostitution, and prayer needs to be at the centre at all times.

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information.*

# Handevat – *ontdek harte van mense*



“Ontmoet vir ds Nunes wat saam met sy familie in die bos, 40 km van Gurue, bly. Hy bak brood vir 'n ekstra inkomste om sy familie te help oorleef. Geen opoffering is vir hom te groot nie,” vertel Danie Murray, bestuurder van die Handevat-inisiatief van die NGK Proteahoogte in Brackenfell. “Ek kon hom twee dae voor die tyd 'n boodskap stuur, en vra om 'n motorfiets teleen en my 150 km van daar te ontmoet vir 'n sendinguitreik. Hy was daar. Soms het ons nie kos gehad om te eet nie. Ons sweet en werk hard in twee gebiede. Ek verloor 4 kg in die tyd. Hy kla nooit nie en met 'n diep geloofsoortuiging praat en wys hy Jesus se liefde aan mense. As jy na hom luister, dan klink dit asof hy geen opoffering gemaak het nie. 'n Gemeente in RSA vat hande met hom omdat hulle saam 'n diep roeping deel en saam lewens prysgee vir ander.”

Handevat administreer ongeveer 26 verhoudinge tussen geloofsgemeenskappe in RSA met geloofsgemeenskappe in die Tumbine Sinode van die Gereformeerde kerk in Mosambiek. Danie verduidelik: "Om hande te vat is net sooo ... sinvol, dalk juis wanneer dit gedoen word tussen twee totaal uiteenlopende wêrelde. Menswees in Christus bring mense van verskillende tale, kulture en omstandighede op so 'n manier bymekaar dat juis die verskille sinvol word. Hier daag die Here jou juis uit deurdat in sulke verhoudinge jy die lewe anders beleef en die kans kry om uit 'n ander hoek daarna te kyk. Deur genoeg liefde en toewyding ontdek 'n mens harte van mense, en in die harte, dieselfde Gees wat in jou werksaam is."

Danie vertel verder: "Nou in 'n tyd van hongersnood, waar mense selfs soutwater drink om iets in te kry, kon ds Nunes se vennote hom help met vyf sakke mielies om net te kan oorleef tot April, as die oeste weer inkom.

“Ons is almal mense met foute, maar sáam doen die Here soveel meer deur ons as gelowiges,” sê Danie.



Ds Nunes

Kontak Danie Murray by [danie@handevat.com](mailto:danie@handevat.com) vir meer inligting.



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#### ondersteuning

# Skribas van Ringe

Skribas is dikwels die frontlinie-persoon in ons kommunikasie met gemeentes, die persoon wat moet sorg dat alle kommunikasie vanaf die Sinodale Hoofkantoor by die regte persone uitkom en ook weer dat hul plaaslike nuus in VrydagNuus, op Facebook en selfs Twitter moet verskyn. Heelwat ringe se skribas sorg dat hulle mekaar ten minste een maal per jaar, of meer, ontmoet (wie gee nou nie om vir 'n lekker cuppachino en kaaskoek nie) en dan sommer net lekker netwerk, of soms ook gestructureerd oor kommunikasie-sake gesels.

In die *VrydagNuus* van 26 Februarie 2016 lees ons wat Charl van Rensburg (Montagu) skryf: "Ons ring (Swellendam) het hul jaarlikse skriba bederf-oggend op die Buffeljagsrivierdam gehad. Die drie skribas met die langste diensjare is: Esti Viljoen (Ashton) met 27 jaar; Barbara du Toit (Swellendam) met 42 jaar en Suzette Jansen van Rensburg (Robertson-Oos) met 20 jaar. Dames, ons salueer julle vir soveel jare se lojale werk! Elke hardwerkende skriba verdien so 'n goeie bederf."

In die *VrydagNuis* van 20 November 2015 lees ons – **Kommunikasieforum**  
**Kuier Saam:** Die kommunikasiebeamptes van verskillende makrogemeentes het in 2009 onder leiding van Johan van der Merwe (Stellenbosch Moederkerk) begin om gesellig bymekaar te kom rondom gemeenskaplike kommunikasiesake. Hierdie groep het mettertyd uitgebrei en enige persoon gemoeid met kommunikasie



'n Groep skribas kom in Durbanville byeen met as gaste Marieta Visagie, kommunikasiebeampte van NGK Wes-Kaap Sinode en Mariëtte Odendaal, kommunikasiebeampte van Getuienisaksie Kaapstreek, heel voor.

in gemeentes is welkom om by dié forum, wat probeer om twee maal per jaar te vergader, aan te sluit.

Op Maandag 16 November het elf persone vanuit agt gemeentes by 'n koffiewinkel in Durbanville ontmoet en behoorlik gesels oor alles en nog wat rakende kommunikasie in en deur gemeentes! Stel jy belang om deel van die passievolle groep te word? Stuur gerus jou naam, van en e-posadres na Alida Vorster (NG Durbanville-Bergsig) by kommunikasies@bergsigdv.co.za.

In die *VrydagNuus* van 13 November 2015 lees ons hoe Elna Geldenhuys, skriba/kassier van NG Gemeente Bredasdorp vertel: "In 2006 het daar 'n behoefte onder ons Ring van Caledon se kantoorpersoneel ontstaan om een dag in

'n jaar saam te kuier. Daaruit het ons Skribadag ontwikkel. Ons het mekaar goed leer ken en kan nou 'n gesig by elke gemeente plaas. Gemeentes roteer jaarliks alfabeties om die dag te reël. Dit is weinig dat 'n skriba dié belangrike dag mis. Die gemeente wat dit aanbied, besluit self hoe die oggend verloop. Ons leer byvoorbeeld iets van die verskillende gemeentes se geskiedenis, besoek 'n unieke besienswaardigheid in die dorp en eet heerlik saam. Dit is ons feesdag!"

Ander ringe wat ook so vergader, kan gerus van hulle laat hoor.

*Met dank aan VrydagNuus*

## *Our Miracle Workers*

We live in a society where we are faced with many challenges. Even though these challenges sometimes seem overwhelming, we have realised that each one of us can make a difference, one day at a time and one person at a time.

This is exactly what the fieldworkers of the *National Religious Association for Social Development* (NRASD) are doing. These are the



Field Workers in Mpumalanga

people who work tirelessly in their communities to make sure that the correct information gets to the people. They do house visits and the community can receive counselling and HIV testing in the privacy and convenience of their own homes.

The helping hands reaching into the most vulnerable communities come in many forms. We have young women and men as well as gogos (grandmothers) who are making a positive contribution to our society. Without these helping hands the NRASD would not have such a vast impact through the programmes that we are facilitating. The NRASD is a Principal Recipient of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in South Africa.

*Visit our website for more information ([www.nrasd.org.za](http://www.nrasd.org.za) and [www.efsa-institute.org.za](http://www.efsa-institute.org.za)) or contact Dr Marlene Mahokoto at [marlene@cddc.co.za](mailto:marlene@cddc.co.za).*

'n Hartlike dank aan alle medewerkers van hierdie uitgawe. Ons bedank ook al ons donateurs wat ons werk so getrou ondersteun. Bly op hoogte van die NGK-familie se getuienisaksies by [www.kga.org.za](http://www.kga.org.za) en by [https://www.facebook.com/Kommissie Getuienisaksie](https://www.facebook.com/KommissieGetuienisaksie) en kontak ons gerus by [kgakommunikasie@kaapkerk.co.za](mailto:kgakommunikasie@kaapkerk.co.za) / KGA, Privaatsak X8, BELLVILLE, 7535. Tel: 021 957 7204.

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