



Getuie Witness

2018 Semester 2

Getuienisaksie van die NG Kerkfamilie, Kaapstreek · Witness Ministry of the DR Church Family, Cape Region



Hoe behoort die kerk oor die gronddebat te dink?

Tydens 'n onlangse gesprek by die WCEN (*Western Cape Ecumenical Network*) het Max du Preez kerkleiers uitgedaag om hul lidmate na behore oor die gronddebat in te lig. Hier onder gee Braam Hanekom (Publieke Getuienis) 'n paar eenvoudige perspektiewe.

Suid-Afrika staar tans baie uitdagende ekonomiese werklikhede in die gesig. Ons mag nie naïef teenoor hierdie werklikhede staan nie. Leierskap moet egter dikwels meer as een uitdaging op 'n keer hanteer. Ons ekonomiese uitdagings én die noodsaak vir grondhervorming staan nie teenoor mekaar nie.

1. Die kerk behoort altyd as kerk, gerig vanuit die Skrif, te praat.

Beide die Ou – en Nuwe Testament praat baie en soms radikaal oor grond en besittings. *Feitlik al hierdie uitsprake is daarop gerig om armoede en ongelykheid te beveg en BALANS te herstel. Terwyl eiendomsreg ter sprake kom, praat die Bybel net soveel oor rentmeesterskap. Hoe bestuur ons God se besittings en gawes ten behoeve van die hele gemeenskap?*

Die Bybel praat baie oor waarheid, geregtigheid, eenheid en versoening.

Dit het ook hier konkrete implikasies. In onlangse toesprake het hoofregter Mogoeng Mogoeng herhaaldelik daarop gewys dat grondhervorming ten beste in eenheid sal slaag. Dit bly 'n uitdaging vir die kerk.

2. Moenie ons almal se uitdaging op die rekening van die boere alleen plaas nie.

Grondhervorming is deel van restitusie, maar restitusie strek veel wyer. Deur die gesprek tot boere en plase te verskraal, plaas ons onbedoeld die volle uitdaging op die rekening van die boere.

(vervolg bl. 5)

Restoring South Africa one bead at a time

As pastoral worker for Industrial Ministry in the bustling economy of Cape Town, Jaco Leeuwner is tasked with serving labourers in the industrial sector. Since several organisations already have established relationships with businesses in this sector, it made sense to form partnerships with them in collectively impacting and influencing places of work.

As one of these initiatives, Jaco was part of a group of 30 people from different forums that met recently at the Castle of Good Hope for a workshop on restitution in all sectors of society.

Here he met the inspirational Kate Ncisana of Khayelitsha, Cape Town. During apartheid she not only fought for justice, housing and free movement but also established her own beading business called Khanya Craft. Kate is also a founding member and Chairperson of Umoja Co-Operative. She runs beading workshops for the members, and is learning additional skills from the other women as well.

"Beading has become a way of life for me. I started beading when I was just eight years old, and since then I have achieved all my goals and more. I was able to give my children the education they deserved. Teaching people about the craft of beading will hopefully help them in the same way it has helped me. Time always runs faster than the eye can see, so I would like



Fltr: Romel Roberts, Kate Ncisana and Jaco Leeuwner

to turn this company into my retirement business."

A lot has been said about reconciliation since 1994, but how much have we as a nation really contributed towards the complimentary process of restoration? South Africa looks different since apartheid was abolished. Some use their newfound freedom to benefit economically while others are still experiencing the full blow of oppression, albeit unseen. The national government's display of greed and corruption is enough to throw one into utter despair, until you notice the exceptions like Kate, who make restitution not only about land and housing, but also about encouraging each other through sharing skills and knowledge.

Contact Jaco Leeuwner
jaco@worldatwork.net

Msinga – a missional church changing lives as God's hands and feet

The women of Msinga hail from different churches in various communities, but regularly unite in support of one another. They meet for Bible studies and encourage entrepreneurship by saving their own money and securing start-up funding for their businesses.

Partnering with ladies from Dutch NGO Bijzondere Noden, the women work through NGO **eThembeni Trust**, a joint project between the DRC and URCSA.

The ladies make bracelets in the colours of the Wordless Book. These evangelism tools are sent to the Netherlands and distributed among youth, serving to strengthen ties with Msinga, but also to create awareness for the work done in and for this community.

They were encouraged by a visit from the Dutch women's group in October, sharing faith stories and studying the Word together.

The ladies also pilot the RUMP project (Reusable Menstrual Pads) for teenage girls, linked to the organisation "Dignity for the Girl Child". The women's groups make the pads as a fund raising project, at the same time providing girls with sanitary products and enabling them to remain in school without shame or fear of discrimination.

Msinga not only boasts an active women's chapter, but also supports the youth through a dynamic new initiative. The eThembeni Trust, in collaboration with the Msinga Youth outreach programme and the Transformers, offers life coaching opportunities in several areas:

- Nka Ngcobo in Keate's Drift, supported by the DRC Suidpunt Congregation and DRC Paarl Presbytery;
- Khanyisani Mbatha in the Mchunu tribal area of Nhlalakahle,



supported by the DRC Bredasdorp Congregation;

- Sihle Madonsela in the Pomeroy area;
- Sithembiso Mdakane in the Mhlumayo, Ekuvukeni and eBisi communities.

In addition to piloting the project, young visionary Nka Ngcobo also secured a Rotary donation providing bicycles to learners who experience challenges getting to school.

Msinga shines as a beacon of light, illuminating the way to uplifting the most vulnerable of society as the church and community take hands in serving girls, women and youth. May the time and resources ploughed into their lives bear abundant harvests for countless generations to come.

Contact **Lourens Schoeman**
lourensschoeman01@gmail.com

Redaksioneel

Die Lewe is Mooi. Dit is kosbaar en broos. Die lewe is ook deurlopend aan die verander. Verandering bring dikwels ontwrigting, ongemak en onsekerheid. Tog bring dit ook nuwe lewe en uitdagings wat ons potensiaal na vore bring.

Hoe hanteer ek die gawe van lewe? Paulus sê: "Wees altyd dankbaar" (Kol 3:15). Maar meer as dit; ons moet leer **luister**. Ons moet soms doelbewus stilte rondom ons skep om goed te kan luister. Luister na die lewe binne ons, luister na die lente en die natuur, na gebeure rondom ons, wees bedag op mense, hul gesigte en wees teenwoordig by dit wat nou met ons gebeur. Om goed te luister, bring ons eie menslikheid en omgee na vore en hou ons nederig.

Die stories in hierdie Getuije maak ons bewus van verandering, maar ook van borrelende lewe waar mense oreg na mekaar luister.

Jesus sê: "Ek het gekom dat julle die lewe kan hê en dit in oorvloed."



Kobus Odendaal
missio@kaapkerk.co.za

Editorial

Life is Beautiful. It is precious and fragile. Life is also constantly changing, often causing disruption, discomfort and uncertainty. Yet change also signals new life and presents challenges that draw out our potential.

How should we handle the gift of life? Paul said, "Always be thankful" (Col 3:15). But above that, we have to learn to **listen**. Sometimes even intentionally create silence around us in order to truly listen. Listen to the life within us, listen to spring and to nature, to things happening around us. Be aware of people and their faces, and be present with what is happening in the moment. Listening with intent brings our own humanity and compassion to the fore and also keeps us humble.

The stories in this Witness make us aware of change, but also of abundant life where people genuinely listen to one another.

Jesus says, "I have come that you may have life, and have it in abundance."

'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.getuienisaksie.co.za en by <https://www.facebook.com/KommissieGetuienisaksie> en kontak ons gerus by kgakommunikasie@kaapkerk.co.za / Getuienisaksie, Privaatsak X8, BELLVILLE, 7535. Tel: 021 957 7204.

A warm thanks to all the contributors of this issue. We also thank all our donors who support our work so faithfully. Keep track of the DRC family's witness ministries at www.getuienisaksie.co.za and <https://www.facebook.com/KommissieGetuienisaksie> and contact us at kgakommunikasie@kaapkerk.co.za / Witness Ministry, Private Bag X8, Bellville, 7535. Tel: 021 957 7204.

Tot siens aan die Smitte van Nkhoma

Wie van ons sal ooit die groot houttafel in die kombuis en stoepgeselse van die Smitte op Nkhoma vergeet? Elsabet met haar smaaklike disse en Hennie met sy interessante stories, veral oor die uitdagings by grensposte!

Hennie en Elsabet het in 1983 op Nkhoma aangekom met hul eerste kind, Ernst, toe nog 'n babatjie. Daarna is nog drie kinders gebore: Jaco, Nico en Lizelle.

Hennie is aangestel as bestuurder van die *Nkhoma Works and Transport Department* vir die eerste 13 jaar. Dit het ingesluit krag- en watervoorsiening, onderhou van toerusting en voertuie. Vir die volgende twee jaar was hy die bestuurder van die Nkhoma Drukpers. Op versoek van die CCAP Nkhoma Sinode begin Hennie om vanaf 1999 'n Departement Ekologie te ontwikkel. Daarmee was hy (onder ander) besig tot op hede. Hierdie ekologie-ontwikkeling sluit in boomplantprojekte en bewaringsboerdery wat hy veral implementeer deur middel van die *Farming God's Way*-metode. (<http://www.growingnations.co.za/conservation-agriculture/farming-gods-way/>)

Een van Hennie se belangrikste bydraes tot die vlot bestuur van Nkhoma se infrastruktuur was sy bestuursvernuf van die Departement Waterwese op Nkhoma die afgelope tien jaar.

Elsabet het vanaf 1983 eers al haar aandag gewy aan die grootmaak van hul kinders, maar doen tussendeur kinder-evangelisasie en is betrokke by die Nkhoma Kleuterskooltjie. Vanaf 2001 tot 2002 werk sy as personeelbeampte in die NGK-kantoor (die laaste twee jaar van die bestaan van die kantoor op Nkhoma) totdat dit aan ons susterskerk, die CCAP, oorhandig is.

Vanaf Junie 2003 tot vanjaar was Elsabet onderwyseres by die *William Murray High School for Boys* op Nkhoma waar sy Bybelkunde en Ontwikkelingstudies aangebied en 'n baie groot impak op baie seuns se lewens gemaak het.

As mens so lank op 'n plek bly, is daar sekere gebeurtenisse wat 'n groot indruk op mens maak. Hulle vertel: "Vreemd genoeg was die tragedie van die verskriklike hongersnood van 2002 een van ons groot hoogtepunte. Ons het 'n reeks wonderwerke beleef waarin ons vir duisende mense van Nkhoma-omgewing gereeld genoeg en lank genoeg mielies kon voorsien."

"Tydens die ernstige waterkrisis van 2016 toe ons standhoudende waterbron, die Linthiperivier opgedroog het, met nog 'n reeks 'onmoontlike' wonderwerke, kon Nkhoma ses nuwe



Hennie en Elsabet Smit

boorgate kry met al die gepaardgaande toerusting, kragtoevoer en pyleidings.

"Die mense wat ons oor al hierdie jare ontmoet het – soveel kleurvolle karakters wat ons lewe verryk het, wat Malawiërs en die internasionale liggaam van Christus insluit – sal ons nooit vergeet nie. Nkhoma het 'n konstante deurvloei van mense vanoor die hele wêreld wat om verskillende redes hierheen kom vir langer of korter periodes."

Kobus Odendaal (bestuurder van Afrika Ekumene) vertel: "Getuienisaksie is groot dank verskuldig aan Hennie en Elsabet vir die toewyding en ywer waarmee hulle oor meer as drie dekades die kerk in Malawi gedien het. Daar was swaar tye en soms moeilike situasies, maar hulle het altyd sake in 'n groter perspektief gesien. Buiten hulle werke was hulle ook vir ons 'n belangrike skakel met die CCAP in Malawi. Kuiers en oorbly aan huis was altyd 'n aangename ervaring met diep gesprekke, 'n braai en 'n Saterdagoggend se klere-uitskrop op die mark. Ons gaan julle terdeë mis op Nkhoma."

Kontak Hennie en Elsabet
hennie.smit03@gmail.com

Makhathini hosts their first Discipleship Training School in KZN

The URCSA Makhathini congregation in KZN hosted their first annual DTS (Discipleship Training School) from 1-7 July 2018, attended by 45 young people from their congregation, an outreach team from NWU (North-West University), as well as students from other congregations. *The Connected Life* material formed the majority of the programme, compiled and presented by Dr Francois Carr (CEO of Heart Cry South Africa: <http://heartcrysacom/>)

Connected is a discipleship-based process designed to equip and empower believers and churches to become effective followers of Christ. Workers and leaders of influence are developed to transform their environment, with the goal to encourage and establish a new lifestyle of intimacy with God. It calls on all like-minded persons to join a movement of believers rediscovering how being connected to God can transform their



church, community, culture and country.

The DTS forms part of the congregation's five-year plan to fulfil its timely God-given vision of establishing a discipleship-making culture. As such the *Connected* process includes presentations, practical exercises, spiritual coaching, mentoring, follow-up sessions and self-study material.

Several course alumni testify how the

programme helped them to re-discover the power and joy of fellowship with God and his people. We thank the church in Makhathini for responding to our Lord's Great Commission with such dedication and fervour, and pray for a great harvest of disciple-makers as they continue to grow!

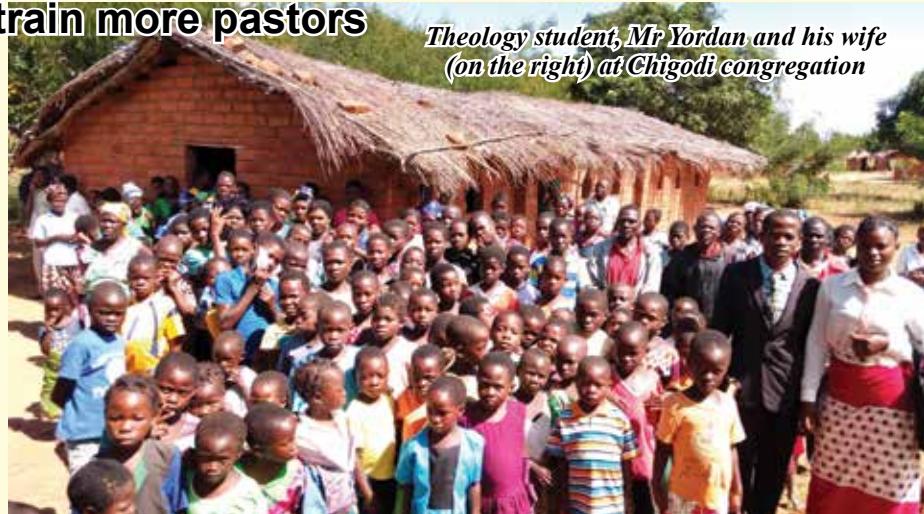
Contact Louwrens van der Westhuizen
weshuis7@gmail.com

Hefsiba's challenge to train more pastors

Soon after its establishment in 1994 with the main purpose of training evangelists and pastors for the IRM (Igreja Reformada em Moçambique), Hefsiba Christian Higher Institute at Vila Ulónguè in Northwest Mozambique became an interdenominational Bible College.

Other Christian denominations and organizations started sending their students to be trained as evangelists, pastors and Bible translators. Very quickly the need for additional courses arose and in 2004 Hefsiba developed a Bachelors and Honours Degree in Counselling Psychology, followed by a Bachelors of Commerce (B.Comm.) in 2012. In 2004 Hefsiba became the first higher institute of learning to be recognized by the government of Mozambique.

As the demand for tertiary education in Mozambique increased, Hefsiba established the satellite campuses of Milange and Mocuba in the Zambézia Province, offering full-time courses in psychology and accounting, and a part-time Honours Degree in Theology for pastors who have completed their Diploma in Theology at Vila Ulónguè or elsewhere.



Theology student, Mr Yordan and his wife (on the right) at Chigodi congregation

A critical shortage of pastors in the IRM urgently begs for more theology students to be trained. Out of 340 students on all three campuses in 2018, only 35 were theology students enrolled full-time for three years.

In order to address this need, the Faculty of Theology is working on the curricula to require more practical work time to be spent at congregations. Since the students' wives attend a preparation course simultaneously to their husbands' studies, they will also gain experience

preparing them for their future roles.

In addition to the above, Hefsiba plans to develop a stronger interdenominational character and partner with as many denominations possible to increase the number of tertiary trained theologians available to serve the church.

Our biggest challenge is still the need for bursaries for our theological students who are not in a position to afford their own studies.

Contact Rev. Miguel Nobre
nobrevila@gmail.com

STRAATWERK maak 'n plan

Van bad tot bed

"As jy dalk al in jou bad met lekker warm water na 'n uitputtende dag aan die slaap geraak het, sal jy verstaan waarom ons baddens in beddens omskep hier by Straatwerk," verduidelik hul bestuurder, Fourie Truter.

Die "oornag hotel" in die Badhuis-lokaal in die hartjie van die Bo-Kaap word deur 'n toegewyde Ophelp Projekte-span ('n werksrehabilitasieprojek) bedryf. Hierdie fasiliteit wat ook as hulle operationele depot dien, het bad- en stortfasiliteite vir haweloses deur die dag, maar word snags in oornagfasiliteite omskep vir mense sonder heenkome.

Straatwerk het egter vanjaar 'n krisis ten opsigte van akkommodasie gehad – te min baddens en te veel onbenutte baddens in die Badhuis. Sedert 2017 se

droogte in die Kaap, het baddens wit olifante geword – almal stort nou eerder as gevolg van waterbeperkings. Hierdie baddens kan egter nie net uitgebreek word nie; die Badhuis behoort aan die stadsraad en die gebou is boonop 'n nasionale gedenkwaardigheid.

Maar nood leer bid – 'n skrynwerker het vir Straatwerk 'n basis ontwerp wat presies oor die bad pas en nou het hulle beddens oor baddens, en dus baie meer slaapplek!

Straatwerk doen 'n beroep op Christengroepe om 'n venoot te word in die bedryf van hul "oornag hotel" vir mense sonder heenkome.

Die Journey of Hope "spa"

Wendy is een van die studente in Straatwerk se Journey of Hope-dissipel-

skaprogram. 'n Toegewyde Straatwerkspan reik uit na vroue wat prostitusie op straat beoefen en help dié vroue om 'n nuwe leefstylkeuse te maak deur Jesus Christus te volg. Dié vroue kan dan deel raak van die *Journey of Hope*-program.

Deel van hierdie program is om saam met die vroue moontlikhede vir werk en/of opleiding te ondersoek. Nadat Wendy aangedui het dat sy in skoonheidsorg belangstel, het Straatwerk gereël dat sy 'n kortkursus in hand-en voetversorging bywoon. Sodoende kon sy ervaar wat dit behels en die kennis en vaardigheid aangeleer om dit self te kan doen.

Wendy gaan by Straatwerk se residensiële fasiliteit tuis en het ook die geleentheid gekry vir *PEP Clothing*-opleiding waar hulle skoolklere vervaardig.

Kontak Fourie Truter
fourie@straatwerk.org.za



Beddens oor baddens



Wendy besig met 'n manikuur

Cecilia Burger, onvermoeide ywer vir die SIMCHA-bediening

Na 43 jaar in diens van SIMCHA se bediening onder Jode-vroue, tree Cecilia Burger nou af. Die goeie nuus is egter dat sy as vrywilliger met die werk voortgaan!

Cecilia is gebore en getoë op 'n familieplaas in die Montagu-distrik. Na haar hoëskooljare op Montagu, gaan studeer sy aan die Hugenote Kollege as maatskaplike werker.

Cecilia het aan die begin van 1975 met haar bediening onder Jode-vroue begin. Aanvanklik was daar baie uitdagings. Twee van die moeilikstes was om as plattelander in die stad te leer motor bestuur en Engels te praat! Verder was dit deurgaans 'n uitdaging om die evangelie aan mense te bring wat met die idee grootgeword het dat die evangelie nie vir hulle bedoel is nie en dat hulle hul Joodse identiteit gaan verloor as hulle Jesus as Verlosser sou aanneem.

Een van die hoogtepunte in Cecilia se bediening was die ontstaan van die Messiaans-Joodse gemeente, Beit Ariel, Kaapstad, en die toestemming van die Sinode dat Simcha Bediening aan die Jode hiervan kon deel word.

Nog 'n hoogtepunt was om deel te kon word van die LCJE (*Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism*), 'n internasionale netwerk vir individue en organisasies betrokke by evangeliebediening aan Jode:

(<https://www.lausanne.org/networks/issues/jewish-evangelism>). Dit was ook vir haar 'n groot voorreg om Suid-Afrika sedert 2007 hier te kon verteenwoordig.

"Maar die grootste hoogtepunt was elke keer wanneer 'n Joodse persoon 'n geloofskeuse gemaak het om Jesus as Messias en Verlosser te aanvaar," sê Cecilia.



Mag die Here jou roeping bly seën, Cecilia, en mag jou vrywillige werk steeds groot vrug lewer in diens van Gods Koninkryk.

Kontak Cecilia Burger
simchaministry@gmail.com

Hoe behoort die kerk oor die gronddebat te dink?

(vervolg van bl. 1) As almal saamwerk, is oplossings dalk meer haalbaar as wat ons besef. *Deur 'n paar boere alleen verantwoordelik te maak om die geskiedenis te probeer regstel, kan net op moeilikhed uitloop.* Plaaslike gemeentes behoort saam te praat oor wat nou gedoen kan word.

3. Verstaan die geskiedenis en verstaan bevoorregting.

Die gesprek vind inderdaad plaas teen die agtergrond van 'n lang en komplekse geskiedenis. Daar is kortlik egter een feit wat ons nie kan wegredeneer nie:

Vir baie dekades en volgens wet (Land Act 1913) kon 80% van ons bevolking net in 'n baie klein deeltjie van SA grond

aankoop en besit. Dit het sedert 1994 verander, maar in feite was die hele land toe "opgekoop". Eiendomswaardes het na 1994 verder gestyg. Ook plaaspryse. Dit is haas onmoontlik om nou nuwe eiendom te begin boer as jy nie groot kapitaal agter jou het nie. Die huidige verlaging in pryse kan meer mense weer toegang tot grond gee.

Verder moet ons nie die omvang van wit bevoorregting onderskat nie. Ons het dit veral deur twee kanale gekry: die gehalte van onderwys en erflatings. Natuurlik is daar uitsonderings. Daar is mense wat met niks begin het nie, maar steeds toegang tot netwerke van bevoorregting gehad het.

4. Moenie alleen oor die saak probeer praat nie en skep veilige ruimtes vir gesprek.

Dit word al hoe duideliker dat daar verskillende, eensydigeensomsverdraaide narratiewe in verskillende gemeenskappe bestaan en dat dit die hele tyd eintlik versterk word. Dit skep aggressie en groeiende bitterheid. Ons sal in veilige ruimtes beter na mekaar moet luister.

5. Bly die hoop in alles uitwys.

Ons moet mense daarop kan wys dat die regte en Godgegewe pad altyd 'n hoopvolle pad is. Laat ons met moed, eerlikheid, en bowenal met ons geloof en God se leiding, tot die gesprek toetree.

Kontak Braam Hanekom
braam@kaapkerk.co.za

Abiding Ties with our Sister Church in Zimbabwe



Fltr: Dr Christopher Munikwa (vice-moderator), Mr Mhizha (treasurer), Rev Pandasvika (new moderator), Kobus Odendaal (Witness Ministry Cape Region)

It gives us great joy that our relationship with our sister church in Zimbabwe, the RCZ (Reformed Church in Zimbabwe), remains strong after so many years.

Kobus Odendaal, manager of Witness Ministry's task team Africa Ecumene, attended the RCZ Synod meeting at Morgenster in September and was once again humbled by the generous and welcoming reception he received. It

was his privilege to extend messages of greeting on behalf of the Synods of the Uniting Reformed Church Cape Regional Synod and the DRC Western Cape.

Both the new moderator, Rev. Pandasvika, and the new deputy moderator, Dr Christopher Munikwa, were supported by Witness Ministry as postgraduate students at Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Theology. The theology school network

NetACT (<http://netact.christians.co.za/>) was also a partner in this support.

Despite the change in leadership, the economic uncertainty and regression continue in Zimbabwe. The Zimbabwean dollar, which is used in addition to the US dollar, has already seen a significant decline in value and the familiar problem of hyperinflation is rearing its head again.

The RCZ faces tremendous challenges which are worsened by the political and economic situation. As a result, many economically active members have chosen to seek a new life in South Africa, Brittan and even Australia. Once there, they establish new pockets of RCZ faith communities, such as the one overseen by Dr Christopher Munikwa in South Africa.

We thank the DRC congregations who have made their premises available to our sister church so that they may continue to serve and support their members in foreign lands.

Contact Kobus Odendaal
missio@kaapkerk.co.za



Gemeentegetuienis se eerste taakspanbyeenkoms het plaasgevind op 31 Augustus. Dit was goed verteenwoordig deur die VGK, NGK, Beyers Naude Sentrum vir Publieke Teologie, die US Fakulteit Teologie, Hugenote Kollie en Simcha-bediening.

Gemeentegetuienis op dreef

Die Taakspan Gemeentegetuienis het die afgelope paar maande 'n heel nuwe gesig gekry. Vanaf 1 Mei het ds. Stephen Pedro as die taakspanbestuurder begin en vanaf 2 Julie het Me. Louise Bruiners oorgeneem by Dawn Erasmus as die kantoorbestuurder.

Ds. Pedro, boorling van Marydale en kind van die Noord-Kaap, was vir die afgelope 22 jaar predikant van VGK Goodwood-gemeente in Elsiesrivier. Hier het hy baie waardevolle bydraes gemaak op gemeentevlak asook in die gemeenskap. Hy het op verskeie rings- en sinodale bedieninge gedien en is die uittredende skryba van die VGKSA Kaapland Sinode se Bediening vir Leer en Aktuele Sake.

Ds Pedro het 'n passie vir sending omdat hy glo, aan die hart van God se sending is die gee en herstel van lewe en menswaardigheid. Hy is daarom ook tans

besig om sy Meestersgraad in Praktiese Teologie te voltooi onder die tema: "The Restoration of dignity of Post-apartheid Communities like Elsiesriver" waar hy spesifiek kyk na die impak wat intergenerasionele trauma het op die menswaardigheid en sosiale probleme van hierdie gemeenskappe.

Hy is getroud met Cicelia en hulle het twee kinders, Rushke en Stephan.

Me. Louise Bruiners is gebore en getoë in Grabouw. Sy was voorheen werkzaam by die Jeugkantoor van die VGK Sinode Kaapland en is ook aktief betrokke by die Vrouebediening op gemeentevlak. Sy het ook 'n graad in teologie, is 'n opgeleide fasilitaerder by die *Christian Aids Bureau for Southern Africa* en het kennis van projekbestuur. Sy is ook tans besig om haar MA (Masters of Arts) in Diaconic Management te voltooi en behoort dus 'n onskatbare bydrae tot

die Taakspan Gemeentegetuienis te lewer.

Gemeentegetuienis het ook op 31 Augustus na 'n geseënde strategiese sessie, hul eerste taakspanvergadering gehad (sien foto). By hierdie taakspanvergadering is hul visie en missie aanvaar asook hul strategie oor hoe hulle te werk sal gaan om hul missie/doelstellings te bereik.

Op 10 September het ds. Pedro die Verenigde Ring van Caledon gaan toespreek oor die visie en missie van Gemeentegetuienis en sien uit na die besoeke aan gemeentes wat gedurende Oktober sal plaasvind. Tydens die besoeke sal hy probeer vasstel wat die stand van gemeentes se getuienisaksies is en hoe Gemeentegetuienis gemeentes kan help om hul missionêre karakter en roeping te ontwikkel.

Kontak ds Stephen Pedro
stephen@kaapkerk.co.za

Welcome back to Nkhoma, Tim and Patti!

In June 2018, Dr Reynier Ter Haar of Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi embarked upon a well-deserved year-long sabbatical. Standing in for him are Dr Tim Fader and his wife Patti from Florida, USA. As career missionaries with *Africa Inland Mission* until their retirement in 2016, they served for 29 years in Kenya, Somaliland and Afghanistan and are therefore perfectly suited for the job.

As a family medicine specialist, Tim will fill the position of medical director with Patti by his side as a qualified nurse. With their extensive experience, their spiritual commitment and maturity, Nkhoma is thrilled to welcome them back!

Tim and Patti are well-known to the locals as they visited Nkhoma Hospital for four months in 2016 - 2017 to assist in setting up the family medicine postgraduate training programme. During that time they grew to love Nkhoma and recognised its ministry potential.

They have been married for 47 years and have four grown children, three of whom also serve as missionaries in Africa. The Faders have 8 biological grandchildren and 7 grandchildren adopted from various countries.



Dr Tim Fader and his wife, Patti

Tim and Patti, may the Lord bless you for your time of ministry and service to Nkhoma, and may you in turn be overwhelmed by the sincere warmth and love of the Malawian people!

Contact Kobus Odendaal
missio@kaapkerk.co.za



BACK, ftr: Danny Fourie (CLF), Brian Kamwendo (CCAP Nkhoma Synod, Malawi), Kovilan Moodley (RCA, SA), Alberto Daniels (IERA, Angola), Jonah Lagat ((RCEA, Kenya), Kobus Odendaal (Witness Ministry, DRC Western Cape Synod and URCSA Cape Region Synod), Charles Juro (RCZ, Zimbabwe), Gustav Claassen (DRC, SA), Charmaine Stofberg (CLF). **CENTRE, ftr:** Arnau van Wyngaard (SRC, Swaziland), Nico Mostert (NetACT), Gabriel Marata (IRM Novo Synod, Mozambique), Andries Hoffman (DRCA, SA), Nelson Posholi (LECSA, Lesotho), Mariëtte Odendaal (Communications Consultant), Berlise Louwrens (CLF). **FRONT, ftr:** Gideon van der Watt (Partners in Witness, DRC Free State Synod), Johanna van Wyngaard, William Zulu (RCZ, Zambia), Masilo Pooyane (DRCB, Botswana), Miguel Nobre (IRM Mphatso Synod, Mozambique), Desiré Brown (URCSA, SA) and Kingstar Chipata (CCAP Harare Synod, Zimbabwe)

The Reformed Family Forum – an indispensable kaleidoscope of insights

The need for liaison and networking saw the establishment of The Reformed Family Forum (RFF) in 2015. It consists of the general secretaries of Reformed churches in South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Malawi, Kenya, Angola and Nigeria. Partners include Witness Ministry (URCSA Cape Region Synod and DRC Western Cape Synod), Partners in Witness (DRC Free State Synod), NetACT (<http://netact.christians.co.za/>) and CLF (Christian Literature Fund: <https://www.clf.co.za/>).

Our corporate identity, confession tradition and shared family history are celebrated and strengthened while providing a brainstorming platform to reflect on roles and challenges faced by the African church.

From 3-5 August 2018 we gathered at the beautiful Lumko Institute's Retreat and Conference Center in Benoni. Delegates briefly shared the work, projects and issues faced in their respective ministries. While countries like Angola and Mozambique still struggle to eradicate post-war consequences of the destruction of infrastructure, common challenges remain corruption, poverty and the impoverishment of the gospel through prosperity theology.

It proved to be a conference of firsts: URCSA's first appointed female general secretary Me. Desiré Brown, formerly employed in banking, was welcomed with great enthusiasm. Her expertise and valuable contributions were received with great appreciation during the meeting. "It made me realize the gospel of Christ still has the penetrating power to speak to our people as it did 2 000 years ago," her Facebook entry reads afterwards.

Our sister church in Angola attended for the first time, represented by general secretary Alberto Daniels on his first visit to South Africa. He was deeply touched to find a chapter about their church already published in the book, *A Family*

of Reformed Churches in Africa. He lauded the presence of Reformed churches in neighbouring countries as great comfort and encouragement.

Another first, the Lesotho Evangelical Church in Southern Africa became a new member and Rev. Nelson Posholi was requested to assist Dr William Zulu and Me. Desiré Brown in setting up a guideline job description for general secretaries with input from the rest of the group.

The Christian Literature Fund Partnership was represented by marketer Berlise Louwrens, editor Danny Fourie and manager Charmaine Stofberg. Pamphlets, books and sermon guides were introduced as invaluable tools addressing relevant themes in various languages.

NetACT (publishers of "*Men in the pulpit. Women in the Pew?*" and the award-winning "*Living with Dignity*") was represented by Rev. Nico Mostert from Bloemfontein. NetACT's network of theological schools promotes pastoral education while guiding member churches to develop and take ownership of their uniquely African theologies.

Experts and researchers led topical discussions and scriptural reflections on issues such as missional identity, understanding public theology and public witness, prosperity theology and the role of the church in addressing these contemporary challenges.

With more than 8 million members in Africa, the Reformed Church represents a rich diversity, blessing us not only with the responsibility to share challenges from our different contexts, but also with the benefit from a kaleidoscope of quality input.

May the RFF (<http://rff.christians.co.za/>) continue to guide in such a way that our Christian witness may illuminate Africa and beyond.

Contact Kobus Odendaal
missio@kaapkerk.co.za

Chief Felix Akiga's renovation as a token of appreciation

As token of appreciation for his birthplace and the beginning of his primary education, our sister church in Nigeria, the NKST, was recently honoured by Chief Felix Akiga when he sponsored all the renovation work to NKST Demonstration Primary School's Class 1 as well as to the 50-bed NKST hospital at Mkar.

The Chief's late grandfather, Benjamin Akiga Sai, was the first Tiv convert to be baptized after the Dutch Reformed Mission from Cape Town brought the gospel to Tivland on April 17th 1911. Born in 1962 at NKST's hospital in Mkar, he was dedicated as an infant and made his public confession in South Wales, UK. He attended NKST Demonstration Primary School from 1969-1975. The Christian discipline and fear of the Lord instilled in him an indelible mark on his life and he is committed to plough back into NKST in order to continue the great work his grandfather started.

During the NKST's centenary celebration of the introduction of the gospel to Tivland, Chief Felix Akiga generously hosted the South African guests (who were escorted by the late Dr. Johan Botha) at his hotel, Royal Choice Inn, Makurdi at no cost to NKST.

Chief Akiga contracted the services of locals during renovations of the school and hospital, providing them with a source of income during this period.



The newly-painted hospital at Mkar

Chief Felix Akiga is not only a community leader but also a retired professional basketball player. He is Chairman/CEO of Royal Choice Inn Hotels, boasting approximately 500 beds in 5 cities across Nigeria. He also owns the construction company Choice Leisure Limited. His philanthropic efforts include settling prisoner's charges to aid in their release and efforts to re-enter society as changed individuals. He also continues to

distribute Bibles.

We thank the Lord for the selfless example of a humble leader dedicated to the advancement of the gospel, and pray for many more doors to open through Chief Akiga's support of the NKST.

**Contact Rev. Peter Gwaza Azuana
(NKST Immediate Past General Secretary)**
revazuana@gmail.com

Wat 'n gemors ... kyk net wat ek aangevang het!

By die Brandvlei Korrektiewe Sentrum het 30 mans onlangs by die weeklange Herstellende Geregtigheidskursus wat deur *Hope Prison Ministry* aangebied is, ingeskryf. Maar wat behels dit?

Keuses het gevolge. Wanneer die kursusaanbieder, Jonathan Clayton, dit by die manne wil huisbring, demonstreer hy met praktiese voorbeeldie die **Groot Gemors** waarin jy jouself kan laat beland.

Hy ruk 'n potplant aan flarde, pluk dit met wortels en al uit en gooi die hele boel op die grond neer. "Hoe is jou lewe,

jou familie s'n en ook jou slagoffer s'n, deur jou toedoen vernietig, omgedolwe; 'n groot gemors?"

Dan neem hy twee eiers – breekbaar, 'n sinnebeeld van lewe. Een sit hy ongeërg eenkant op 'n rak en stap weg. Die eier raak vergete. Hoeveel kinders loop ons strate vol sonder pa's, sonder om eers te weet wie hul pa is? Wat is vaderskap? Die ander eier word goedsmoeds gedwing tot breekpunt deur brutale geweld, minagting, skeltaal. Karplaks bars dit oop as hy dit laat val. Wat 'n gemors!

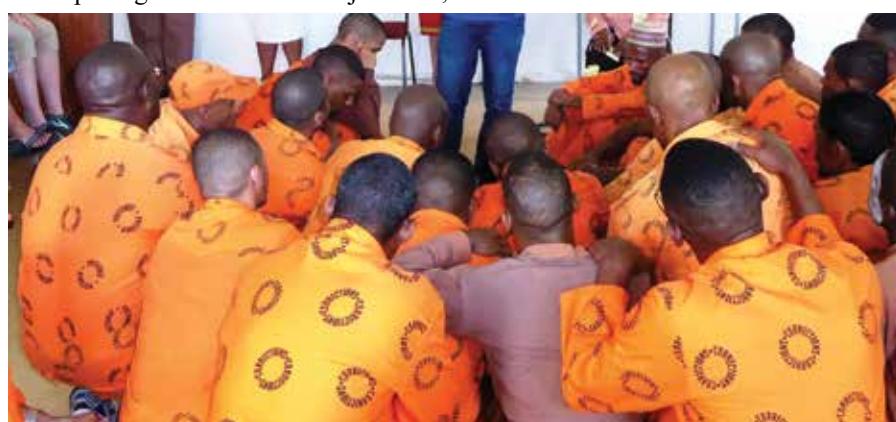
So ontvou jou lewensverhaal en die gemors raak erger deur jou onbeheerde woede wat soos Coke uitspuif oor jou familie. Jou mens-wees drup leeg uit die gate in jou lewenswaterbottel. Gebrek aan respekte, veral teenoor vroue wat links en regs verkrug word, maak van jou 'n stuk leë, klinkende metaal.

Die uitdaging is om persoonlik verantwoordelikheid vir die **Groot Gemors** te aanvaar. Jonathan werp homself pens en pootjies in die gemors. Hy nooi mense om by hom te kom sit, binne-in die gemors van hul eie maaksels. Met huiwering kom twee, dan nog twee, dan vier of vyf, tot die vloer volgesit word.

Verdoem? Verlore? Dis moeilik om die emosies te peil ... skaamte, selfverwyt, skuld, berou?

Maar daar is uitkoms as jy die hand van Christus sal aanvaar wat na jou uitgestrek word om jou op te help, wankelend op eie bene te staan, die eerste tree te gee op die nuwe roete van berou, belydenis, regstelling en hoop.

Kontak Lucia Oosthuysen
lucia.oosthuysen@gmail.com



Opleiding aan afrigters as pa-figure op Jeffreysbaai



Die man wat 'n pa word vir 'n vaderlose

Die afgelope Junie het *Ambassadors Football*, met die ondersteuning van Getuienisaksie, 'n weeklange opleidingsprogram vir sokkerafrigters in Jeffreysbaai aangebied. Dit is gedoen in vennootskap met 25:40 ('n bedieningsorganisasie werkzaam in die voormalige Transkei, gefundeer op 'n vers uit Mattheus) en *The Leadership Experience*.

Ben Marais van *Ambassadors Football* (Sport en Spelbediening) het die opleiding gelei met die ondersteuning van 'n veelrassige span. Stephen Rigby, 'n Amerikaanse sendeling van *Ambassadors Football* in Kenia, asook Dumisani Madondile en Jerome Sauls van *City Mission* in Kaapstad, het hom bygestaan.

Ben vertel: "Die doel van die opleiding was om die 41 deelnemers bloot te stel aan praktiese sokkerafrigtingsvaardighede, asook hoe om die rolle van 'n pa-figuur, lewensafrigter en dissipelmaker binne die konteks van sokkerafrigting te vervul.

"Alhoewel die opleiers gewoond is aan die impak van vaderloosheid binne ons gemeenskappe, het hierdie opleiding hulle harte geruk; 39 van die 41 deelnemers het onder andere gesê dat hulle geen kontak met hul pa het nie, of selfs nie eers weet wie hy is nie. Een van hierdie jong manne was Elrich.

"Elrich is gebore in Jeffreysbaai en het as 9-jarige gesien hoe sy pa sy oupa voor hulle huis op die sypaadjie doodskiet.

Dit het veroorsaak dat hy uit die huis gevlug en op straat beland het. So het hy vir jare rondgeswerf en by verskeie straatbendes aangesluit vir beskerming.

"Hy is nou 'n jong man in sy vroeë twintigs en die aand toe ons oor die vaderwonde praat, bring die Here vir hom heling. Hy bely toe hoe hy, wat nou die Here aangeneem het en deel is van die *Leadership Experience*-program, al baie dae daarvan gedroom het hoe hy sy pa ook wil gaan doodskiet.

"By die aanhoor van die noodsaak en rolle van 'n pa in die lewe van 'n kind, gaan hy verder en bely dat hy twee kinders van sy eie het. Die oudste een bly in Jeffreysbaai, maar hy het hom nog nooit gesien nie. Tussen tranen en gebrokenheid raak die Here sy hart aan en begin 'n stadige proses om 'n vader vir 'n vaderlose te maak; wat die siklus begin omdraai en 'n verskil aan 'n kind se lewe begin maak.

"Elrich het soveel talent as sportman, jeugwerker en afrigter. Daar word nou 'n pad met hom en die ander gestap deur middel van mentorskap en verdere ontwikkeling. Op hierdie manier help dit hulle om heel te word en kan hulle hul gemeenskap help impakteer met onder andere sport en spel."

Kontak Ben Marais

bmarais@ambassadorsfootball.org

RCEA includes women in the ministry of the word and sacraments

The first women to be ordained were:

- Rev. Philisters Tuwei Keter - ordained on 29 July at RCEA Cheptiret Parish, Eldoret;
- Rev. Lydia Jebet Tanui - ordained on 12 August at RCEA Kipsinende Parish, Eldoret;
- Rev. Dinah J Tuwei - ordained on 19 August, also at RCEA Kipsinende Parish, Eldoret.

Together with the larger Reformed family, we embrace these sisters as capable, anointed servants of the Lord and invite you to carry them in prayer as they pioneer new ground in Kenya. May they be trailblazing beacons throughout East Africa!

The RCEA's relationship with the DRC of South Africa dates back to 1944 when the latter commenced missionary work in Eldoret, Kenya. 19 years later the RCEA became independent and since 1963 has grown to more than 200 congregations serving 30,000 members, with more than 110,000 followers.

Also a member of the World Community of Reformed Churches, the RCEA continues to have good relations with the DRC. This is evidenced through the close contact maintained with the RCEA theological seminary in Eldoret through NetACT (<http://netact.christians.co.za/>).

Contact Rev. Jonah Lagat jlagat2014@gmail.com



Fltr: Rev. Dinah J Tuwei, Rev. Lydia Jebet Tanui and Rev. Philisters Tuwei Keter

During their 54th synod meeting, our sister church in Kenya, the RCEA (Reformed Church of East Africa) made the historical decision to address gender inequality by allowing women to become ordained ministers. We celebrate the fact that Kenyan women are now welcomed onto the pulpit to serve the Body of Christ through ministry of the Word and sacraments.

Wonderdade by Mt Ayliff (Maxesibeni) VGK Gemeente

Mount Ayliff is 'n klein dorpie geleë in die oostelike hoek van die ou Transkei, ongeveer 45 km vanaf Kokstad.

Ds Christo Wooding vertel: "Met my koms na Kokstad in 1993 was ds.Dan Base leraar op Mt Ayliff. Hy was destyds konsulent van Kokstad, en het my na Kokstad beroep. Ons het baie goed saamgewerk en ek was hartseer toe hy in 2005 'n beroep na die VGK Somerset-Oos aanvaar het. Die afgelope 13 jaar was ek konsulent van VGK Mt Ayliff.

"Die baie jare sonder leraar het sleg begin tel teen die gemeente op Mt Ayliff, en veral die laaste twee jaar het dinge daar agteruitgegaan. Ernstige verdeeldheid het in die gemeente ontstaan en die twee groepe kon mekaar nie verdra nie. Sondae is op afsonderlike plekke dienste gehou. Ek, as konsulent, en ook ons ringskommissie, het verskeie kere met die twee groepe vergader, sonder veel sukses. Ons kon hulle nie eers bymekaar bring om die saak uit te praat nie.

"Aan die begin van dié jaar beland die twee groepe op 'n Sondag saam in 'n diens op Mt Ayliff. Hulle baklei so erg dat die polisie ingeroep moes word om die vrede te herstel. Ons was moedeloos en raadop, en gereed om hulle aan hul lot oor te laat.

"En dit is toe waar die Here ingegryp en self vrede op Mt Ayliff gebring het. Sonder ons toedoen het hulle die saak uitgepraat en weer saam dienste begin hou. Paasfees 2018 was vir die eerste keer in jare 'n vredevolle en geseende geleenheid. Om geswore vyande skouer aan skouer in die kerkbanke te sien sit, en die Here saam uit volle bors te loof en prys, was 'n groot oomblik in my bediening wat my altyd sal bybly.

"Maar die Here was nog nie klaar met sy wonderdade op Mt Ayliff nie. In Junie beroep ons ds. Dan Base weer terug na die gemeente, en hy neem die beroep sowaar aan! Die 4de Augustus is hy op Mt Ayliff bevestig. Die Here het weer lewe en hoop



Ds. Wooding (links) besig om ds. Base (regs) as predikant te bevestig.

gebring waar daar nie meer hoop was nie."

Groot blydskap en afwagting heers ook in die gemeentes van Lusikisiki en Bambisana oor die bevestiging van proponent Z Boro op 20 Oktober te Lusikisiki.

Kontak Christo Wooding
wooding1@telkomsa.net

Vila Ulónguè's mobile clinic – a beacon of hope for many



Thanks to arrangements facilitated by the Mobile Clinic, this mother will be taking her baby to be examined at the Eye Department of Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi.

Working under challenging conditions, Vila Ulónguè's **Mobile Clinic** brings hope, healing and health education to many in remote areas of Mozambique. This dedicated team, managed by Dausse Nthenga and assisted by Fatima Jonasse and Lucretia Avora Mario, visits ten clinics per month on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

An average of 2 000 children are weighed monthly, their "Road to Health" cards completed and their vaccinations recorded. The fact that parents return with their children every month for weighing and inoculations testifies to their commitment and desire for medical care and knowledge. As a result the prevalence of childhood diseases has decreased significantly, with very few measles cases in particular being reported in recent years.

The team offers education and training in basic medical care and this has proved invaluable during outbreaks of diseases such as cholera and typhoid. Simple medical knowledge, access to medical care and to adequate medication is lacking, therefore information such as how to make one's own rehydration solution to combat diarrhoea has saved many babies' lives. Since the team still has not received any medicines from the authorities, educating the public is vital.

The team screens medical cases and any patients with special needs, such as pregnancy complications, are transported with them to the nearest hospital to receive further attention and treatment.

The team's devotion shines through as they share the gospel with the mothers who visit the clinic. We invite you to carry them in prayer as they continue to meet not only the communities' physical, but also their spiritual needs.

Contact Helen Meyer helenmeyerza@gmail.com

Women's rights to be in a position of leadership

NetACT (Network for African Congregational Theology), assists its theological training institute members in preparing leaders for missional congregations.

Teresa David-Panda (29) from Huambo Angola, currently completing her Master of Theology (MTh) at Stellenbosch University, is one of the students benefiting from this network.

"I am the fifth-born among nine siblings. My father has been an Evangelical Pentecostal pastor for 42 years. Because pastors in Angola put ministry first, congregants second and family last, I never aspired to be a pastor," says Teresa.

"I remember my frustration of my father never playing with us, and making time only to discuss our academic results. I don't want my children to experience that, yet God has called me for ministry and given me a husband who is also a pastor!"

"Since childhood I desired to serve God in the church's department of education, so I completed a BA in

theology from 2010-2014 at ISTEL (Evangelical Institute of Theology in Lubango, Angola). I want to equip church leaders and members to understand and interpret scripture comprehensively in order to apply it.

"In 2015 I focused on mastering English and in 2016 completed my Postgraduate Diploma in Theology focusing on the Old Testament.

"In 2017 I started my Master of the New Testament with the thesis topic: *Women, Teaching and Leadership in 1 Timothy 2:11-15: A rhetorical-critical study, with reference to Angola.*

"In Angola women are only allowed to take leadership among themselves regardless of their skill or experience," explains Teresa. "Even though some are afforded the opportunity to learn and teach, most evangelical churches still silence, subjugate, and restrict women."

"My study aims to expose the hermeneutical motives to restrict women in church leadership roles using



Teresa David-Panda

1 Tim 2. I will also argue the significance of women's right to hold leadership roles and contribute to the success of the Body of Christ in Angola. I am working towards December graduation so that I may start my doctorate programme thereafter."

Contact Jurgens Hendriks
hjh@sun.ac.za

R200

R100

R50

Hier is my offer van R _____

Merk wat van toepassing is:

Ek het 'n thek gestuur

Ek het 'n direktaal deposito in die KGA se rekening gemaak. Verwysing:

Getuienis/Witness

My naam en adres:

Kontak my asb by:.....

Tel./Sel: E-posadres:

LW: NUWE BANKBESONDERHEDE

Naam: NG Kerk in SA (Getuienis)

Bank: Nedbank

Takkode: 198-765

Rek. nr. 1135-900-280

U verwysing: Noem saak van ondersteuning

Ons verwysing: U naam en van

Gemeentes kan **GRATIS** pamphlette in 19 verskillende tale by Christelike Lektuurfonds bestel.

Besoek www.clf.co.za vir meer inligting of stuur 'n e-pos aan info@clf.co.za vir die volledige katalogus.

Congregations can order **FREE** pamphlets in 19 different languages from Christian Literature fund. Visit www.clf.co.za for more information or send an email to info@clf.co.za for the full catalogue.





Word plastiek-slim!

Ons weet dat rommel 'n geweldige nadelige effek op die omgewing het – veral plastiek wat van fossiel brandstowwe gemaak word. Om die waarheid te sê, plastiek is selfs binne ons eie liggeme!

Daarom gebruik wetenskaplikes al hoe meer die woord "ubiquitous" (veral teenwoordig) as hulle oor plastiek praat. Ons hele omgewing is besoedel deur plastiek. Ons eet, drink en asem dit in. Ongelukkig weet wetenskaplikes nog nie wat die effek van die plastiek op die mens se gesondheid is nie. Nog baie navorsing is hieroor nodig.

Dit was nie die bedoeling van die vervaardigers van plastiekprodukte om die wêreld te besoedel nie. En tog het dit gebeur. Een van die redes hiervoor is ons absolute ongeërgde houding en onkundige hantering van plastiek. Net 30% van die plastiek wat wêreldwyd geproduseer word, word herwin. Die res beland as afval op stortingssterreine, riviere, die see en land.

Nou verstaan ons waarom sommige lande besoedeling as 'n kriminele oortreding beskou waar streng boetes opgeleë word indien jy oortree.

Wat kan ons doen?

1. Kom ons raak plastiekbewus.
2. Moenie plastieksakke vir inkoopies gebruik nie.
3. Kom ons doen ons aankope met die gedagte om ons verbruik van plastiek so laag as moontlik te kry.
4. Kom ons maak seker dat alle persoonlike plastiekprodukte en verpakking herwin word.
5. Kom ons hou ons omgewing vry van plastiek. Hou altyd 'n sak/houer naby vir die plastiek wat ons toevallig langs die pad raakloop.
6. Begin of raak betrokke by 'n bewusmakingsaksie in jou gemeenskap om mense op te voed en te leer om verantwoordelik met afval (veral plastiek) te werk (<https://binged.it/2peEHxQ>).
7. Maak seker dat jul plaaslike munisipaliteit ordentlike herwinningsprogramme het.
8. Wat van jul eie gemeentelike herwinningsprogram?

Kontak David Botha
dpbotha2@gmail.com

CAVA's NBI course incorporated at The Holy Ghost School of Ministry

"When I met Bishop Nzimbo, I recognised a man with vision, determination and a heart for the gospel," says Gerard Breytenbach, manager of CAVA (<http://witnessministry.christians.co.za/cava/>).

"He had done the NBI course under Rev. Liela Hoffman about 15 years ago and I was so encouraged by his story.

"This man truly is a product of the product," says Gerard. "In order to provide his church leaders with the same input and equipping he had received, he started his own Bible school. The Holy Ghost School of Ministry's curriculum now incorporates the NBI course, flagship programme of CAVA.

"Well respected in the city of Harare and throughout Zimbabwe, Bishop Nzimbo's ministry has grown since he completed his NBI course. His continued promotion of the course to his congregations throughout Zimbabwe bears witness of his positive appraisal

for it – to the point where the church leadership of his Australian congregations are even taking the course!"

The following appraisal comes from his Bible School principal, Past. Garrison:

The Holy Ghost School of Ministry would like to thank Nehemiah Bible Institute Zimbabwe for the opportunity afforded to train ministers and church leaders. It is the honour of HGSM to be in partnership with and be an affiliate of NBI. You have helped us make great strides in ministerial training for more than a decade.

The content offered in the NBI course books is of great value and importance as compared to ministerial content offered by other training institutions. NBI's content is unique and very practical. It is hands-on, and can be tested for practical results.

We thank God for his grace!
Contact Gerard Breytenbach
gerard.breytenbach@yahoo.com

