



# GETUIE / WITNESS



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Sondagoggend-Stildiens in die kapel van die Fakulteit Teologie, US.



## COVID-19 daag uit om wyer te kyk en om te gee.

Kobus Odendaal

Diensgroepbestuurder: Getuienisaksie

Do these 4 things in combination and help to

### FLATTEN THE CURVE



Richard Rohr van die *Center for Action and Contemplation* skryf op 2 April "For many of us, this may be the first time in our lives that we have felt so little control over our own destiny and the destiny of those we love. This lack of control initially feels like a loss, a humiliation, a stepping backward, an undesired vulnerability. However, recognizing our lack of control is a universal starting point for a serious spiritual walk towards wisdom and truth."

Ons magteloosheid bring ons by die besef van hoe afhanklik ons van mekaar is en hoeveel ons vir mekaar kan beteken. Deur selfs ons geringe uitreik na mekaar, bring ons 'n goddelike teenwoordigheid vir iemand anders wat moontlik moedeloos voel.

In die swaarkry-dae waarin ons ons nou bevind, gee God ons gawes en vermoëns waarmee ons ander kan bemoedig en kan bystaan. En ons ontvang self daardeur soveel menslikheid en hoop.

### COVID-19 webblad

Sentrum vir Publieke Getuienis  
AFRIKAANS:

<https://www.publiekegetuienis.org/covid-19-afrikaans>

ENGLISH:

<https://www.publiekegetuienis.org/covid-19-english>

Kobus

# My mask protects you. Your mask protects me.

Up to date scientific research shows that  
**WEARING A MASK HELPS**



You may have COVID-19 without showing symptoms. My mask protects you. Your mask protects me.

**WE MUST ALL WEAR A MASK**

whenever we go out into public places.



Wearing a mask protects those around you. Stop the spread of Covid-19. #masks4all

Do these 4 things in combination and help to  
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<p>hand washing</p>	<p>social distancing</p>
<p>wear a DIY mask in public</p>	<p>don't touch your face</p>

You don't need to wear a medical grade mask.

**SEW YOUR OWN MASK**



Donate surgical masks to medical workers who have high Covid-19 exposure. Sew extra masks and help protect your community. #masks4all

**HOW TO SAFELY USE YOUR MASK**

1. Always use clean hands to put on and take off your mask.
2. Avoid touching the inside of your mask.
3. Your mask should cover your mouth and nose, with no gaps between your face and the mask.
4. Avoid touching your mask once it is on your face.
5. Once you're back home, remove your mask and wash it immediately with soap and hot water. Wait until your mask is completely dry, then iron it before wearing it again.
6. Always use your own mask. It is not safe to share masks.

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**MORE QUICK MASK IDEAS**

These are emergency options to use if necessary.



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# DIALOOG - Alléén gaan ons nie deur hiérdie krisis kom nie.



*Die WCEN in gesprek by "in Harmonie", La Motte, Franschhoek*

## WCEN en COVID-19

Geen kerk gaan die samelewing alleen regop hou nie. Meer as ooit tevore het ons mekaar nodig. Die *Western Cape Ecumenical Network* (WCEN) is 'n ekumeniese liggaam van ongeveer dertig kerke en kerklike organisasies wat in die Kaap bestaan. Onlangs het hulle weer vergader om onder meer te praat oor die herstel van inklusiewe en gesonde gemeenskappe, die kerk, vlugteling en vreemdelinge en geweld teen vroue en kinders. Dit was voor COVID-19 ons getref het.

Sedertdien is 'n spesiale COVID-19-taakspan gestig wat onder meer riglyne vir 21 dae van gebed en vas uitgestuur het. Dit kan gevind word by [www.publiekegetuienis.org](http://www.publiekegetuienis.org).

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*Die Laingsburg-komitee*

Drie van ons laaste **100-Dorpe Dialoog**-gesprekke wat wat voor die inperking plaasgevind het, was op Laingsburg, Uniondale en Philadelphia. By eersgenoemde twee is komitees gekies wat die proses vorentoe sal neem en op Philadelphia het boere van die omgewing en gemeenskapsleiers van Atlantis hul stories aan mekaar vertel en lekker saam gekuier.

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# Does my congregation equip me to be a follower of Christ?

## Congregational Witness's Contextual Bible Reading



*F.I.t.r.: Rineke Van Ginkel and Sietske Renting (colleagues from Kerk in Actie, the relief organization of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands), Quentin Minnaar (task team member), Stephen Pedro (Minister in Synodical Service for Congregational Witness), Danny Bock (task team member) during a follow-up meeting.*

Contextual Bible Reading (CBR) is a method of reading the Bible as a group, under the guidance of a trained facilitator, with a strong emphasis on the context of the biblical text and of the current readers.

The Task Team for Congregational Witness believes that CBR will enhance the ministry of our congregations to be the transformative and restorative communities God called us to be. It will empower the readers with knowledge and help them to become active participants in the transformative and restorative power of acting out the biblical story.

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## Industrial Ministry's impact

**BrightStar** is a lifestyle programme consisting of three modules. It focuses on self-knowledge, relationships and leadership and is explained and captured by means of fifteen life skills themes during the presentation.

Rev. Jannie Booysen, pastoral worker of Industrial Ministry and also facilitator of the popular BrightStar programme, facilitates the programme and is assisted by Lene November, co-facilitator of Industrial Ministry Cape Region.

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*The youth of URCSA Riebeek-Kasteel who attended this course.*



**Parkour** in Kalk Bay uses the adventure of sport to build relationships and share the Gospel through incorporated Bible teaching. It stimulates positive thinking and impact a positive youth as an alternative to gangs and negative peer groups.

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# Ons gemeenskappe is gebroke en in nood ...



Die eerste vrug toerusting wat na Badisa-programme versprei is.



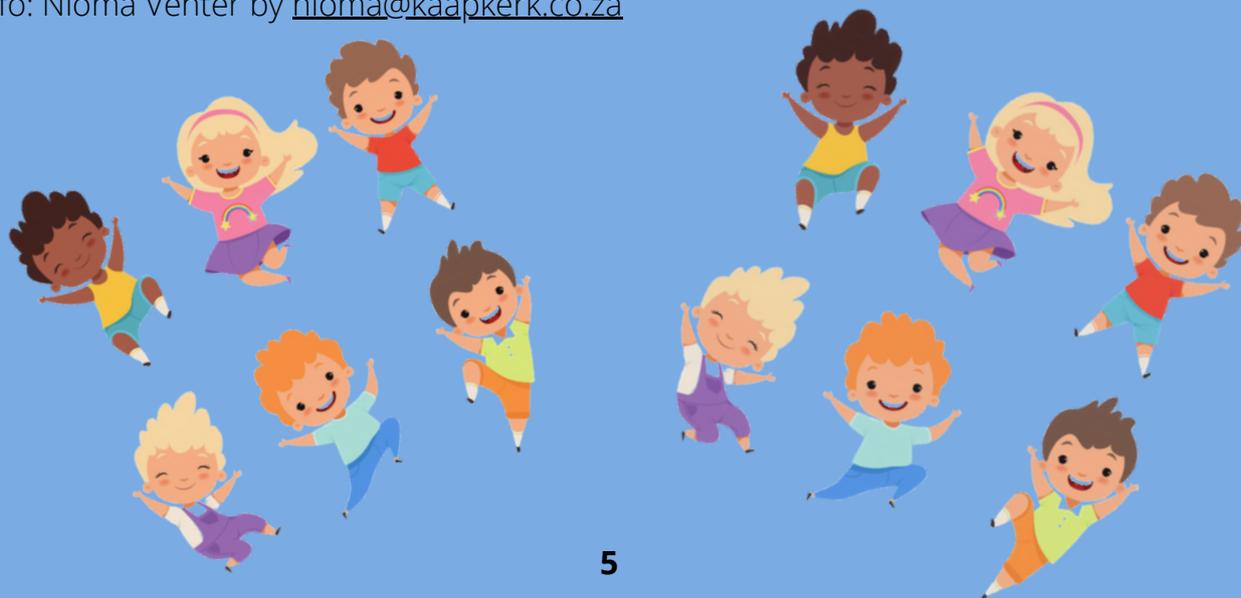
Die NG Kerk Worcester-Vallei Gemeente deel kospakkies uit by huise waar voorskoolse kinders in areas van Little Seeds-programme woon.

## DIACONIA HELP DIE HELPERS

Saam met die huise se deure wat toegaan vir 21 dae, het die harte van mense begin oopgaan vir ander in nood! Namens die NG-en VK-kerkfamilies het Diaconia (<http://www.diaconia.co.za/>) 'n groot donasie van handreinigers, maskers en handskoene aan soveel moontlik van die 147 Badisa-programme geskenk wat in hierdie tyd na die veiligheid van bejaardes, kinders en ander weerlose mense omsien.

Danksy 'n anonieme donateur se welwillendheid kon 'n verdere R1 miljoen se kospakkies vir 2 900 kinders, wat deel van voorskoolse programme van **Little Seeds** is, versprei word.

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## Echo Jeughuise

**Echo Jeughuise** bied 'n tuiste vir jongmense wat geen heenkome het nie; dit bied aan hulle 'n tuiste as deel van 'n nuwe gesin en uitgebreide familie. En ja, hulle het ook al getroude paartjies wat mekaar daar ontmoet het!

Echo fokus baie op verhoudings en eet gereeld saam, bied kampe aan en wedywer selfs om te kyk watter huis het bobaas-kokke!

Kyk na 'n video van Echo Huis-bestuurder, Niel Steyn:  
<http://bit.ly/3d9FIEG>



## Reik uit na ons strate ...



**Straatwerk** (<http://straatwerk.org.za/>) is die Liggaam van Christus in AKSIE, ook midde-in die COVID-19-pandemie. Hulle handhaaf 'n sigbare Christus-teenwoordigheid in Kaapstad-middestad deur diens-baarheid, verligting van nood en deur in te staan vir die weerloses .

Dit word gedoen deur **naguitreike** waarby gemeentegroepes kan inskakel, die **voorkoming** (die Waardevol-vir-Jesus-veldtog gerig op kinders) en **herstel van prostitusie** (Journey-of-hope-dissipelskapprogram) asook uitreike na die haweloses en desperates deur die **Ophelp-projek** ('n werkrehabilitasie-program).

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## Soccer ministry

The training, mentoring and discipleship of coaches and young leaders as father figures make a huge difference in the lives of young boys.

Ben Marais and his team help churches to use football as ministry tool by means of camps, clinics, tours and diverse football events.

Read more at  
<https://za.ambassadorsfootball.org/>

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# Saamdink oor evangelisasie in eietydse konteks



'n Werkswinkel oor evangelisasie is onlangs op Onrusrivier gehou en deur 33 mense bygewoon. Daar is saam gepraat oor evangelisasie in 'n nuwe tyd. 'n Taakspan is aangewys om die saak vorentoe te neem.

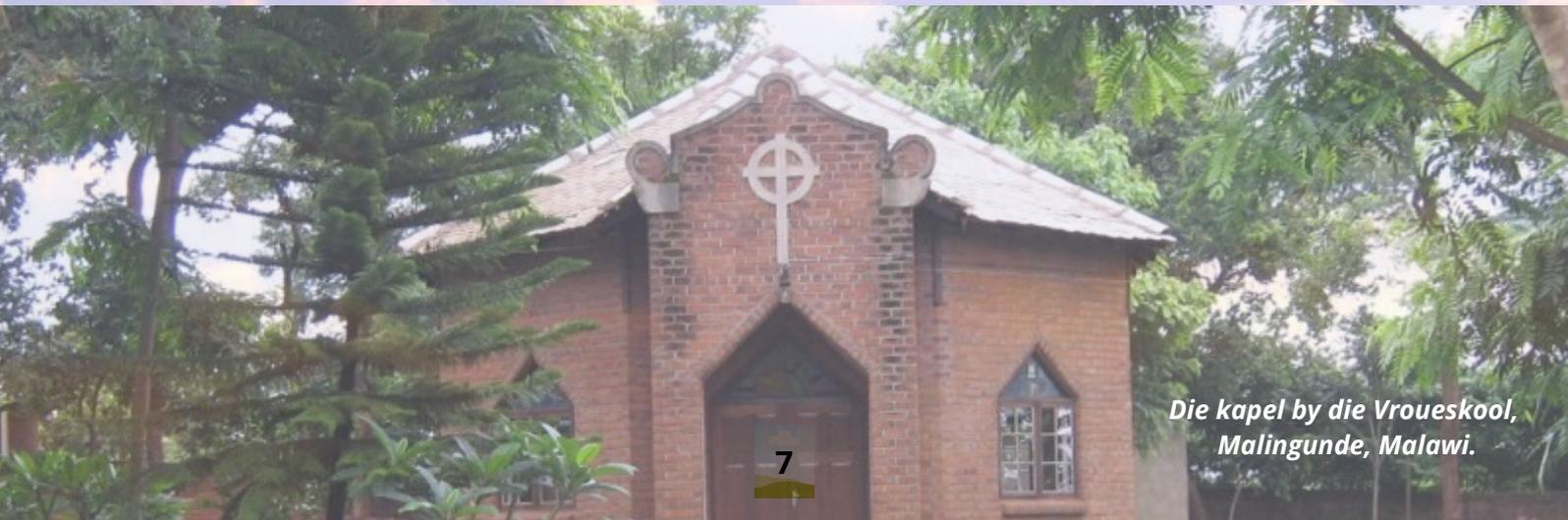
Verdere streekswerkswinkels word beplan vir die volgende maande.

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## In Memoriam

*Ons innige meegevoel aan die naasbestandes van die volgende oud-sendelinge:*

- Blignaut, Frans:** Hy was 'n mediese dokter by die Nkhoma Hospitaal in Malawi.
- Burger, Haas:** Hy het die grootste deel van sy bediening in die VGK Decoligny Gemeente (Transkei) gewerk. Na sy aftrede het hy op Port Edward gaan woon.
- Burger, Marie:** Sy het as geestelike werker op Sterkspruit, Cala (Ciskei), Kokstad en Port Elizabeth as boekhouer gewerk. Sy was die tweede vrou van Haas Burger.
- Cilliers, Kobus:** Kobus was betrokke by Moslem Sending en verbonde aan die NG Kerk Suiderstrand Gemeente.
- Du Preez, Jannie:** Hy was dosent by die Decoligny Teologiese Skool en daarna was hy dosent by die Fakulteit Teologie van die Universiteit van Stellenbosch. Met sy afsterwe het hy in Serenitas, Strand, gebly.



*Die kapel by die Vroueskool, Malingunde, Malawi.*

# We need strong Christian Leadership



Our final year theology students of 2019 during their visit to Witness Ministry, learning how we can support them. The DRC group (left) and URCSA group (right).

## New pastors in Eastern Cape

Winds of change and enthusiasm are blowing over the URCSA congregations in the Eastern Cape. We are overjoyed to be part of this process. The result: five new pastors who were ordained in the Eastern Cape these past two years.

F.l.t.r.: Wiseman Calvary (Mthatha), Thanduxolo Mountain (Canzibe) and Thembinkosi Mene (Rietvlei) and Zukile Bloro (Lusiksiki and Bambisana).



**Sokhanya** (<https://bit.ly/2VcSpAF>) has it's own curriculum based on developing the content of the Bible. The course serves leaders and members of the full spectrum of all the mainstream churches, including Catholic, a variety of Pentecostal groups and especially African independent churches.

The course was originally developed and presented in Xhosa and is now fully available in English. It has specifically been designed on an NQF Level 2, with 3 modules and 5 workbooks per module, for church leaders who have not achieved a matric certificate, yet are hungry to learn the word of God.

Watch the video of Sokhanya's manager, Mr Seseko: <http://bit.ly/39YpiaD>

# Kom, ons help jou opstaan ...



## Arbeidsbediening in Gevangenis

Arbeidsbediening (<http://imsacape.christians.co.za/>) neem die boodskap van Christus na plekke van werk en beide werknemers én werkgewers word geestelik bedien. In die geval van Korrektiewe Dienste is hul bediening egter gefokus op die geestelike behoeftes van die gevangenes.

Ds Jannie Booysen, pastorale werker van Arbeidsbediening en ook fasiliteerder van die gewilde BrightStar-program, het dit vanjaar vir 'n tweede keer in Malmesbury aangebied. Hy word bygestaan deur Lene November, medefasiliteerder van Arbeidsbediening Kaapstreek. In totaal het hulle sedert verlede jaar al 100 gevangenes met die BrightStar-kursus bemagtig.

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## Hope Prison Ministry



Crime destroys relationships. Prisoners are not ready for release until they have confronted the damage caused by their actions. Hope Prison Ministry's (<http://hopeprisonministry.org/>) teams have had the privilege of spreading a message of hope to prisons on four different continents, but our primary focus is on the Western Cape of South Africa. With 43 correctional centres, it is the perfect opportunity to develop new programmes that can heal the relationships broken by crime.

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# Ons ondersteun in

## KZN

### Makhathini



*Sfiso Mthembu (heel links met wit hempie met die logo van Buckets op sy hemp) en sommige van die jongmense wat baie entoesiasies meedoen aan die projek.*

"Buckets and Bags of love" help behoeftige mense in Makhathini (<http://getuienis.christians.co.za/makhatini/>). Die span vrywilligers uit die gemeenskap fokus op verhoudingsbou om die mense prakties en geestelik by te staan.

Sorgwerkers by klinieke in die omgewing identifiseer wie dit die nodigste het. Daar word twee keer per jaar kospakkies uitgedeel asook skoolsakke vir kindertjies. Verlede jaar kon 150 emmers en 38 skoolsakke uitgedeel word.

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### Msinga

Ds Braam Coetzee van Bredasdorp het 'n goeie en sterk verhouding met die jeugleiers van Msinga (<http://getuienis.christians.co.za/msinga/>) or die jare opgebou, danksy jarelange uitreike.

Sokker is een van die belangrikste maniere om na jongmense uit te reik. Groot sokker word hier gespeel om die getuienis van die *Living Ball* (die woordelose Bybelboekie) te demonstreer.

Die wonderlike gevolg is met watter vrymoedigheid ds Braam deurlopend deur Msinga se jongmense gekontak word om raad.

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# Our sister churches in ...



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## Malawi

From 9 to 18 March former missionary, AnnaMarie de Klerk, visited our sister church in Malawi, the CCAP Nkhoma Synod (<http://getuienis.christians.co.za/ccap/>), with a group of four members (URCSA and DRC) from the Western Cape.

They met more than 200 women, influential headmen and other church leaders; strenghtening the family ties between the church in Malawi and South Africa.

Read more about this spiritual journey at <https://bit.ly/3bSG2AD>

## Mosambiek

The dedicated Mobile Clinic team of our sister church (the IRM: <http://bit.ly/2HwZ9nx>) in the Vila Ulongue area, continues to do their grueling work of many kilometres by using motorbike taxis. They do this despite their broken clinic car which is currently being repaired by Jannie Smit in Chandame. What a devoted team! Read more at: <http://getuienis.christians.co.za/mobiele-kliniek/>



## Zimbabwe

NBI registrar Pastor Webster Gwanzura with the proud holder of an NBI diploma during the graduation ceremony at CAVA offices in January. This year they have 202 enrollments: 89 of the new enrolments are students of the upgraded NBI course and the other 113 students are inmates in nine of Zimbabwe's prisons.

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# Our HUGE family in AFRICA

*The 2019 NetACT group in front of the Faculty of Theology building at Stellenbosch.*



NetACT is the **Network for African Congregational Theology**, a network of theological institutions in the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition in Sub-Saharan Africa. Other denominations asked to join and were accepted. These member institutions create and direct the network with the aim of assisting all members in preparing leaders for missional congregations. Stellenbosch University acts as the central resource centre from where the network is administered and coordinated.

Members also publish on a regular base African theology books addressing typical challenges that our church leaders have to deal with: <https://netact.org.za/wordpress/books-articles/>

At the moment Witness Ministry, supports 7 post-graduate students from Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique that study at Stellenbosch University. More information: <https://netact.org.za/wordpress/>



The **Reformed Family Forum (RFF)** consists of the general secretaries of all the churches in Africa that originated from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa since the 19th century.

They held their first meeting in 2015 and, since then, have come together once a year in one of the member countries.

Not only does this event strengthen our collective memory as a church family, it also provides a valuable platform from where we can share our challenges and success stories with each other every year.

More info at <http://rff.christians.co.za/>



*Our RFF members during our meeting in 2019*

# Earth Day 22 April

Make sure to join us celebrating **Earth Day on 22 April**. You will find a lot of ideas and activities on our website:

**Afrikaans:** <https://getuienis.christians.co.za/preke/>

**English:** <http://witnessministry.christians.co.za/sermons-and-meditations/>



## Member Care in Harmonie



In Januarie vanjaar het *in Harmonie* (<https://www.inharmonie.co.za/>) in samewerking met *Member Care Southern Africa* (<http://www.memcare.co.za/>) en die Matt 11:28 Netwerk 'n retraite vir 'n groep van 34 sendelinge by *in Harmonie*, La Motte naby Franschoek aangebied.

Die groep het bestaan uit sendelinge wat onder andere in Malawi, Mosambiek en Botswana werk en 'n paar wat by Suid-Afrikaanse bedieninge betrokke is. Daar was ook mense wat onlangs na Suid-Afrika teruggekeer het en steeds in bedienings in Suid-Afrika en die buiteland betrokke is.

Die doel van die *in Harmonie Journey* (retraite) was om vir die sendelinge 'n tyd van rus, restorasie en rekonsiliasie in God se teenwoordigheid te skep, sowel as om met medesendelinge tyd te kon spandeer.

Die sessies het gefokus op die tema "Soul of Leadership" – gebaseer op Romeine 8.

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# Raak betrokke

## Ja, ek wil graag help.

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