



# Getuie Witness

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## Rooney's story

While growing up, Rooney's whole life was about playing football. He even played for the youth team of a professional club before he got kicked out for lying about his age.

Growing up without a father, and without football, he followed the example of his older brother, a high-ranking member of a gang. When his brother died, Rooney 'inherited' his position.

Not long after this he got arrested and was sent to prison in Port Elizabeth. One of the wardens, knowing about Rooney's football talent and having heard about Ambassadors Football Hope Academy Project in Drakenstein Prison, arranged for Rooney to be transferred across the almost 700 km to be part of the Academy.

The program focuses on developing the young men in Football, Faith and Future. For Rooney, joining was all about football. Even though he was a Muslim, he accepted the rest of the clearly Christian faith-based program so that he could have the chance to play. Being in the cell with 24 other men (between the ages of 18-25 years) who were all striving towards a better future didn't leave him unaffected.

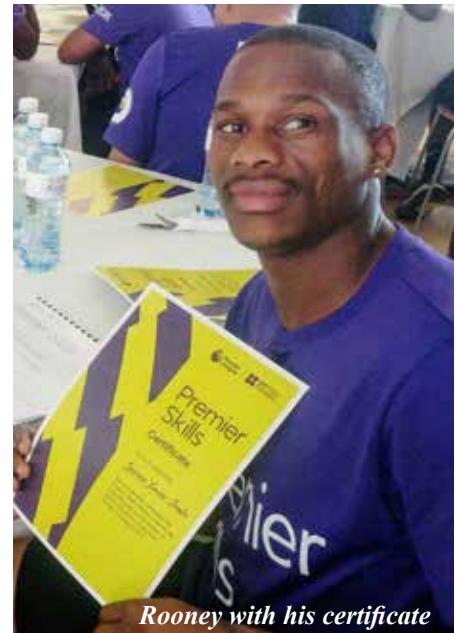
It was astonishing for Rooney that the coaches and all the inmates would

value him as 'normal' and treat him with an unconditional love that he had never experienced before. Ambassadors Football could observe Rooney changing immensely during his time in the Hope Academy and in May 2015 he reported the amazing news: "God had been working on me intensively for two weeks until I made the decision to accept Christ as my Lord and Saviour."

From that day on he is not only passionate about football, but passionate for God and impacting other people. Rooney is one of many new leaders, father figures and positive role models who are trendsetters and change agents in their surroundings.

After his release he joined the team of "City Mission", one of Ambassadors Football's partner ministries, and started working as a football coach in Hanover Park, one of the most gang-ridden communities in Cape Town. His unique background allows him to step into a territory where most would not be able to.

As Ambassadors Football is focusing on fuelling a coaches-discipleship movement, they have identified Rooney as one of the mentor coaches they want to disciple and specifically invest in, so that



*Rooney with his certificate*

he can not only impact his players but also journey with other coaches. He is not only ministering to the community; he is also going back into Drakenstein prison, where he will develop and disciple a group of inmates as football coaches, father figures, life coaches and disciple makers.

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## Ons familie – as tafelgemeenskap



*Die studente en van die dosente tydens die seminarium-kamp op Kleinmond.*

Die VGK en NGK se BDiv 1 - 1V en MDiv-studente van die Fakulteit Teologie, Universiteit Stellenbosch, het in Februarie vanjaar op Kleinmond hul jaarlikse kamp gehad.

Die doel van die kamp was om die nuwe studente te verwelkom en as seminarium-familie saam te groei. Hierdie jaar was die fokus op die **familie as tafelgemeenskap** met die klem op die

nagmaal as teologiese uitgangspunt vir ons familie-identiteit.

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# Farewell, AnnaMarie, our Nachisale



*AnnaMarie de Klerk*

On 4 March AnnaMarie de Klerk's congregation at Malingunde, Malawi bid her farewell for the last time before her relocation to Porterville, South Africa during April this year.

Kobus Odendaal's message on behalf of Witness Ministry at this occasion: "AnnaMarie has been a part of our ministry for more than four decades. She is very dear to us and to many congregations in our region with whom she has built relationships over the years, but she is also dear to many friends here in South Africa."

"Not only is she as a person, her dedication and her work valuable to us, but also the bridge that she has built between the church community in Malawi and us as believers in South Africa. This has made her legacy great."

"This bridge is no temporary, flimsy bridge. It is a steady bridge, built over many years and one that has brought many people from our countries together. Through these contacts we have learned to know and to love our brothers and sisters in Malawi; their open arms and warm hearts."

"It is also a bridge that will stand firm long after AnnaMarie has left Malawi. Many more people, young people, will cross that bridge and experience the love of Christ in the warm heart of Africa."

You will greet AnnaMarie, but we will welcome her at her new home here in South Africa and we know that she will always be your \*Nachisale in our midst. We praise God for her gifts to us!"

*\*Chisale is a Malawian clan name; Nachisale is the female form.*

## Editorial

We know the words: "Go out into the world and announce God's good news to one and all." Also: "You're witnesses."

What is God's good news today and why should we still be witnesses?

Two discoveries that excite me are: that where believers care about each other, support each other and are open to one another there God's good news emerges. It is not so much heard as it is seen where people's human dignity is acknowledged and restored, where people are supported through their sorrow and where they discover and develop their God-given abilities; in this way the risen Christ comes alive among us once more.

Secondly, you and I embody God's good news for the person standing in front of us – in the way we are available. Sometimes it is by listening, other times by sharing a piece of bread, putting your arms around someone's shoulders in the midst of a difficult situation or by undertaking or supporting projects.

As witnesses we do not simply deliver a message, we ARE the Message.



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# Tot siens, Dawn ...

Ons sal ons *lady* by ontvangs, Dawn Erasmus, baie mis. Hierdie sterk vrou wat 'n boorling van Beaufort-Wes is, het haar vormingsjare in die Paarl gehad.

Dawn kom uit 'n sterk, geestelik gefundeerde familie; haar ma en oupa (aan moederskant) veral, was brugbouers en gemeenskapversorgers. Haar oupa, eerw AD Andries, was een van die eerste bruin predikante in die NG Sendingkerk en het aan die Wellington Sending Instituut studeer.

Haar ma (en rolmodel) was 'n maatskaplike werker in wie se voetspore sy wou volg, maar haar liefde vir sekretariële werk het geseëvier. Sy begin haar beroepslewe by die destydse Departement van Kleurlingsake, vanaf 1983 werk sy by die NG Sendingkerkkantoor se Diakonale Dienste en vanaf 1988 by die Kommissie vir Getuienisaksie.

Hoogtepunte in haar werk was onder ander die reël van kampe vir geestelike werkers van so ver as die Oos-Kaap en Karoo. Dawn was daar om die innerlike te versterk en het gedeel in hul kampvuursange.

'n Ander hoogtepunt was toe die Kommissie vir Getuienisaksie in 1991 'n gesamentlike kommissie van die VGK,

RCA en NGK hier in die Wes-Kaap geword het; van toe af kon uitreike en projekte sáam deur gemeentes onderneem word.

Nog 'n hoogtepunt was toe Dawn in 1995 die voorreg gehad het om deel van die NGK Vrouebedieningspan te kon wees wat Makhathini besoek het, asook toe hul eie gemeente (VGK Zions in die Paarl) na Msinga begin uitreik het.

Dawn se grootste uitdaging was om kontak tussen die Getuienisaksiekantoor en gemeentes telefonies lewendig te hou. Daar was ook tye toe sy baie negatiwiteit beleef het, maar dit het haar nooit afgeskrik nie. Dit was uiterst belangrik om 'n gesonde telefoniese verhouding te hê en altyd brûe te bly bou.

Sy wil nou heelhartig by haar gemeente se Diens en Getuie-kommissie betrokke raak, veral om stukkende vroue en senior burgers by te staan en te fokus op huis- en hospitaalbesoeke.

Dawn het twee dogters; Illse (37), 'n vaardighedsontwikkelingsfasilitaator en Zaneta (32), 'n instruktrise in Latynse danse wat tans besig is om haarself as 'n moderne dans-onderwyseres te bekwaam.

Dawn, mag jy jou aftrede geniet en ons nooit vergeet nie. Ons gaan jou mis.



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## IRM Mphatso Synod's Leadership and Marriage Seminar

Dr Davidson Chifungo from Malawi presented a very successful Leadership and Marriage seminar to 33 ministers' couples of our sister church, the IRM (Igreja Reformada em Moçambique) Mphatso Synod at Villa Ulónguè in Northwest Mozambique recently. Their leadership did a great job in organising this training.

Dr Chifungo says, "The course covered important marriage-related themes such as Biblical foundations for marriage vs cultural expectations (Bible Study Gen. 2 and Matt. 19), gender based violence among leaders (Eph. 5:2-33), the role of the wife as a leader (the wife as pastor to the pastor), etc.

"We adopted a method of discussing in groups and reporting back to the main meeting. I, as the facilitator, also did some teaching and explanations.

"Rev. Besitala and his wife have clocked 28 years in marriage. They have ministered together and are currently the longest serving ministers in the synod (except Rev. Chikakuda, who has retired). For more than an hour Rev. Besitala and his wife were asked to be in the front and the rest of the couples asked them all sorts of questions ranging from general to private life, from ministry to their time of intimacy. They both responded to the questions and also encouraged the pastors and their wives. IT WAS

### REALLY BREAKING THE SILENCE FOR MANY COUPLES.

"After the training several couples came to talk to me in private. They needed prayer, guidance and counselling. I thank God for the confidence and trust that we managed to establish within such a short time. This proves that the training had a great impact indeed. We asked them to do the same training with their congregations and they all agreed to take the training further."

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# Misdaad – 'n swaar klip met ontstellende rippeleffekte wat uitkring op 'n groot dam

Lucia Oosthuysen, een van Hope Prison Ministry se vrywilligers, deel met ons van die aangrypende ervarings wat sy al by hierdie bediening se herstellende geregtigheidsessies beleef het.

"Jy luister na die jong vrou, verhoorafwagtend na sy op straat iemand beroof het van 'n selfoon en kontant. Jy hoor hoe sy in die dwelmgreep verval het; hoe sy mense wou beïndruk. En nou dam die trane in haar mooi oë op oor haar kleine seuntjie wat binnekort alleen gaan verjaar ...

"Jy huil saam met die pragtige meisie wie se ma absoluut nik van haar wil weet nie; sy het immers die hele huis leeg gesteel en selfs Pa se spaargeld onttrek. Sy val in 'n bondeltjie neer in desperate roepe na regmaak.

"Jy staan verslae oor 'n pa wat weet van haar en selfs haar naam ken, maar nog nie sy dogter van 30 jaar oud gesien het nie. En dan, by die Familie Versoeningsdag, nie weet watter een is dan nou sý kind nie; sy sê-vra huiverig: 'Sal ek jou Pa noem?'

"Jy hoor die vrees in die stem van die veroordeelde, verdoemde wat huiver om sy familie te nooi na die Versoeningsdag omdat hy uitgewerp is uit die kring en die gemeenskap hom sal wil kruisig. Maar dan die hartgrondige belydenis en berou en versoening as hulle wél kom. En sy besliste uitspraak: 'nou is ek weer mens!'"



Die herstel van verflenterde, verwronge, gebroke verhoudings gee weer staanplek in die lewe; maak 'n nuwe venster oop ... ook na Bo.

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## The Ter Haars' 21 year of ministry at Nkhoma



**Fltr: Reynier, Willeke, Geerten, Wianne, Jo-ine, Evi, David and Adam.**

"Nkhoma has become our home," says Reynier and Willeke Ter Haar. They have served Nkhoma for the past 21 years – Reynier as the director of the 220 bed hospital and his wife, Willeke, as initiator of numerous projects like, for example, the Ebenezer school; a school of high standards for mainly the children of hospital staff members.

"We can't exactly recall when we made the mind-shift, but during a visit to our family in the Netherlands someone greeted us with the words, 'Welcome home!' and our response was, 'no, no, Malawi is home'.

"But it's time to take a break, reflect,

refresh and give Nkhoma a break from the Ter Haar-leadership," the Ter Haars say. Reynier and his family plan to take a one year sabbatical leave from June 2018 and relocate to Liverpool in England. They will be temporarily replaced by Tim and Patty Fader, retired missionary doctor couple from Florida in the USA who have been to Nkhoma previously for a couple of months.

Reynier and Willike experienced many highlights in their ministries these past years and name a few:

- growth of their Malawian colleagues in terms of taking responsibility, speaking their minds and initiating

- new projects;
- community interventions resulting in a dramatic reduction in maternal and child mortality;
- infrastructure developments by seven Dutch men (2006 to 2015) who take their Bible study seriously, and
- giving local kids a better start in life by starting the Ebenezer school.

"We were repeatedly struck by God's faithfulness, provision and guidance," the Ter Haars continue, "He goes before, takes us by the hand and asks us to follow in obedience. That taught us to live out our passion and trust Him in every step ahead of us.

"Liverpool is one of those steps. We know that our two youngsters need professional help with their education. Our daughters are young adults now and are studying in the Netherlands. They will appreciate parental support with their cultural transition and a home closer to their place of study.

Willeke's parents are elderly and she looks forward to spending more time with them. "But we are still waiting for the Lord to fill in all the pieces of the puzzle... to show the way as He has done so many times before.

"What a privilege to have been part of the Nkhoma story. Our roots have grown as deep as the Mbawa trees that surround our house. We hope that we can return to see the tree grow even taller."

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# URCSA Cape's Curatorium welcomes new students

In the beginning of this year URCSA Cape's theology students, especially the first years, were welcomed at Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Theology during a special communion service in the chapel.

The service was led by Rev. Pieter Grove, moderator of URCSA Cape Synod. His message was inspired by 2 Cor 4:1-6. Dr. Natie Philander, URCSA's administrator of the curatorium, assisted him in serving the communion.

May your studies be a wonderful journey as you get to know the context and deeper meaning of the gospel of Christ over the next few years.

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*The welcome ceremony at the chapel.*

## Reuse-uitdaging van VGK Kaapland: Vakante gemeentes



“Vakante gemeentes is een van ons grootste uitdagings.” Só is onlangs tydens die kern- en ondersteuningsbedieninge van die VGK Kaapland se strategiese beplanningssessie by Belhar besluit.

Ds Stephen Pedro, nuut-aangestelde PSD (Predikant in Sinodale Diens) by Getuienisaksie sedert 1 Mei vanjaar en en verantwoordelik vir die Taakspan Getuienis deur Gemeentes, sal veral fokus op toerusting en opleiding om dié uitdaging van vakante gemeentes te help aanspreek. Hy sal ook diens lewer aan die Diensgroep: Gemeentebegeleiding/Communitas met die fokus op ondersteuning aan VGK-gemeentes.

“Dis egter geen eenvoudige taak nie,” sê Stephen, “Meer as 50% van VGK-gemeentes in Kaapland is vakant. Dit is deel van 'n groter uitdaging. Ons sal in samehang met die vraag na vakante gemeentes ook moet antwoorde soek op vrae soos of ons kerkbeskouing en ons verstaan en implementering van die ampte van die kerk nog relevant en voldoende is vir die uitdagings waarmee gemeentes op grondvlak worstel. Dien dit nog ons gemeentes? Is ons opleiding van predikante relevant tot die tyd en konteks waarbinne gemeentes hul vandag bevind? Fokus kerkrade en leraars (met

die ondersteuning van ringe en sinodale strukture) genoegsaam op die Bybelse riglyn in Efesiërs 4: Dat die leraar en leiers, as gawes aan die kerk, gelowiges moet toerus vir hul dienswerk?

Ds Pedro verduidelik verder: “Het dit nie tyd geword dat die VGK meer moet maak van tentmakerbediening nie? Ons predikante moet dalk afstudeer met meer as net die kwalifikasie om as predikant in 'n gemeente te werk. 'n Groot aantal gemeentes kan nie voltydse predikante bekostig nie en alternatiewe maniere moet oorweeg word van hoe ons ons gemeentes kan bedien.

“Predikante moet op die Efesiërs 4-opdrag fokus en die gelowiges toerus vir hul dienswerk. Ander amptes soos dié van ouderling, diaken en veral die amp van gelowige moet groter erkenning in die kerk kry.

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## Tradisie by Messiaanse Jode

“Dit is nie die Jode wat die Sabbat deur die eeue in stand gehou het nie – dit is die Sabbat wat die Jode in stand gehou het.” So lui ’n bekende Joodse spreekwoord.

Dit is een van die redes waarom Messiaans-Joodse gemeentes oor die hele wêreld op die Sabbat vir eredienste bymekaar kom en waarom hulle Joodse tradisies in hulle manier van aanbidding behou.

*Beit Ariel*, die Messiaans-Joodse gemeente in Kaapstad waarby Simcha Bediening aan Jode inskakel, volg hierdie tradisie. Die hoof-erediens word gehou op Vrydagaand (wanneer die Sabbat begin), gevvolg deur die tweede diens op Saterdagoggend.

Vir elke Sabbat is daar ’n voorgeskrewe Skrifgedeelte. Elke jaar word die eerste vyf boeke van die Ou Testament (die Tora) deurgelees saam met gedeeltes uit die res van die Ou Testament. Messiaanse Jode volg hierdie gebruik, maar voeg ’n gedeelte uit die Nuwe Testament by. Op die Sabbat word ’n gedeelte van die Hebreeuse teks uit ’n outentiese Tora-rol gelees (met mondelinge vertalings in Engels) waarop ’n bespreking van die gedeelte volg: Wat sê die Here deur sy Woord vir sy mense? Hoe moet ons dit verstaan? Hoe moet ons dit toepas? Watter ligwerp die Nuwe Testament daarop?

Die tweede tradisie wat omtrent alle Messiaans-Joodse gemeentes hou, is die viering van Joodse feeste (wat eintlik Bybelse feeste is) en waarvan die meeste ’n Nuwe Testamentiese voortsetting het. Die bekendste is *Pesag*, wat ons as Paasfeesken – ’n ete waarby spesiale disse Israel se verlossing uit Egipte

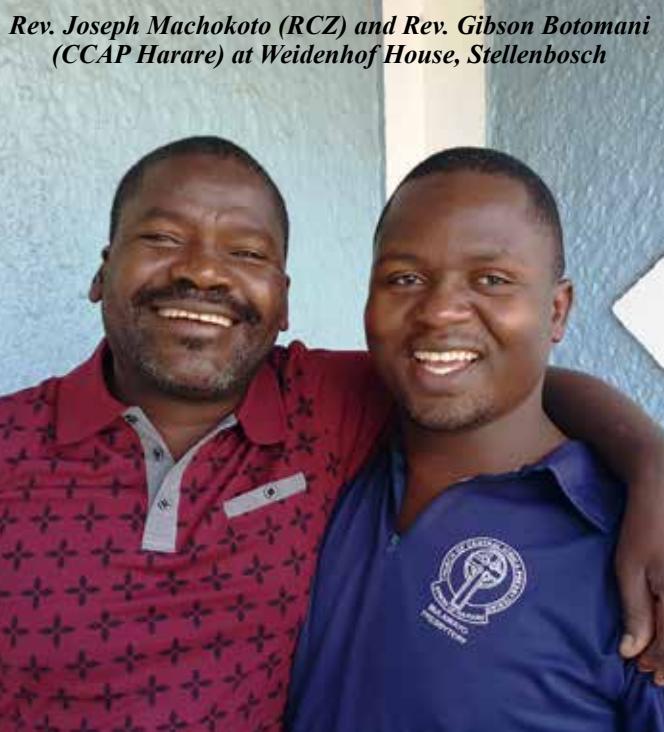


*Lidmate lees uit die Tora (Ou Testament) by ’n erediens in die Messiaans-Joodse gemeente, Beit Ariel, Kaapstad.*

herdenk. Jesus het dié tradisie voortgesit toe hy gevra het dat sy dood en opstanding by die eet van Paas-brood en die drink van van wyn herdenk moet word.

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## Post-graduate students from Zimbabwe at Stellenbosch



*Rev. Joseph Machokoto (RCZ) and Rev. Gibson Botomani (CCAP Harare) at Weidenhof House, Stellenbosch*

It is always a heart-warming experience to meet brothers and sisters from our sister churches when they come all the way from their different countries in Africa to do their post-graduate studies at Stellenbosch University. What a privilege to have them with us!

At the moment there are two of them from Zimbabwe – Rev. Joseph Machokoto from the RCZ (Reformed Church in Zimbabwe) and Rev. Gibson Botomani from the CCAP (Church in Central Africa Presbyterian Harare Synod, with their origin in Malawi).

Rev. Botomani is from the CCAP Norton Congregation and also the National Youth Director of the CCAP in Harare. He is busy with his PGD (Post-graduate Diploma), specialising in Youth Ministry. He is married to Rejoice, a teacher, and they have three sons: Lesley, Limbani and Alinafe.

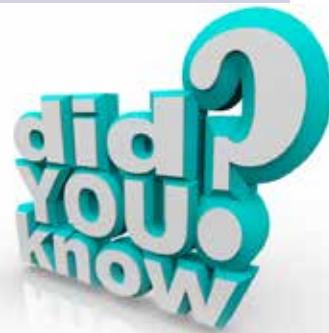
Rev. Machokoto is from the RCZ Masvingo and also the supervisor of the RCZ’s farms. He is currently busy with his MTh in Practical Theology, specialising in Community Development. He is married to Tsitsi and they have two girls and one boy: Tatenda and Washington are twins and Caroline is the youngest. May God bless your studies and may it give you great insight and wisdom in your various ministries.

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# Impacting the lives of Malawian women

How does it happen that an ordinary Malawian girl grows up to engage with members of her country's parliament and present the topic of "Women inclusion in decision-making positions in the public sector" at seminars with the Human Resource Management, the Development Department of Government, and others?

Dr Phoebe Chifungo obtained her PhD in Practical Theology at Stellenbosch University in 2014 and the topic of her thesis was 'Women in the CCAP Nkhoma Synod: A Practical Theological Study of their leadership roles.' Since the completion of her studies she has been teaching women in the church how valuable they are in the eyes of God.

She has been consulted by the Evangelical Association of Malawi and the Norwegian Church Aid to facilitate at seminars where they sensitise church leaders on the rights of women and on issues of gender-based violence. She has also been involved in writing a training manual aimed at informing and teaching people about women's rights against gender-based violence.

Phoebe was running the above-mentioned Women Inclusion Project as an advocacy manager of the CCAP Nkhoma Synod and Society Department in 2016/2017. She was mainly involved in making sure that the recruiting bodies in the government and parastatal bodies include women in decision-making positions. She was also involved in encouraging women to upgrade themselves in terms of education if they want to be in decision-making positions. Their main tools were the

results of her studies and section 11 of the Gender Equality Act of the Malawian government.

Phoebe comes from a Christian family, but with a patriarchal background where females are not highly valued. As if this wasn't enough, she also discovered that the church was not women-friendly.

These personal struggles and the degrading perception and attitude of the church and society towards women motivated her to come to Stellenbosch where she was mainly supported by the DRC Kenridge and Witness Ministry to

first do her Post Graduate Diploma, then her MTh and finally her PhD.

She also works as a part time adjunct lecturer at African Bible College in Lilongwe, where she teaches master's degree students, and at Malawi Assemblies of God University, where she teaches Christian leadership, philosophy, missiology and New Testament to undergraduate students.

May you never cease to impact the lives of women, Phoebe.

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*Dr. Phoebe Chifungo (right) shaking hands with the First Lady of Malawi, Gertrude Mutharika. She was the guest speaker on the topic, 'Woman of Excellence'.*

## Raak deel van die Zithulele Venootskap, Oos-Kaap



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'n Groot vuur brand net as daar 'n lekker klomp hout op 'n hoop saamvlamvat. Daarom is venootskappe so belangrik.

Die Zithulele-venootskap (<http://getuienis.christians.co.za/zithulele-venootskap/>) bestaan tans uit die VGK Zithulele en die NG kerke van Kenridge, Sonstraal, Somerstrand, Dias en Joubertina. Hulle werf graag nuwe nuwe vennote, bv Durbanville-Bergsig.

**Die besoek wat vir 2018 beplan word is: 23 Junie tot 8 Julie** (week 1 geanker deur NGK Kenridge; week 2 geanker deur NGK Durbanville-Bergsig). Besoekers is welkom om saam te gaan met die oog op bevestiging en uitbreiding van die venootskap: Kontak Johann du Plessis by [johdup@netactive.co.za](mailto:johdup@netactive.co.za). Die ander week is in September/Oktōber (geanker deur NGK Sonstraal) – besoekers kan Andries Cilliers kontak by [andries@apcilliers.co.za](mailto:andries@apcilliers.co.za).

Tydens besoek word verskillende projekte aangepak, nl. 'n winterskool by Sea View Sekondêre Skool (vir Graad 11), leesprojekte vir laerskoolkinders (saam met Axium), skakeling met die gemeente (vroue- en jeugprojek, asook eredienste) en bouprojekte.

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# Mobiele Kliniek in Mosambiek juig oor medisyne!

“Wat ’n voorreg om na twee jaar weer rustig op Vila Ulóngué (Noordwes-Mosambiek) te kon kuier vir veertien dae!” So sê Helen Meyer wat voorheen daar as gemeenskapsverpleegsuster gewerk het en in Desember weer daar op besoek was.

“Ek het heerlik gebly en is bederf met etes en geskenke van piesangs, eiers, grondbontjies en nog meer!”

Die Mobiele Kliniek, wat destyds deur Helen begin is, is steeds volstoom aan die gang met Dausse Nthenga, Jaluma Johasse en Lucrecia Avora in die span.

Helen vertel verder: “Ons kon baie tyd spandeer om al hul probleme te bespreek, ook saam met *pastor* Nobre wat nou die algemene sekretaris van ons sisterskerk daar, die IRM (Igreja Reformada em Moçambique) Mphatso Sinode is.

“Hulle besoek maandeliks tien klinike (waarvan die meeste op afgeleë plekke is) elke Maandag, Woendag en Vrydag onder moeilike omstandighede. Die vroue stap baie ver en moet soms oornag om betyds by die kliniek te kom. Meer as 2 300 kinders word dan geweeg en swanger vroue word ondersoek. Die babas kry ook al hul inspuitings volgens hulle groeikaarte (wat hulle soos goud oppas – as die huis brand, is dit die eerste ding wat hulle sal gryp!). Die span bring ook elke ooggend ’n boodskap uit die Bybel aan die mense wat dit andersins nooit sou hoor nie.



“Een groot probleem is dat hulle die afgelope jare geen medisyne meer van die regering kon kry nie, so as daar ’n doodskiek kind is, staan hulle magteloos. Vorige pleidooie by die owerhede was vrugtelos as gevolg van finansiële tekorte.

“Hierdie keer het *pastor* Nobre saam met my en Daussie na die direkteur van die hospitaal gegaan waar ons baie goed ontvang is. Hy het ook sowaar

toestemming gegee dat die Mobiele Kliniek medisyne kon bestel van die hospitaal! Hy het sy dank uitgespreek oor die goeie werk wat die Mobiele Kliniek doen en wil selfs hê dat hulle na nog twee areas moet gaan – wat ’n gebedsverhoring!”

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## NBI the current growth point of CAVA's ministry in Zimbabwe

“CAVA’s (Christian Audio-visual Action) leadership programme, NBI (Nehemiah Bible Institute), has really been drawing a lot of interest from church leaders and members alike,” says Rev. Gerard Breytenbach, manager of CAVA in Harare, Zimbabwe.

“We even had a graduation ceremony inside one of our prisons the other day for inmates that have completed the course. It brings tears to one’s eyes to see the transformation that God brings about within the prison walls. There is such a hunger for more of the Word and greater

leadership skills that we can safely say that NBI is currently the growth point of CAVA’s ministry.

“In light of this the executive decided during a strategic planning session that NBI will become the hub of CAVA. Effectively that means that CAVA’s literature will remain, but the focus will be on moving as much of the literature to and through the NBI students and churches. It is still early days, but we are excited about what the Lord will do.”

Please pray that CAVA will retain and improve its effectiveness and that God will continue to bless them with more supporters so that the ministry may grow.

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*NBI students at a graduation ceremony*

# URCSA MSINGA creates hope for the future

Nhlalakahle's youth got a jump start for their post Grade 12 futures like never before! Where their pass rate had always been very low (sometimes as low as 12 %), it increased to about 40% in 2017 and five of the students passed with matriculation exemption. This is great news!

But how did it happen? These school children were used to tribal fights that disrupted the school and they often had to attend classes with guns to protect themselves. This enormous change came about as a result of the impact of the "Transformers", the youth leaders who inspire and support these school children on a regular basis. After one year of weekly visits, a grade 12 camp, a second camp and the annual outreaches from Bredasdorp many children's futures look much brighter.

The youth workers plan to reach one thousand teenagers during camp outreaches this year and have already received 500 Zulu Bibles to hand out during that time.

We pray for Khanyisane Mbhata, an unemployed young man who started volunteering with the youth programme a few years ago, underwent training, and devoted himself to youth work (without payment) for more than three years.

Luckily we could appoint him as part-time youth worker for Nhlalakahle from the beginning of 2017. He goes to Nhlalakahle for two days each week where he visits the schools, offers life skills programmes and then sees to it that these children attend youth camps. The Grade 12 camp is already an annual event, but two junior schools are now also involved.

We pray for Khanyisane Mbhata (who does his work with great enthusiasm) and we thank God for Sihle Madonsela, one of the volunteer youth workers who works as youth evangelist and counsellor. He has a major influence on many teenage boys.

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*Khanyisani Mbatha with women of URCSA uThukela Presbytery's management team; he is the chairman of the Youth Ministry.*

## Landbou in die Oos-Kaap



*Wiehann van Zyl saam met van die kleinboere afgeneem in die pragtige Oos-Kaapse landskap*

Landbou en die grondkwessie is tans op almal se lippe. By die SPG (Sentrum vir Publieke Getuienis) wil ons graag die saak positief aanpak. Daarom was ons betrokke by die fasilitering van 'n gesprek tussen boere van Loeriesfontein en kleinboere in die Oos-Kaap (ou Transkei) om 'n gesamentlike projek op 200 ha grond oor die volgende vyf jaar te dryf. Die kontrak is in Februarie onderteken. Daar was al voorheen suksesvolle gesamentlike landbouprojekte in die Oos-Kaap, maar die meeste het na 1994 tot stilstand gekom. Na die SPG se "Courageous Conversations" in PE, Oos-Londen en Mthatha is agtergekom dat die klimaat verander het en dat daar inderdaad nou 'n groter openheid vir vennootskappe is.

Die Van Zyl-familie het die afgelope seisoen kleinboere, wat onlangs grond op Pella ontvang het, gehelp om duisende waatlemoene te produseer. Hulle gaan ook nou in die Oos-Kaap betrokke raak. Ons hoop om ook vennootskappe met landboumaatskappye te sluit. Gesprekke met georganiseerde landbou en die provinsiale regering word ook beplan.

Die potensiaal in die Oos-Kaap is enorm, maar dit is nie net die landboupotensiaal nie, dit is ook die potensiaal om deur hierdie vennootskappe nuwe verhoudinge in die landbou, maar ook tussen verskillende gemeenskappe in Suid-Afrika te bou. Die langtermynvisie is om 'n landbou-opleidingsentrum te vestig. Op die stadium kyk ons na mielies en bees, so 15 km van Mthatha. Ons kyk na winsdeling, maar in die eerste jaar sal dit hoofsaaklik 'nloodsprojek sonder enige winsmotief wees waarby die Hoop en Versoening Trust betrokke gaan wees.

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## Gordonsbaai gooi hul arms wyd oop, want dis ons ALMAL se kinders!

Hoe kry 'n gemeente dit reg dat voorheen-onbetrokke mense van die straat af instroom omdat hulle in hierdie warm en verwelkomende tuiste 'n ervaring van "belonging" beleef?

Wilma le Roux van Gordonsbaai Gemeente vertel: "Na die finale oefening laatmiddag, net voor hulle sou optree by die Kerssangdiens in ons nuwe Lofsentrum (wat nabij 'n informele behuisingsarea geleë is), het die kinders op die gras voor die sentrum gespeel. 'n Aantal seuns uit die area, almal tussen Graad 1 en 7, het saam kom balskop op die gras. Hulle is toe genoeg om saam koffie te kom drink en het op die ou end ook saam kom sing op die verhoog.

"Die Sondag daarna was hulle al om agtuur (nog voor die gebou behoorlik oopgesluit is) daar en het gou reggestaan vir die koffie en koekies (soms ook toebroodjies) wat voor en na elke diens beskikbaar is.

"Sedertdien het daar nog maatjies bygekom en is hulle elke Sondag daar, of dit nou vakansietyd of kwartaaltyd is, en almal is ingeskakel by die groepies van

ons kinderbediening wat met mentors werk. Hier en daar help die tannies nog met 'drink eers gou 'n paar slukkies voor jy loop, anders mors ons', maar hulle is gou om nuwelinge trots te wys waar die drommetjie is 'want ons kerk recycle mos'!"

"Ook het twee dogtertjies wat nabij die Lofsentrum woon (een Engels-sprekend) gesien daar gaan iets by die nuwe gebou aan en het hulle kom vra of hulle ook daarheen mag kom. So het

hulle ook volledig ingeskakel en is getrouelike Sondag daar, sonder dat hul ouers enigsins in die prentjie was.

"Dis wonderlik hoe die Heilige Gees werk dat hierdie kinders by ons 'n tuiste gevind het. Hierdie nuwe spasie skep spesiale Godsonmoetings waarvoor niemand beplan het nie – dis absoluut van Bo."

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## Straatwerk changes lives – even at 99!



*Straatwerk OPHELP Projekte* (<http://straatwerk.org.za/vision/>) help desperate and destitute individuals to earn cash in hand by means of honest work (as an alternative to begging, theft and other criminal activities).

Mr Leonard Ethelbert (99 years) is staying in the residential facility of Straatwerk, Beth Shalom, in Woodstock and is one of the people who got new energy and a new meaning for his life with the help of Straatwerk and its partners.

One of Straatwerk's partners is GCID (Groote Schuur Community Improvement District: <http://www.gcid.co.za/>). Ingrid Frieslaar and Monique Daniels, GCID's outreach manager and office administrator respectively, took Mr Ethelbert to Canal Walk Shopping Centre on 14 December 2017 and assisted him in choosing his new wardrobe (clothing, shoes and accessories) at Markham's.

Six months before, in July 2017, Mr Ethelbert could not go to church anymore because he was too weak, but on his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday (Monday 25 December 2017) Mr Ethelbert got up, got dressed in his new suit and was collected by his church friends to attend the Christmas Service and be congratulated on his distinguished birthday!

A little more than a week after that, he could do a shift at *Ophelp Projekte* in Mowbray again, after a year's absence due to poor health.

After these miracles, Ingrid Frieslaar entered Mr Ethelbert into the TFG (The Foschini Group) Festive Drive Competition under the "Special Occasion" category.

Mr Ethelbert's life story was sent to the TFG representative and he won first prize for his 99th birthday – a R25 000.00 TFG gift voucher!

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**Left: Mr Ethelbert in his brand new suit**

# MEMBER CARE vir ons sendelinge



Marina Prins

MEMBER CARE SOUTHERN AFRICA  
“... is a missions support organisation, involved in the care of missionaries.” So verduidelik hul webwerf by <http://www.memcare.co.za/>.

Marina Prins is die bestuurder van Member Care Southern Africa, World Outreach (<https://world-outreach.com/>) se Member Care-koördineerder vir Afrika en Member Care-koördineerder vir die Movement for African National Initiatives (<http://maniafrica.com/>).

Hier in Suid-Afrika het hulle reeds 'n sendelingsversorgingsnetwerk begin wat gereeld in Wellington byeenkom. Tydens hierdie byeenkomste fokus hulle eerstens op die praktiese: om die sendelinge te laat rus en hulle weer die energie te help gee wat hulle nodig het vir hul werk as hulle teruggaan, of wat nodig is vir sendelinge wat permanent terugkeer – vir die aanpassing terug in Suid-Afrika.

Hiervoor het die netwerk 'n dringende

behoefte aan mense wat hul gaste- of vakansiehuise vir 'n paar dae aan hierdie sendelinge kan beskikbaar stel, asook 'n behoefte aan mediese dienste, ens.

Tweedens is die doel van hierdie byeenkomste om die sendelinge geestelik en emosioneel te ondersteun. Hierin kan gemeentes van groot hulp en waarde wees; kyk gerus of julle dalk kan help.

Die goeie nuus is dat Marina beplan om haar MA-graad in Member Care wat sy onlangs deur *Redcliffe College* in samewerking met die *University of Gloucestershire*, Engeland verwerf het, as verkorte weergawe in 'n boek te publiseer. Sy beplan ook om dit later as werkswinkelmateriaal te ontwikkel.

Marina sal in September die Global Member Care Network Konferensie in Quito in Ecuador bywoon.

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## BOOKS for AFRICA!

Stellenbosch University and many of the other NetACT institutions have recently received books from TBN (Theological Book Network), an institution that supports Christian educational institutions with theological resources.

Six boxes of books were delivered to the Faculty of Theology. They have also received 3 terabytes of electronic books which they will share with their 40+ partner theological institutions in Africa via NetACT's Internet Portal. What a great gift!

It was with great excitement that they unpacked the boxes, read through the titles and paged through the indexes. The books have been catalogued by the library personnel and are now being displayed on a separate shelf in the Theology library.

TBN has also sent books to theological institutions in Malawi and Nigeria, thanks to NetACT who helped to organize it.

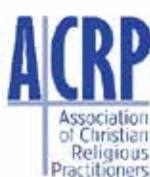
Read more at <https://www.thetheologicalbooknetwork.org>.

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Brandina Mbaya, 3rd year BTh student



An accreditation at SAQA (South African Qualifications Authority) provides any training programme with credibility. That is why the recent accreditation of ACRP (Association of Christian Religious Practitioners) is such big news!

ACRP represents a wide range of denominations in South Africa. Dr Danie van Zyl (previous manager of Sokhanya Bible School) is currently responsible for the development of quality control standards and procedures for the training programmes at Bible schools, as well as the development

of PQ (Part Qualifications) and CPD (Continuous Professional Development) programmes. They recently launched a series of implementation workshops across the country. Danie is also updating and amending the Sokhanya programme so that it adheres to the prescribed training components and standards.

Danie explains, “After many years of endless efforts to get Bible School training formalised, it has now become a reality. ACRP is authorized to manage all training of persons working in churches and Christian organizations who want to obtain a national qualification on a pre-tertiary level. ACRP assists in the registration of Bible schools and institutions that operate on this level with the Quality Council for Trades and

Occupations (QCTO). ACRP is also responsible for the quality control of all such training and for managing CPD (Continuous Professional Development) programmes.

“The courses offered by the Nehemiah Bible Institute (NBI) in Wellington are working towards accreditation. The current CLDP (Christian Leadership Development Program ) and MDP (Ministry Development Program ) will be combined into a NQF 5 qualification and the Sokhanya course (SBP) a NQF 2 qualification. The potential for this new development is huge and an answer to prayer.”

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# Human Trafficking: Cape Town's untold story



Dane du Plessis at TEDxCape Town

Dane du Plessis has a passion for his work at Biblia Harbour Mission in Cape Town. He cares a lot about the welfare of seafarers and very often helps to make us aware of the miserable conditions many of these fishers have to live and work in.

Last year he was invited by TEDxCape Town to talk about human trafficking in the fishing industry.

"Would you like to travel and earn US dollars? You could earn \$450 per month for 2 years and we will send the money to your family." This is how many poor people from Southeast Asia are recruited into the fishing business by the Taiwanese and Chinese mafia.

Dane has been working at Biblia for five years now. He meets exploited people in this industry all the time and their living conditions on these vessels are horrible. There are also serious consequences when you don't comply with what the captain says – you will be beaten, tortured and abused.

The UN (United Nations) names seven signs to identify human trafficking of fishermen: movements are controlled

(passports and contracts are not in their possession), injuries, working excessively long hours (38 to 48 hours shifts), lacking access to medical care, bonded by debt and acting on the basis of false promises (they will be sent home and at arrival discover that no money was transferred).

Dane loves being a Capetonian, "We are so diverse in our culture! I am super mixed, but I like it; it doesn't bind me to a race. I feel a little bit of Indonesian, Philipino, black and white, so therefore this problem is also my problem! We can't live in a society where the rich exploit the poor for capital gain.

Watch the video at <https://youtube/IR1PyJLvd10>.

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## 360 jaar in die Sendingveld; 1 500 – 1 700 lewensjare!



Die groep oud-sendelinge by verlede jaar se afsluitingsgeleentheid in die Strand.

"Die oud-sendelinge (die meeste van Malawi en soms een of twee van Mosambiek of Zimbabwe) kom gereeld die eerste Saterdag van die maand bymekaar om die jongste nuus oor die verskillende sendingvelder te deel en dan in groepies saam daarvoor te bid," vertel dr Chris Blignaut, afgetrede oogdokter van Nkhoma Hospitaal in Malawi.

"Die byeenkomste word gewoonlik by Zikomo in die Strand gehou en soms by iemand aan huis, óf in die Strand óf in Bellville. Die huisvrouw voorsien koffie of tee en in die winter soms sop. Vir middagete bring elkeen iets wat saam gepoel word en daar word heerlik saam geëet en gekuier.

"Tydens verlede jaar se afsluitings-

funksie was daar 'n rekordopkoms van 22 (gewoonlik is dit maar so 15 of 16). Selfs Henoch en Marlene Schoeman van Pretoria en AnnaMarie de Klerk van Malawi was hier. Marieta Nel kom gereeld van so ver as Piketberg, Corrie Botes van Kleinmond en Petro Humphries vanaf Bellville met Deon en Ester Retief. Madel Human en Genie Reyneke (wat die siekeboeg van haar aftreeoor vir die dag vaarwel gesê het, en ongelukkig intussen oorlede is) was ook daar. Sy was dan ook die oudste, naamlik 'n hele 96 jaar! Ander negentigerjariges was Kittie Smit (91) en Sannie Malan (90) met Hercules so 'n kortkop agter haar op 89.

"Op die groepfoto wat ons geneem het, is dit net 'n see van gryskoppe, behalwe drie wat ook dreig-dreig om daardie mylpaal te bereik. As mens die jare optel wat almal in die sendingveld was, beloop dit so om en by 360 jaar. Ek het nie gewaag om die ouderdomme bymekaar te tel nie, maar bereken rofweg dat dit érens tussen 1 500 en 1 700 lewensjare moet wees."

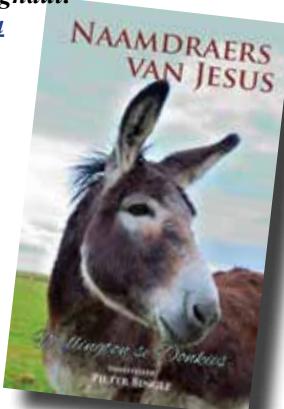
Ons dank die Here vir julle elkeen wat jul lewens gewy het in diens van die Koninkryk in Afrika en dit nog steeds ondersteun.

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## Nuwe publikasie beskikbaar by Christelike Lektuurfonds

*Naamdraers van Jesus – Wellington se Donkies*. Hulle was 'n uitsonderlike groep evangeliebedienaars. Hierdie boek vertel die verhaal van die 567 Donkies wat in die loop van 85 jaar by die Sendinginstituut op Wellington afgestudeer het. Hulle het die naam van Christus en die evangelie oor grense heen met ongeëwenaarde ywer gedra.

Nagenoeg 135 Donkies se persoonlike verhaal en bedieninge is in *Naamdraers van Jesus* opgeteken. Prys R350.00 (posgeld uitgesluit). Bestel by CLF by [order@clf.co.za](mailto:order@clf.co.za) of 021 873 6964.



# Vissers weer terug op Morgenster, Zimbabwe

"Ons is diep dankbaar oor ds Aalt en Anneke Visser van Nederland wat weer vir twee en 'n half jaar terug is op Morgenster in Zimbabwe," sê Susan Murray, vrou van wyle Henry Murray wat rektor, visie-rektor en dosent by die kweekskool was.

Aalt was voorheen vir vyf jaar dosent in Ou Testament aan die Murray Teologiese Kollege van ons sisterskerk, die RCZ (Reformed Church in Zimbabwe).

Hierdie keer is hy deur die GZB (Gereformeerde Zendingbond), 'n sending-

ondersteuningsorganisasie in Nederland, gestuur om Henry Murray se werk as Missiologie-dosent voort te sit.

Aalt sal terselfdertyd ook as sendingkonsultant vir die GZB Venootskap dien.

Hulle is met die intrapslag getref deur die ernstige impak van die swak ekonomiese en aanhoudende droogte van die afgelope jare op die maatskaplike en kerklike lewe in Zimbabwe. Plaaslike predikante van die RCZ, sowel as dosente by die kweekskool, moet dikwels

maande sonder salaris werk. Sommige studente kan ook nie hul studies voortsit nie weens gebrek aan finansiële steun van hul tuigemeentes.

Tog getuig Aalt en Anneke van hoop en vertroue wat steeds deurskemer in die gebede en getuienis van die plaaslike lidmate! Hulle skryf: "Wij vinden het een voorrecht daar deel van uit te maken. God is hier aan het werk onder die mensen. Verborgen soms, onzichtbaar, maar ook tastbaar, onder meer in die numerieke groei van de kerk."



*Aalt en Anneke Visser*

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## Makhathini's inspirational care workers



*Mrs Mohale*

The care workers on Makhathini flats are doing tremendously good work! These care workers, who were trained at ACAT (Africa Cooperation Action Trust) in Howick, are working as volunteers in their communities.

One of their focuses is to continually identify orphans who do not receive grants and serve them with food parcels. Currently there are about 140 identified orphans.

The care workers are also trained to care for sick people in their homes, and in doing so they educate the community in basic health care, trauma counselling and counselling for the dying. Most of their clients are HIV infected people or people who are suffering at home because of cancer.

They say that many people do not have food to eat and end up being very sick because they cannot use their tablets without eating something.

Mrs Mohale, one of the care workers, started two support groups at her house: one group is for elderly people who come together every Thursday to make *canci's* (riet mats) the other group is for HIV infected people who are gathering together every Tuesday to make traditional clothes and souvenirs decorated with bead work.

They started to save money from their monthly grants and with this money they bought the beads. Nowadays they have enough money to buy beads because of the income they generate from selling their self-made products.

It is inspiring to visit Mrs Mohale at her house while she is sharing her passion for supporting those who are suffering in her community.

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### In Memoriam

**Coetzee, Gert:** Hy was faktotum by die hospitaal op Zithulele in die Transkei. Hy kon enige motor of masjien herstel. Hy het ook elke oggend die pasiënte geestelik bedien. Na sy vrou se dood het hy by sy kinders in die Vrystaat gaan woon.

**Du Preez, Tinka:** Sy was die vrou van prof Jannie du Preez wat in die sesigerjare dosent by De Colligny Teologiese skool naby Umtata, en later senior lektor en professor in Sendingwetenskap by die Fakulteit Teologie, Universiteit Stellenbosch was. Sy het toe vir 'n tyd as tikster by die fakulteit gewerk.

**Delpont, Thys:** Sy eerste gemeente (1959) was die destydse NG Gemeente in Fort Jameson, (later Chipata) in Noordos-Rhodesië (Zambië). Vanaf 1962 was hy sendeling in die Vrystaat-sending in Zambië op Merwe Sendingstasie en daarna het hy ook Nyanga bedien. In 1965 is hy terug in die NG Kerk by Verkeerdevlei en vanaf 1970 was hy in Virginia-Wes. Hy emeriteer in 1995.

**Joubert (née Knott), Sustine:** Sy werk vir 2 jaar as maatskaplike werker by Lichtenburg en is daarna vir 16 jaar betrokke by die NG Sending in Zimbabwe. Sedert haar huwelik met Hannes Joubert in 1965 staan sy hom by met Soteria ('n Bybelskool in Harare), 'n nuwe tak van die Dorothea Sending. In 1975 keer die egaar terug na Suid-Afrika as superintendent van die ou Bybelskool, "Dorothea", waar hulle toekomstige evangeliste opgelei het. Sy tree op 70 af in 1996.

**Minnaar, Marius:** Hy was die jongste broer van ds Kobus Minnaar. Hy het by die garage-werkswinkel op Nkhoma (Malawi) gewerk. Kobus en Marius is albei in Malawi gebore, seuns van ds JW Minnaar (Jonathan Willem – algemeen bekend as oom Naat) wat van 1927 tot sy aftrede in 1961 in Malawi gewerk het.

**Orffer, Francois:** Hy is in 1952 as sendeling na Negerië (Soedansending) en vanaf 1964 was hy leraar in die NG Kerk in Afrika Maclear. In 1968 het hy beide die NG Sendingkerk asook die NG Kerk in Afrika in Burgersdorp bedien. Vanaf 1976 tot met sy aftrede in 1992 was hy by die NG Sendingkerk in De Doorns werkzaam. Hy het vanaf 1937 die Ou Testament in Tiv ('n taal in Negerië) vertaal en dit 12 jaar later voltooi. Sy seun, André, is predikant in Oudtshoorn-Wes.

**Retief, Bertrand:** Hy was Deon Retief se jongste broer wat onder ander vir die SA ambassade in Londen en later by verskilende banke gewerk het.

**Reyneke, Genie:** Sy was die vrou van George Reyneke wat vir baie jare as tesourier die kerk en sending in Malawi se finansies bestuur het en ook 'n belangrike rol gespeel het met die oorgangsproses in die vroeë-1960's.

**Steyn, Theo:** Hy is gebore op Morgenster, Zimbabwe. Hy was 'n onderwyser en later skolebestuurder. Hy was ook dosent by die Onderwyskollege op Morgenster. Sy pa was dr Tommy Steyn en sy oupa was AA Louw, die pioniersendeling van Morgenster in Zimbabwe.

# Stellenbosch se Internasionale Studente Bediening

"Many international students come from restricted countries where missionaries cannot go. Because they have left families behind, they are open to new friendships and the gospel," vertel een van die internasionale studente op Stellenbosch.

Ds Jurie Goosen van die Internasionale Studente Bediening verduidelik: "Tradisioneel het die kerk aan getuienis gedink net as om sendelinge na ander lande te stuur, maar God bring nou die nasies van Afrika en ander vastelande na ons Stellenbosch-kampus deur internasionale studente."

Die Universiteit Stellenbosch het meer as 4 200 internasionale studente van 110 lande, hoofsaaklik nagraads. Baie internasionale studente is die room van hul lande en toekomstige leiers; dis dus strategies om hulle te bereik met die evangelie.

In Chinese wetenskaplike skryf oor sy ervaring van gelowiges op Stellenbosch: "It was because of you and through your love that I got to know Jesus and the truth of the Bible. Finally I accepted Him as my Saviour. My wife and son did too."

Jurie verduidelik: "Daar is groot begrip vir ons buitelandse studente se behoefté aan 'om te behoort'. Om hulle hiermee te help, ondersteun die Internasionale Studente Bediening



**Dr Joseph Sempa van Uganda ontvang sy PhD. Sy vrou, Doreen, en dogter, Michaela, het van Kampala gekom vir die geleentheid. Joseph is deel van die leierskorps van Stellenbosch International Fellowship.**

hulle deur 'n Engelstalige erediens (Stellenbosch International Fellowship) Sondagoggende aan te bied by die Khaya om 11:00, 'n ondersteuningsgroep vir vroue, Bybelstudies en kampe."

Jurie en Magdaleen Goosen en medewerkers is verantwoordelik vir die bediening. Dis 'n geloofaksie en al die

voltydse werkers is vir hul lewensonderhoud en bedieningsuitgawes afhanklik van vrywillige bydraes – oorweeg asseblief om as voorbidder en donateur betrokke te raak.

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## Devastation of Nigeria killings



**A mass burial in Benue State**

Rev. Peter Azuana from our sister church in Nigeria sends us regular updates about the Fulani killings of their people, especially in the Benue State, where our sister church, the NKST, is suffering a great deal because of these killings.

Rev. Caleb Ahima, the president of TEKAN (*Tarayyar Ekklesiyan Kristi a Nigeria*, which is Hausa for the *Fellowship of Churches of Christ in Nigeria*), the largest Christian ecumenical body in Nigeria, has recently called on Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari to deport all Fulani immigrants killing Nigerians. He made the call during a press conference at TEKAN headquarters in Jos, Plateau State, shortly after its executive meeting.

"It is no longer news that most of the herdsmen who are attacking and killing Nigerians are illegal immigrants. We call on the federal government to send them back to wherever they came from."

He said it is on record that TEKAN headquarters was relocated from Adamawa to Jos, following persistent attacks and killing of its members.

The clergy condemned the abduction of Dapchi school girls, and urged federal government to ensure that the girls are rescued without further delay.

"While we commend government for the steps taken so far in rescuing the Dapchi school girls, we call on the federal government to ensure that the girls are rescued soon. We condemn the abduction; it is barbaric and inhuman."

The group also calls for the retrieval of illegal arms in the hands of civilians, particularly among militias, using arms and killing innocent Nigerians.

"For us to have relative peace, the federal government must ensure that it enforces the ban on the carrying and using of fire arms illegally by non-security personnel. All illegal arms in the hands of civilians, including herdsman, must be collected by government immediately," Rev. Ahima stressed.

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Bou netwerke, kry jou feite oor die kerk reg, word geïnspireer deur verskillende gestalte van 'n missionale kerk, maak weer kontak met ou vriende, wees ingelig oor ons NG Kerkfamilie se doen en late, ontvang die kerk se amptelike reaksies en mediaverklarings eerstehands, weet watter kollegas waar bedien of afree, leer ken nuwe bedieningsmoontlikhede, vergeet van moedeloosheid oor ons land of die kerk, geniet die vreugde van feestelike geleenthede in uiteenlopende baadjies getooi, skakel in by 'n gemeenskap wat van Communitas se "missionale ekklesiologie" tot Vanwyksdorp se basaar – en alles tussenin – op die hart dra!

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# The great influence of Biblecor India Ministries

"Our Lord enabled us to produce more leaders, evangelists, missionaries and pastors through Biblecor (Bible Correspondence Course) India ministries," says Rev. Sam Selva Raj of Echo of His Call Ministries in Chepauk, Chennai, India.

"We have Biblecor centres throughout India now. This has enabled us to reach a large number of students every month and we have students enrolled to study in the following languages: Tamil, English and Hindi. Whoever completes the Bible Correspondence Course is automatically receiving our 'Echo of His Call' monthly magazine (in their own language) and a Theological Correspondence Course application form.

"The centre's co-ordinator corresponds with the students and also meets with them for advice, prayers and counselling if needed. They procure students for the Bible Correspondence Course, Theological Correspondence Course and Nehemiah Bible College.

"One of our Biblecor students, Pastor Mani, completed the Theological Correspondence Course and joined our Nehemiah Bible College; he graduated in 2017. He is now an assistant pastor in our branch church at Balaji Nagar, 20 km from our headquarters. He will also be the co-ordinator for the Biblecor-Balaji Nagar Centre. Balaji Nagar is mostly populated with low income labourers.

"Some of our students completed Biblecor and wanted to start a church in that area, so we rent a place to conduct church services and we use it as a Biblecor centre as well. At present we have around five families attending the church on Sundays and 35 students attending Sunday school classes on Sunday evenings.

"May our Lord continue to bless our Biblecor India Ministry; please pray for our ministries."

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Church members at a service

## Sê 'nee' vir plastiekstrooitjies by restaurante, kafees, partytjies – oral!

Ons aanvaar dat dit nie meer nodig is om jou te oortuig dat Christene se getuienis 'n omgee vir die aarde en alle lewe daarin insluit nie. God gee vir die aarde om en daarom ons ook. En wat goed is vir die aarde, is goed vir die mens.

Elke jaar veroorsaak die mensdom wêreldwyd 2.12 biljoen ton se vaste afval (een ton is ongeveer 1 016 kg). As ons al hierdie afval op vragmotors, buffer teen buffer, sou laai, sou dit 24 keer om die aarde strek. Dit is ongeveer 306 144 km ver - 218 keer vanaf Kaapstad tot in Johannesburg met die N1.

Deel van die rede waarom ons so baie afval veroorsaak, is omdat 99% van al die dinge wat ons koop binne ses maande weggegooi word. Ons kan nie bybly met die verwerking van al die afval nie. Vreeslik baie hiervan beland in ons riviere en in die see en daar veroorsaak dit groot probleme vir die omgewing.

Die mens gebruik byvoorbeeld 500 miljoen plastiekstrooitjies elke dag. Dit is van die mees geværlike plastiekafval en hou 'n groot bedreiging in vir die lewe van diere in riviere en die see; hulle sien dit aan vir kos. En wanneer ons diere eet wat plastiek geëet het, kry ons ook die toksiene van die plastiek in. Een só 'n strooitjie het in 'n seeskilpad se neus beland. Wees gewaarsku; dis ontstellend, maar met 'n goeie einde: <http://bit.ly/2xRZMkJ> Wat kan ons doen?

- Koop minder goed. Spandeer minder tyd in winkels en meer tyd in die natuur.
- Gooi minder goed weg. Hergebruik alles wat jy kan.
- Hou op om plastiekstrooitjies te gebruik.



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