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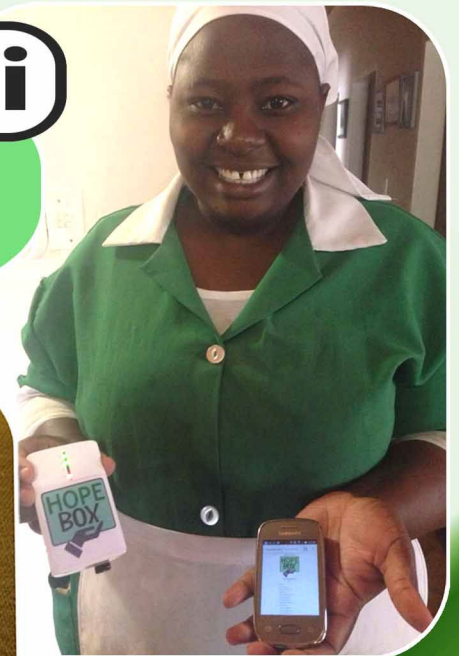
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THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,
Thank you for taking the time to read our magazine.

As we enter into a new era of technological advancements; global political and socio-economic upheavals; natural catastrophes—it has become imperative for the Christian to find themselves anchored to the source of all love, joy, strength, peace and faith... our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the hope that one day we will be changed into His most excellent and wonderful image. He is the one who will bring us into the glorious presence of the Father—untainted by sin and spotless as His perfect bride.

While the world is in turmoil, we have a sure future and a hope in our Lord.

This should motivate us not to give up, but to hold on. It should also motivate us to tell others

that the glorious hope of salvation is available to all who would hear His call to believe on His name. For all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved!

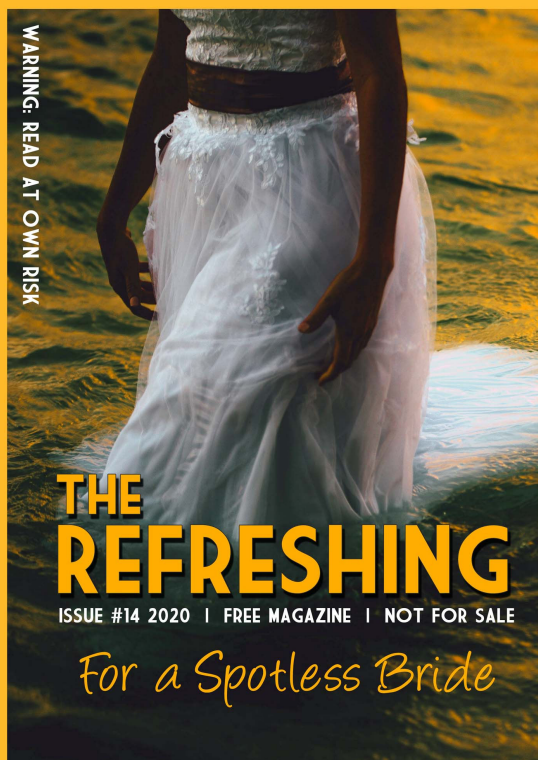
In this magazine you will find articles of interest; news of God's glorious Kingdom at work through His sons and daughters. May you be inspired to live the Kingdom life that the Lord Jesus ushered in 2000 years ago.

God bless you in this new season of opportunity!

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Evangelism, Discipleship & Leadership Newsfeed


This has been an extraordinary year for us. The Lord has graciously used us in a small corner of His Kingdom harvest—for the sake of the great commission. The word tells us that His Word will not return void. Here are some of a few snippets of news that may interest you:

Gospels of John Tracts Have Finally landed!

Some of the best news so far has been the arrival of several consignments of resources coming to us. 40 000 booklets made their way to us through some very kind people. We honour the Lord Jesus who coordinates all things beautifully so that His Kingdom may grow. Through the Lord's help we saw how Revival Ministries in Ireland was so good to us. The Lord also helped us through Rev. Steve Mann in South Africa who was simply the best and very accommodating to us in every way. King Jesus sent us Joe De Sousa and his business partner to help deliver a third of our resources. Finally, God used Manie Van Niekerk to bring us the balance of the resources on a very hot summer's day. Already the Gospel of John booklets are moving at a high pace to their various distribution points.

Lindie Radebe Is A Busy Bee...

Lindie has been dedicated in sharing EAR2HEAR Gospel resources with men and women from various groups in



Please pray for **EAR2HEAR** as we have a regular need for Bibles and Gospel of John tracts in languages for countries throughout the world.

Consider sending EAR2HEAR Bibles or tracts to P.O. BOX 26730, Gezina, 0031 South Africa.

All resources are distributed freely to communities throughout Africa and Asia, as doors open for us to do so!

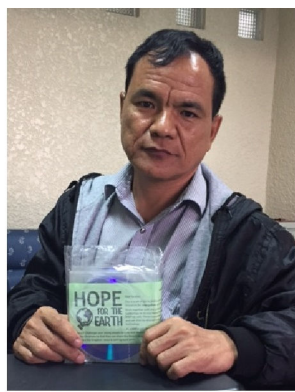
South Africa. This year she shared leaders resources with Pastors in Soshanguve, Pretoria and in the Vaal region. She is also working together with South African National Defence Force in the Limpopo region to reach military personnel there. She has also been visiting the Eastern Cape to make contacts with many hungry for the Word there.

Jeanne De Winnaar Based In Kwa-Zulu Natal, has taken up residence on the Durban beach front. From there she continues to reach out to men, women and children with the Gospel through street evangelism. During December 2018 she was particularly busy with holiday-makers, sharing the Good News of Salvation on a one-to-one basis; giving out free Gospels of John. Keep praying for Jeanne, she is doing this amazing work at the good old age of 82 years!

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Rev. Luna Thang Ken Kau,

Burmese Doctoral Ministry student at the APTS Theological Seminary is grateful to receive the leader's resources provided for the Burmese Church. Via Mission: Asia 2000, their missionary Yvonne Conradie, sent us this follow-up picture. Mission: Asia 2000 – have been instrumental in delivering these resources to various communities through their coordinator Ely Sebiano.



Looking Back Home To Malawi.

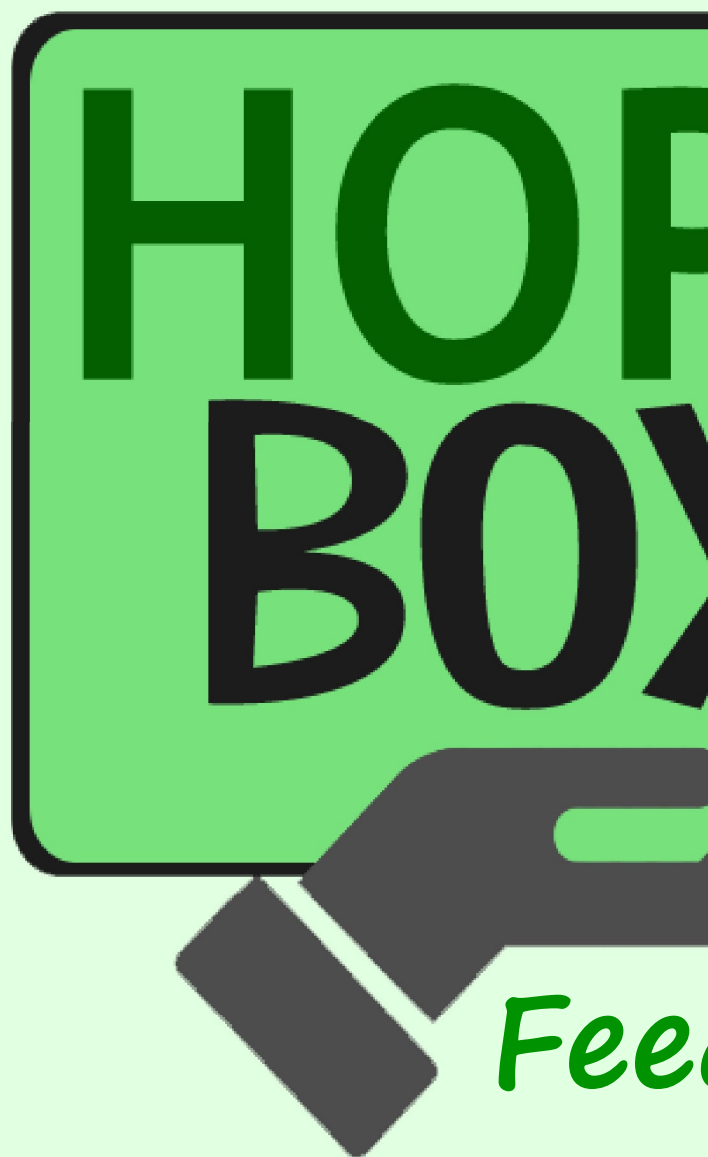
We were happy to provide over 1000 Chichewa booklets for Norah Chiwaya to take to her home country Malawi. Her son Jack, faithfully came and fetched these booklets in Pretoria, walking several kilometres in order to ensure the resources would be in their hands. We honour God for people like Jack and Norah who are going the extra mile for the Kingdom.

A Small Consignment of Bibles Arrive.

Thanks to Wendy Swarts and Alan & Beverley Foxley. We have been receiving small consignments of 300+ Bibles for distribution purposes. We are so grateful for these treasures. Each one of their contributions are so valuable to the disciples that receive them. 26 have already gone out to a rural Bible-School near Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa which is headed by Tamim Ministries. Many more have left for Kimberley

Radio Pulpit Interview.

Earlier in 2018 an opportunity came along for EAR2HEAR to answer some interesting questions via Radio Pulpit, concerning the digital revolution and the Gospel. Dr. Pieter Hammond was also a guest on the panel discussion touching on interesting developments taking place on the mission field! †



This past year's work with the HOPE BOX project has proven to be challenging. One can call it "growing pains". Despite this, God has remained faithful and an ever present help. Here are some short snippets of what God has allowed us to do.

Petrus Lekgoati In Leeufontein, South Africa.

Ps. Petrus serves 6 district schools which accomodates between 800 and 1000 students a school. He shares the Good News and hosts discipleship programs. He received a Hope Box from us in late 2017. We received reports that tell us that these children with smart phones and no internet access are now able to download materials that is transforming their lives for the Kingdom.



Janelle & Nico And Their European Tour.

This dear couple travelled through a number of European countries by backpack. They kept the Hope Box running the entire time, allowing commuters and travellers to connect to the Box freely to download resources in their languages.

Lindie Radebe & The Leaders From The Vaal Triangle.

Lindie was equipped with a Hope Box which she uses at a leadership forums to equip leaders with resources to reach their communities.

Lindie and her son were very excited to present the materials to the Combined Leaders Fellowship!

Willem Kelber Sends Hope Boxes out.

Willem from Campus Crusade for Christ distributed 6 Hope Boxes to key leaders and missionaries from South Africa and Zimbabwe. This was done after leader's training that took place at Joy Unspeakable camping grounds, in Pretoria.

World Outreach International—Southern African Offices.

2 Hope Boxes were supplied to missionaries reaching the northern and southern parts of Mozambique. The feedback reports were very positive, and many were glad for the available resources.

A number of other HOPE BOXES have gone out to various organisations and missionaries. We await to hear from all of them to report back to you.

For more information, with regards to prayer or support for this project, please contact us at info@ear2hear.co.za †





Daniel & The Lion's Den

A Play To Help Others Understand How Valuable the Witness of the Christian Testimony Is...

It is a generally accepted fact that people talk a lot about other people; and it seems more so when the people under discussion happen to be Christians - they are often not spoken of in a positive way. We are indeed “*letters written by the Holy Spirit and read by fellow men*” (2 Corinthians 3: 2-3 GNB) and because of this, it is essential that what people read in the letter of your life is Jesus Christ. I want to focus our attention on Daniel and on the conclusions people made when they looked at his life. King Darius, a heathen king made important conclusions... and his witness of Daniel's life was instrumental in spreading knowledge regarding God to the many nations under his rule. The ministers who worked in King Darius' government also saw that same witness in Daniel's life; and they spoke evil of him. To help people visualise the importance of being a Christian witness as Daniel was, a short play in Church services or at youth ministries can be acted out. The following may help you or your Church to take this story to a level which speaks to the hearts and minds of people.

Actors :

Narrator reading some text,

- ↔ Daniel
- ↔ King Darius
- ↔ 3-4 ministers
- ↔ a few people gathering to see what would happen at the lion's den
- ↔ 2 soldiers

Special notes:

If possible, use a picture of lions as background / on electronic board - only put up when applicable.

Daniel gets pushed out of sight on the side of the stage or behind a curtain or some enclosure. The king must later return to that spot. If possible (or optional) have sound of lions roaring before Daniel is pushed into the pit and then the roaring stops.

Play begins:

Scene 1:

Narrator reads from Daniel 6 vs 1-9. King on stage and ministers. One of them carry the scroll with the order. The ministers grab the scroll and

exhibit big smiles. Looking back at where the king is sitting, they begin to talk to each other in an animated way, while leaving the stage.

1st minister (1): "Let's go and wait for Daniel near his house, today is the day!"

2nd minister (2): "Yes, he usually goes home at 12 o'clock, it is already a quarter to! Let's hurry!"

Scene 2:

A part of the stage has a bed, a chair, a frame of a window (which Daniel can open).

Daniel walks on stage, sits on the chair or bed for a quick moment (perhaps covering his face) considers for a moment what is happening. Then he gets up. He opens the window, looks out and kneels at the bed. Expression must be serious, but peaceful.

He folds his hands in prayer. After a few moments he lifts up his hands; his lips can form words of praise or better even say them out loud. He may even recite a sentence or two of Psalm 146 vs 1-2 as praise to the Lord. The next moment the ministers and soldiers rush in and pull Daniel up from his praying position, to stand between the soldiers. Daniel remains calm and peaceful. Go off-stage.

Scene 3:

On the side of the stage, spot near the lion's den, the ministers, soldiers, Daniel and the king. The king walks to Daniel.

Narrator reads Daniel 6 vs 14 to 15.

The king buries his head in his hands, looks at Daniel a last time. He says: May your God whom you always honour, save you! He then walks away (to the other side of the stage).

The soldiers push Daniel into the lion's den (if possible for production value add large photographs of lions accompanied by roaring sounds). The ministers give each other high fives. Lights dim to blackout to show that night is falling.

Scene 4:

(2 to 3 minutes pass). Then dimmed lights start to lighten the stage. Two soldiers guarding the spot near the lion's den.

The king hurries over the stage. Anxious, not in usual king's clothes. He calls out in a concerned voice (Daniel 6 vs 20 recited): "*Daniel, servant of the living God! Was the God you serve so loyally able to save you from the lions?*"

From backstage Daniel answers: "*May Your Majesty live for ever! God sent his angel to shut the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me. He did this because He knew that I was innocent and because I have not wronged you, Your Majesty*".

The king looks much happier and gives the order to the soldiers: "*Throw down a rope and get Daniel out, immediately.*"

When Daniel comes on stage, helped by the soldiers, he looks just the same as before.

The king hugs him and says: "*I could not sleep, I worried about you! How come you are not hurt? The lions are very hungry!*"

Daniel repeats: "*My God sent his angel to shut their mouths.*"

The king gives orders: "*Get the ministers who accused Daniel here and throw them into the lion's den along with their families! And get the scribes, I want to send out a document proclaiming that Daniel's God is the only true God, He is a living God and He will rule forever!*"

Narrator reads Daniel 6 vs 25 - 28.

At the end of the play:

Church leaders can read Acts 4 vs 13. What people said about disciples - companions of Jesus.

The lesson with this play is this—it does not matter whether you and I are heroes of faith in a big way. If our lives testify of the living God, that is enough to bring honour to His Name.

Article and play by Annette Wheeler †

Set Free

from Spiritual Abuse



'LORD, you are mine! I promise to obey your words!'

Psalm 119 vs 57 NLT

How does this scripture in Psalm 119 compare with what most Christians seem to think about God? Most relate to the Lord Jesus as if the scripture says: *"Lord I am yours! I will obey your words!"* but this is wrong. The psalmist's declaration *"Lord you are mine! I will obey..."* is nothing less than a declaration that he had **a love relationship with God**.

No love relationship is forced, but rather consists of a voluntary commitment by both parties. This is why *John 6:67 (NLT)* recounts that when many of the Lord Jesus' disciples departed from Him out of offense; He turned to the twelve Apostles who remained, asking: *"Are you also going to leave?"* He was not going to hold anyone back if they wanted to leave and go their way. In *John 14 verse 15 (NLT)* the Lord Jesus said to his disciples: *"if you love me, obey my*

commandments". This again confirms that a true experience with Christ has to be in the form of **a free-will love relationship!**

'Lord you are mine! I promise to obey your words!' also speaks of a **Christ-empowering experience**. Not only an empowering that enables us to obey God, but also to share this relationship and experience with others around us. Paul said in *Colossians 1:27-29 (NLT)*. *"Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory. So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me."*

There is no such thing as a vacuum in the natural or in the spiritual world. Things that are empty tend to get filled immediately, and oftentimes with something other than what was removed. If you therefore do not have the type of relationship with God that the Psalmist clearly



had, then you will have something else. Since nothing less than **Christ in you** is acceptable to God, this will be the right time to ask the Holy Spirit to show you what you have and if it is where God wants you to be in this season. Usually, the Spirit will point out to us that Jesus must be centrally aligned in our hearts.

Once we have settled the issue of having Jesus as the centre of our hearts, there is then another exercise that we must do. We must also look around and ensure that there is nothing from outside of us that is putting this “Jesus and I” relationship under threat. Again, we should ask the Holy Spirit to

show us those outside influences that are working to remove us from obeying Jesus Christ. That’s why Ephesians 6 teaches us about putting on “the full armour of God”. We must fight off every trick the enemy has to sever our relationship with Christ. Naturally, we see our enemies as the Devil and those in the world who prey on our weaknesses.

These outward threats include perhaps the most dangerous peril to any believer, namely threats from within the Church. Napoleon reportedly observed that “a spy in the right place is worth 20,000 soldiers on the battlefield”. In the spiritual world it is much the same. The Devil knows full-well that an ‘insider’ in the Church can do tremendous damage, particularly if they are in a position of authority. This danger in Christian religious circles usually comes in two forms, namely:

Spiritual abuse in which a strong personality dominates the freewill of others to the point where their two-way relationship with Jesus is no longer existent or is very weak.

Spiritual abuse in which a Church sect with unbiblical dogmas steals away the free-will relationship between their members and Christ. This gives rise to bitter Christians, who wonder how they could have gotten themselves involved ‘with a God who is so harsh’. It isn’t God who is harsh... it is people who have misrepresented God with an ungodly religious system.

We need therefore to ask the following questions...

- ↔ Is the motive for the Church I attend / ministry I work with / Spiritual leader I serve to present me perfect before God?
- ↔ Do they measure perfection as being a deeper relationship with Christ?
- ↔ Do they work and struggle hard to achieve this and
- ↔ Are they enabled by Christ’s power working in them – is it seen as fruit in their own lives?

If the answer to any of these questions is ‘no’, then you must start ministering to the Church or ministry or leader you are working with. If you cannot, due to internal politics, prayerfully consider moving on. Spiritual abuse may move you further from Jesus – so before that happens, or gets worse, take action. Look for a Christ-centred family of believers where you can find Godly fellowship. Remember, you are obligated to God, **not to men**.

Thankfully Jesus continues to build His Church and hell’s gates cannot prevail. It is essential though, to draw near to Him and to rely on Him to include you in that building process. Having an ear to hear His every command will keep you safe and help you overcome the evergrowing dangers of spiritual abuse so prevalent in these last days.

Article by Alan †
Visit www.upbuilding.za.org

Our destiny is to live with the Lord forever. Learning to live and conduct ourselves properly in God's presence is something God nurtures in us daily. Just because we have been made free and born again, does not mean that we throw out all good conduct. We need to learn that to dwell in the Father's presence, is to live in His house, by His household rules. These are not difficult to live under with His help - it is easy and light (Matthew 11:30). What happens if we find ourselves or someone else who is unwilling to live by the household rules of God? Would this be what some call **rebellion**? When we speak of rebelliousness, this is in context of rebellion against God Himself; the source of universal authority. When we reject God's authority and household rules we are in danger of being rebellious. If you consider yourself God's child - He will correct that rebellion in you in good time. According to the Oxford dictionary online...the word "**rebel**:"

1. Showing a desire to resist authority, control, or convention.

1.1 Engaged in opposition or armed resistance to an established government or leader.

1.2 (of a thing) not easily controlled or kept in place.

The Bible helps to understand why rebellion is so dangerous by giving us examples of men and women who acted rebelliously toward God. In almost every example we read are extreme cases. Please don't go reading this in fear or out of context.

King Saul's story has been a fascinating one. His anointing by God through the Prophet Samuel

and crowning as King was not meant to take place at all. The rebelliousness of Israel (God's people) was something deep-seated. God's intention was to raise up His children to become Kings or Priests in His Kingdom (1 Peter 2:9). The children of Israel rejected the authority of God and the order of His household in favour of authority delegated to a single man - A King. Through rebellion the children of Israel couldn't see how choosing a single King would play into the enemy's hands by stealing their kingly and priestly birthright and placing it into the hands of a single man. While the Lord allowed them to choose a King, he warned of the grief this choice had in store for them.

Rebellion likewise will put you in a place that steals you from the path of your godly birthright and destiny. God will many times allow you to have your own way, if only to show you just how wrong you can be. King Saul was the pinnacle example of what rebellion was; but his story is so much more different than many could begin to imagine. King Saul started his journey with one miracle after the next. God was still faithful, even though men were not. From the very beginning while reading through 1 Samuel 9 to 1 Samuel 11, you get the immediate impression that King Saul had incredible encounters with the Lord. The Father was wooing him, calling to be a King close to His heart. In this way He could offer protection for King Saul and His people. "the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Daniel 11:32). Those who don't know their God can



Removing the Alta

cause situations to spiral out of control. King Saul was anointed by the Prophet Samuel (and the Holy Spirit) - similar to mighty men of God before, Samuel experienced powerful words of knowledge and prophecy. He had incredible faith and He saw how God turned the tide against Israel's greatest enemies and this led him to have powerful victories.

There came a shift in King Saul's heart one day; a seed that took root as rebellion. When the battle against the Philistines was close at hand, a blessing traditionally would be given for the victory of Israel's forces (Read 1 Samuel 13). This came in the form of a sacrifice carried out by a priest. This was the Prophet Samuel's responsibility and he was a little late for this appointment. Samuel had instructed King Saul to wait for him so that he could do the sacrifice. King Saul became concerned as Samuel's lateness made the soldiers uneasy and they began to scatter. Taking matters in his own hands, King Saul carried out the sacrifice on Samuel's behalf. King Saul's disobedience came about

Rebellion

Altar of Rebellion

because he believed God might let Israel down in battle. Even though King Saul had seen otherwise; he took hold of the accusing lie, that Satan planted against God. King Saul entertained the lie and acted on it by sacrificing to the Lord. He believed that his efforts would be valid to gain victory over his enemies. King Saul went ahead without Samuel and literally brought sacrifices on an altar of rebellion unto the Lord. Had only King Saul waited as God commanded him to!

God never asked King Saul to do feats of incredible strength or endurance or courage. He simply had to wait. Samuel arrived on time to witness King Saul's disobedience. He confronted King Saul and rebuked him for "making a plan" while Samuel was away. Samuel exclaimed saying "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. Had you kept it, the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever". 1 Samuel 13: 13 NLT. In 1 Samuel 14 we read that God still saved them from the battle. God wasn't cruel when He spoke through the Prophet Samuel

such hard words in 1 Samuel 13. God could see into King Saul's unrepentant heart, and He knew what a bitter seed of rebellion was germinating – an altar of rebellion against the Lord. The Lord could see it was going to cause King Saul to self-destruct in the future; and, through Samuel's words, were showing the King that this was what could be expected when we heed the enemy's lies and rebel. King Saul had never been dropped by the Lord before. If anything, all King Saul knew was the Lord's many blessings – there was no precedent in King Saul's reign to not trust God at all.

Now with that seeded lie of Satan came the altar of rebellion in King Saul's heart which motivated another defiant act against God. King Saul, during a victory against the Amalekites, an evil and ancient enemy of Israel spared the spoils of war and spared the Amalekite King. This was against the command of the Lord who told him to destroy everything of the Amalekites. Samuel delivered the final message from the Lord who had rejected Saul as King. Speaking against his disobedient aspirations Samuel said: *"What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the Lord, He has rejected you as king"* (1 Samuel 15:22-23 NLT).

There is much to extract from the life of King Saul. Through the teachings of Jesus we can learn how to overcome what Saul failed to do. Jesus gives us the parable of the 2 sons (Read Matthew 21:28 – 31 NLT). From this parable we see that the answer to dealing with rebellion is turning our hearts back to God by coming to Jesus. He shows us that through repentance we can remove Altars of Rebellion that have been built up in our hearts toward the Father. When we see the enemy trying to sow seeds in our hearts we can bring every seed to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5) before we make bitter judgements against the Lord that will steal our love for Him. You cannot trust one word that comes from Satan's mouth. He is the father of Lies (John 8:44). We need God's help in discerning which thoughts are from Him and which thoughts come from the Devil. We can find healing and deliverance from rebellion – we have the advantage of Jesus' help. We can no longer excuse or entertain seeds that sow rebellion, neither can we accept Altars that celebrate disobedience against God's household rule.

Find release from all rebellion by turning to serve the living God. If you feel powerless; there is none more powerful than Jesus, who can set you free (John 8:36).

Article by Wain Vosloo †

Samuel is not the only interesting subject on the topic of Rebellion. You can read the true stories of:

- ↪ Adam and Eve (Gen 2 & 3)
- ↪ The Fall of Lucifer (Eze 28: 1- 19; Isa 14:12-17)
- ↪ Korah's Rebellion (Num 16)
- ↪ Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5).

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Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?” Matt 15:12, NIV

Of course, by asking the question in today’s title, I’m not suggesting that we embark on an unloving and ungracious lifestyle. Jesus never exhibited these characteristics. However, His words and His life constantly caused offence with those who believed that they had religious or ideological superiority.

Apart from the main world religions, the dominant ideology of today is humanistic and strongly promoting ill-defined notions of equality, inclusivity and liberty. The God-centred message of the Bible regarding sin, and the need for divine forgiveness, is considered repressive, restrictive and an outdated concept. It is seen as the enemy of a man-centred quest for freedom. Jesus stepped into the world two thousand years ago and defined the meaning of true freedom. He said that it was release from spiritual bondage and could only be achieved by receiving God’s forgiveness through a relationship with Himself. He dismissed, as worthless, the beliefs and behaviours of the religious elite, causing considerable offence in the process.

Today His words, which can only be voiced through His Body on earth, will be equally

offensive to those who have invested their lives in a culture of self-determined entitlement. The culture of God’s Kingdom and the concepts of the Bible must, in their understanding, be progressively neutralised and dismantled. We shouldn’t be surprised at the increasing hostility towards a faithful gospel message, however gracious the delivery might be.

We don’t like not being liked. Of course, we should not give offence by the manner of our presentation of biblical truth, but to compromise that truth in order to find a measure of acceptance with the world’s views, will never help to transform lives in the way that God has planned, through the radical message of Jesus.

Prayer: Father God, I want to avoid offending others by unloving and ungracious behaviour, but I want to be unafraid of the truth of the Bible or of giving offence to those caught in spiritual bondage. Please help me. Amen.

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Magdalena Oral Follow-Up Training

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The film, "Magdalena: Released from Shame," is the true story of Jesus seen through the eyes of Mary Magdalene – a story of tenderness, freedom and purpose. "Magdalena" reveals what can happen when women refuse to live in defeat and choose to discover their real value.

Once people have come to Christ through "Magdalena," it is vitally important to follow them up as soon as possible, teaching them the basic Biblical concepts of following Jesus. Many people come from a background of Oral Traditional Stories about life handed down from one generation to the next.

We have developed a set of 52 stories based on the Scriptures and the film "Magdalena" that enable you to teach these basic concepts to anyone, whether they can read or not.

"This FOLLOW-UP STRATEGY is an intentional church-planting strategy using stories from God's Word. We will train you how to use Bible stories to start small groups for evangelism and discipleship." - Marie Erasmus



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Watch the "Magdalena" film, this enables you to put the stories into context. Contact your CCCSA representative to make arrangements to see the film. Or it can be viewed online at www.jesusfilm.org

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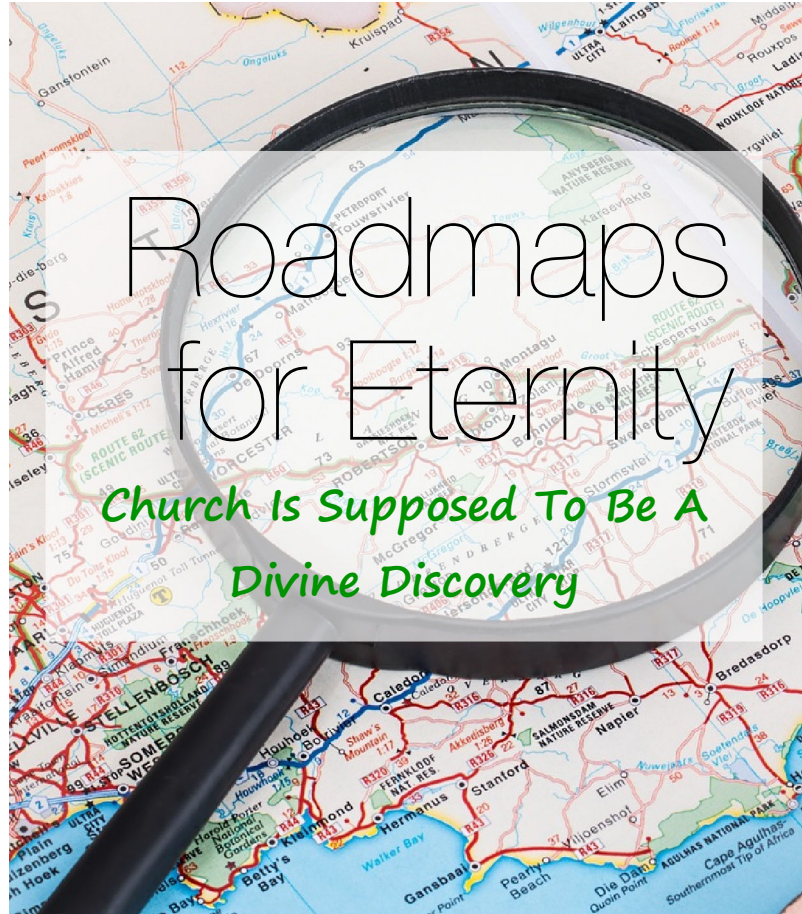
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An adult cannot teach everything to a child. Dad and Mom don't crawl continually in front of their babies until they get the hint. Children learn most of their early skills themselves, and parents have to sit back and wait for that development to take place. Parents cannot take shortcuts here, though many have tried. Well-meaning folk have even attempted to cut out the crawling phase of babyhood by placing babies in suspended walkers. Only recently have researchers realised that this leads to arrested development.

In like manner, the Lord wants succeeding generations to discover Jesus and His revelation for themselves. Christ is the perfect head of His Body. As such, He has no respect of persons in His heart - so why would some generations think the Lord would discriminate against people of different generations? His abilities are available for all believers, for His arm is ever strong! Abraham knew the Lord as "*Jehovah Jireh*" - *the Lord, my provider* (See *Genesis 22:14*) He didn't read it in a manual, God revealed His Character to him.

Parents try their best to shield their children from disaster as they grow up - such as placing covers over electrical sockets and storing household chemicals on the top shelf. But in being over-protective, researchers have discovered a child's development can be stunted into adulthood. For example parents disinfect their homes with powerful cleaning agents meant to protect children from harm. A home that is too sterile can actually increase allergy risks and asthma. A little bit of dust and dirt is actually far healthier for your offspring in the long run. The situation works in very much the same way in a spiritual sense too. Older generations tasked with leading the way should not operate from a basis of fear to shield younger Christians. Stifling all experiences out of fear of them getting hurt will deny them critical life experience. A sterile Christian



environment based only on teachings will establish within them a very narrow understanding of the spiritual realm. While no leader should be careless with those in their care; micro-management-type shepherding intended to shield younger believers, may only serve to flatten them instead.

In *Matthew 18:10* the Lord Jesus said; "*Beware that you **don't** look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father*". These words make it very clear that little children have an amazing standing in the sight of God. Young believers should be treated by Christians with the same measure of respect as Jesus has for them. From the passages above we can also see that God delights in interacting personally with his children as any real father does. How would you like it, however, if your child returned home from kindergarten saying; "*I don't want to be with you any more Mom or Dad! My teachers tell me I can experience all that your relationship with me has to offer, through listening to them.*" How sad such parents would be - they would feel



robbed! God feels the same way when 'theory-only teachers' take His place. Like us, He wants not just to relate to His children, but also to joyfully interact with them! All believers, especially immature ones should keep their hearts and minds eager to learn, discover and experience new things, in all humility, from the Father personally. That's why Paul said in *1 Timothy 4:12*; "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young" to his eager student Timothy.

It is not that we reject the lessons of the past or teaching, in fact, we embrace them. *Hebrews 5:14 (NLT)* says that "Solid food is for those who are mature, who through **training** have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong." In other words, immature believers cannot discern everything immediately; it takes a lifetime of learning. Once again I reiterate *Hebrews 5:14*: "those... who through **training** have the skill." God wants more for believers than their simply being pushed through an intellectual teaching programme by the Church.

The story of Job consists primarily of three theorists coming across an experienced man of God whom the Lord was honing to perfection. They were a stumbling block, not a help to him. It took a younger, spirit-led believer named Elihu to correctly begin admonishing Job. He was permitted to do this until God personally stepped in. The Lord fully corrected Job for his negative attitude. After dealing with Job, He then turned to his three friends. He reproved them for misrepresenting Him in their instruction to Job, and told them to go to Job for prayer. No wonder *James 3:1 (NLT)* says; "Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly."

Perhaps the reason most Christians prefer just receiving teaching, and not also undergoing experience, is because of the suffering associated

with the growing. *Romans 5:3 (NLT)* says; "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that **they help us develop endurance**. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love". We see from this that God uses life's circumstances to develop us spiritually. (See also *James 1:2-4*). The result of such an experience-based walk with God is love, which is "...the bond of perfectness". This is an eternal asset, which will bring much future reward for any believer.

Let's steer away from theory only, by steering in the direction of the Lord Jesus. Let us wait on the Holy Spirit and ask Him to give us the experiences with Christ that we need. Such interaction with our Lord brings out the spiritual fruit we need to bear (See *John 15:4-5*). God can teach a believer to love. Many Churches struggle to do it, because they usually tend to only preach it. God takes a believer through experiences as well as teaching in a way people cannot do. Since nobody can undergo experiences on another believer's behalf, trusting on the experience of others is just not an option for any believer. Nevertheless, many do, and the consequences are always spiritually detrimental for them. (See *1 Corinthians 8:1-2*). Never be impatient and try to bypass God's way of doing things. Instead of 'storing up wisdom' for younger believers, the older generation's primary goal should be to teach them how to depend on God for everything. Whether we are older or younger believers though, our greatest need is to learn to discern the truth for ourselves. Let us learn to see, taste, hear and feel like little children do. Let nobody rob you of the experience of getting there with God.

Article by Alan †
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My Father's House

The Church is called the house of the Lord. There we meet as His children with Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and together we visit as God's family at the Father's table. We honor God and proclaim our love to Him through our praise and worship. Father talks to us through the preaching of the Word, Jesus meets every need and does signs and wonders. The Holy Spirit touches us with His anointing and gifts. Sometimes we are too hurried, thinking the meetings last too long and we want to get away as soon as possible to do our own thing. We do not make time to sit still and listen to Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit; and our fellow-brothers and sisters to build relationships. We just want to jump from the "table" and run away, but we do not spend time with His family. Father would like to spend time with His children and wants all his children to get along with each other. After all, this is the day of the Lord (Rev. 1:10). We should be a close-knit family, caring for each other's needs and we should be interested in each other's wellbeing. Father may say, *"Look at your sister, she needs help / encouragement, a hug. Look at your brother, he needs a willing ear and a hand to help him."* Inquire about each other's week, family and what's happening in their lives. There are our brothers and sisters who have become alienated from the family, who may be hurt or

bitter, and they stay away from ABBA's house and do not want to sit together at His table. I believe it hurts His heart so much. Just imagine how your earthly parents would feel going through this with their children. *"Go visit them, pray for the sick, bring the lost souls so that I can accept and welcome them into the family. Also reach out to your family in Father's house in other cities and countries. Forgive each other as I forgave you, restore the relationship. Be one as I and the Father are one. Go and make disciples of all nations. Encourage each other. Communicate with each other. Ask about each other's well-being. Visit My House Out of Love for Father, Son, Holy Spirit and fellow brothers and sisters. Sit at my table in love and peace."*

"My house will be called a house of prayer"
Talk to Father and listen to Him. Accept His hospitality and His attempts to keep and bind the family together. He wants to prove His love towards us. How can we expect Father to listen to us throughout the week, help us, sit at our table and spend time with us, if we do not even want to spend time with Him on His day at His table? Still He remains a GOOD FATHER and is always reaching out to us. He loves us and wants His "rebellious" children to come back to Him.

Article by Rita Rudolph †

Farewell To Our Network Friends We Grew to Love !

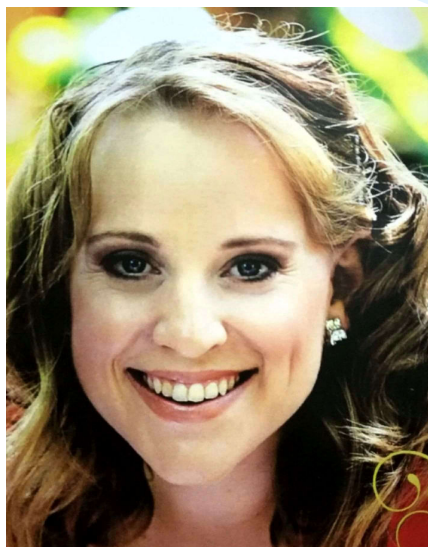
2018 saw a string of heartsore and tragic incidences that have left massive gaps in our hearts. Even Jesus wept at the news of Lazarus' passing. It is no different for us when we have to let go of people who have grown into our hearts. May God be with their families during their mourning and transition.



Wouter

We remain deeply saddened by the loss of a respected and loved community leader in April 2018. Wouter Badenhorst had a very big impact on many in business and also as a volunteer at Renasci Church in Pretoria. He succumbed to injuries after a fatal motorcycle accident.

Wouter leaves behind a precious family who are some of the dearest and kindest folk around. His loss will weigh heavy on his wife, family, children and the Church he voluntarily helped to build among Malawian nationals. We are praying for God's healing touch for them. †



Suné

Suné started a journey of friendship with EAR2HEAR since our inception in 2007. She was always a precious and valued supporter of the ministry. Her help was of particular significance in EAR2HEAR's dealings with Refilwe Orphan Care. After years of poor health Suné finally went home to be with Jesus. Our hearts, while glad for the end of her suffering were sad to say goodbye to a beloved friend. Our prayers go with the Rossouw family, particularly her parents and siblings who will miss her dearly. †



Danie

The sudden passing of Danie Lindeque, came as a shock for the many people who knew him. Danie was a man who carried a powerful testimony. Some have shared how he carried a mantle of God's love over him. Everything Danie did in ministry was motivated by love. What a powerful witness to leave on the earth! Danie is now in the safe arms of the one who is love.

Our prayers go out to Danie's beloved wife of 4 years, Carol Lindeque, who worked together with Danie in ministry. We also pray for Danie's two children. †

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16-17 March

God's Master Key

Exploring the Power of Forgiveness

13-14 April

Lost and Found

Exploring the Remedy for Rejection

11-12 May

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Exploring Healing through Deliverance

8-9 June

Inside Out

Exploring Inner Damage and Healing

20-21 July

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Exploring God's Design for Relationship

17-18 August

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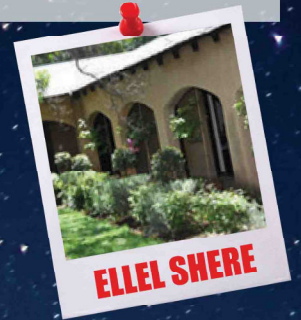
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Exploring the Snares of the Enemy

4-5 May

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Exploring How to Deal with Difficult Emotions

1-2 June

Godly Sexuality

Exploring God's Design for Sexuality and its Expression

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Exploring Healing for Past Accidents and Trauma

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Asia in the Spotlight

We are a year closer to Christ's coming and that makes us very excited. On the other hand, we know that there are still millions waiting to hear the message of redemption and salvation. Even in the Philippines, which according to popular opinion is a Christian land, there are still millions on the many islands who are still waiting and who have still not learned the fullness and truth of being a Christian. In other parts of Asia the need is still greater. During 2019 we must return to the Philippines for a visit to sort out matters with the team members, especially because there will be potential new members added. Their involvement must still be assessed and decided upon. As usual I will stay on the campus of Asia Pacific Theological Seminary.

IN THE PHILIPPINES

Below you will see some parts of recent reports of our Filipino team. We start with Imelda Sedano, a hardworking person, faithful in ministry. Despite from the fact that she has also quite a full time office job as secretary for a congress member; she gives attention to some 10 Bible Studies each week. She often receives people in her office who are coming for help because of sickness or debt at hospitals. There are many times when, if they ask for help, they receive something, even if it is



partial financial aid. She writes about a certain Mrs Bravo, these are her words: *"She came to my office and asked help for her depression and she said while she was praying, the Lord brought to her mind my face so she searched on face book and found where I was working. She was a former daycare teacher of Crystal Cave (a suburb where the Conradie family lived earlier) but due to life's trials, she left and went through a cycle of depression. I led her and her husband to scriptures pointing out to them that life has no meaning without Jesus. As I asked them if they were willing to give their lives to Jesus and accept Him as Saviour and Lord, they gladly said, 'Yes!' Praise Jesus."*

In such a wonderful way the Lord uses her, almost day by day.

Further on, we would also like to quote a part of Ludy Niturada's report. He writes as follows: *"Thank God for opening doors to share His love and purpose for other people. I want to thank God also that my son committed his life to God's Ministry. He is now our assistant youth pastor. He is aiming to go to seminary after his college graduation."* Ludy further writes that they will use him more and more for all kinds of outreach at the one High School and in this case he had to deliver a speech and the theme of the outreach session was *"The Purpose of a Teacher"*. He told us that he was quite nervous but that the Lord undertook in such a way, and the hearts of those who heard it were so touched, that tears were flowing. He mentioned specifically that one must take note

that life does not end here, but that we must build our lives with the purpose and assurance that our last place will be with the living God in heaven.

IN CAMBODIA

We are very sad that Linda Pinchigan retired at from her wonderful work in Cambodia at the end of 2018. We want to quote something of her latest little newsletter: *“Our God is always at work with us by faith, because I see Him only by faith now. (Mark 4:26-29.) Our job is to sow the seed of the Word of God. Others will water, it is the Lord who makes it grow. The good thing is that we can know what the Lord has called us to do... so we don’t compare our work, nor ourselves, with others and their work. Whether great or small, we aim to glorify our Lord and to finish our assignment well. Since this is my last term in this mission field, I am glad to testify of the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord in my life and ministry. Hundreds of children, young people and adults have asked Jesus into their hearts; have been for water baptism; but only a few are faithfully coming to church and are actively involved in ministry. Some migrated to other provinces. Some are hindered by parents who are from other faiths. But many of them may have become like the prodigal son too. Nevertheless there are still some who are faithful and daring. Thank God that some of these have graduated university and are now working professionals yet are still actively involved and dedicated to the church and its ministries. We are also calling in prayer for the return of the prodigal sons and daughters before its too late. Just recently, one of our young people and her younger sister courageously shared the word of God to their*



father and he accepted Jesus as His Lord and saviour. A few days later, their Father died. At the funeral these two sisters were much comforted in the hope that they will meet their father again in God’s Kingdom, because he became born again before he died. My greatest joy is to see the few committed and faithful Christian believers growing victorious in faith, serving the Lord courageously and overcoming the enemy by sharing their testimony. The pastor that was installed last March used to be one of our Sunday-school children some 15 years ago. When she grew as a youth, I trained her to teach in the kindergarten where she got involved for some time.”

GOODBYE

Our saddest moment in 2018 had to be the sudden and painful departure of our esteemed fellow worker in Christ, Dr. Sharon Cosalan (Left). She succumbed to her battle with cancer, but stands before the Lord as a victorious daughter of the King. She was an exemplary woman!

OUR THANKS

Dear friends we don’t have words to thank the Lord for all the wonderful situations that He allowed to happen in 2018. Our hearts are so thankful. Thank you very much for the wonderful way in which you stood with us by giving, and especially in prayer. Without prayers this Mission would not have existed anymore a long time ago. Will you please pray for the situations which have been mentioned in this newsletter, and pray especially that there will be people who will support the new members of our growing team so that they will be supported with finances and prayers.

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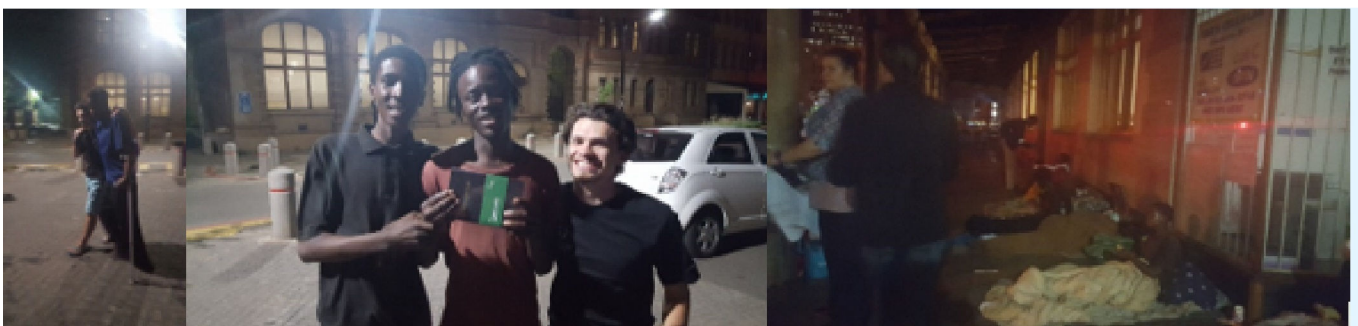
“Adopt a Junky”

Give back a person

When we are children, we often believe we are going to make an impact in the world. History will remember us! We love being the heroes of our own lives and those around us. Kids are the main character in this adventure, and by the time we leave school, our minds are dead set on changing the world. Then the hard reality of the big world hits us, and we suddenly realise that the world works in a different hierarchy, it is then that our expectations get adjusted, very quickly. This is no different for our friends that we meet living in the streets, sleeping under the bridges and sidewalks of Pretoria’s Central Business District. Their expectations have to be adjusted much sooner in life and the socio-economic environment where they grew up, has exposed

them to a very different world than you and I know. Most of the people we find living on the streets have some sort of addiction. Mostly “Nyaope”.

Nyaope is a street drug, that consists of a cocktail of illegal drugs, consisting of “bad” heroin and Marijuana “dagga” as main ingredients. Does this mean that God has turned His back on these people? Certainly not. We have been ministering to homeless people for 12 years and we have seen an impact that no words could ever capture. We have seen how in a moment God opens deaf ears and opens blind eyes. Heals in a moment a man that was scheduled for amputation of both legs . Not only heals them physically, but we see how these people start disappearing from the streets, only to hear later on, that they





found permanent employment. Having said that, we have also seen how some people who have grabbed hold of God, in true relationship with Him, still struggle in breaking that last bit of addiction. This is why the body of Christ is so important... This is where our story of Morné comes in. He was broken and angry when we met him in 2010. He only wanted the food that we handed out, but was not open to speak to us. If he did speak to us, it was with slander and curse words. We just kept on going back and loving him as we truly believe Jesus would have, growing in relationship with him, little by little. One evening in 2017 while praying for people on the streets, Morné was there, not open for prayer for himself, but he requested prayer for his sister. God radically did something in her life after that evening, and we saw how Morné opened up. He started coming to us whenever he saw us, requesting not just food, but prayer.

We started hearing stories of how he started working part-time in a nearby restaurant and

how small groups of homeless men started gathering to hear the word of God, that he read to them. Early in 2018 he came to me and asked if we can help him to get rid of the drugs. At that stage he was using on average 15 bags per day. I told him that if he'll commit, I'll commit. If he can bring down his usage to 1 bag a day and keep it there for a minimum of 6 months, then I'll make sure we find sponsors and a decent drug rehab that can help him.

He brought down his usage to two bags a day, because of the intense withdrawal and kept it down. God opened doors and we could place him in a decent drug rehabilitation centre. It was important that he be taken away from the lifestyle that he was living and we enrolled him in a six month programme. Morné is almost finished with it. To see how he found new purpose and desire for life makes all these years of consistently going back to the streets with the message of a loving King worthwhile. We are in search for him for employment, but I also know that trusting God means that

something will open up to make this change permanent.

When Jesus said to His disciples "Go then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples, baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matt 28: 19-20). He didn't say to leave everything behind, and move to another country. You can make a major impact in someone's life right here in your own country, in your own neighbourhood. You can be someone's hero and history will remember you!

If you want to get involved in changing one person's life, visit our webpage at <https://kingdomculture.org.za/a-dopt-a-junky/> and help us take addicts that we know from the streets. We are trusting God to open doors for employment opportunities for those who have successfully completed a rehabilitation program.

Article by Xenia Swanepoel
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Palm Tree Leadership Forum

Learning & Growing



EAR2HEAR has enjoyed a wonderful relationship with PTLF since 2012. Each year Palm Tree Leadership Forum (PTLF) makes greater strides in its mission to reach and unite Christian leaders and youth workers. With the Lord's help; under the able leadership of Johanna Bopape and the Executive Committee, PTLF has seen some incredible work being done in the first 3 branches it established in 2018.

Leeufontein, Klipgat and Soshanguve are important and thriving communities in South Africa. Their young people are facing many external challenges with regards to sexual morality; substance abuse and violence. PTLF equips Christian leaders and workers to address some of the many concerns that the youth are confronted with.

Thanks to ministries such as Petra Institute for Children's Ministry; Wycliff Bible Translators, Reto Hope and Mercy Ministries South Africa—Leaders received encouragement, training and a new perspective in their mandate to reach and equip younger generations. We really enjoy assisting them in each branch meeting and especially for the hosting of the Celebration and AGM meeting year's end.

Article by Wain Vosloo †
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men like Dr. Jurie Vermeulen and other frontline missionaries, in what is a miraculous, action packed adventure all the way.

Most importantly, we were able to see just how effective this medium of communication is. Millions of people have heard from FEBA's different stations placed strategically worldwide. Seeing the vision of FEBA grow so amazingly has brought a heart of thankfulness and rejoicing to all who willingly made

sacrifices for it. Not only are many hearing the Gospel—many also come to salvation and engage in discipleship programs in their own languages. Dr. Vermeulen, Liezl Erlank and Eva Pretorius have shown EAR2HEAR wonderful hospitality over the years since we have gotten to know them at missions expos.

We pray that FEBA would be favoured to continue further and brighter than ever before in the desire to reach lost souls for the Lord Jesus.

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FEBA Radio hosted a very special event to promote the need for Christians to invest in these ministries that propogate the Gospel by means of multimedia. EAR2HEAR was invited to share in the day's festivities. What encouraged us was to hear the testimonies of

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discouraged Sunil in the weeks prior to the meeting. They told him to find another place, as this place he wanted to use was not good. He still went ahead as the Holy Spirit led and praise God, it was so successful. All attendees

We have only one New Year resolution: We commit to share the gospel in 2019 like never before! An easy way to start sharing the Gospel more is to pray more. Ask God to show you opportunities to share the Gospel and for boldness. I can guarantee that if you ask God for opportunities to share the Gospel, He will give them to you. Once God gives you opportunities to share the Gospel, it's up to you to take them. Remember, it can be as simple as sharing what God has been doing in your life of late. The transition from the Old to the New Year was so awesome, but from the old to the new, Jesus remains the same... Hallelujah! We need to ask questions like *"Who am I, what am I doing with my life? What should I be doing as a Christian with my life and the stewardship God has given me?"* After all, according to the Word of God, all of life is a stewardship—a stewardship of our time, talents, treasures, and God's truth. In other words, since God's plan and our stewardships revolve around and through the life of His Son, Jesus Christ, we need to each ask, *"How well am I responding to the Savior and the spiritual life that He has given me?"*.

Open Air Meeting & Christmas Outreach!

We had an amazing open air gathering in Guntur in December. Sunil worked hard in that area and about 150 people came - in itself a miracle. No one expected anyone to attend our event. The meeting place itself was on a street corner, where people usually sit and drink. Everyone

were from various different faiths, and heard as I shared the Gospel about why Jesus had to come to earth. Raj was doing an excellent job with the translation as always. We prayed for many people after the message.

Many testimonies that we were hoping to hear came our way. People asked Sunil to please have another meeting at the same place. Others said they really liked the message because it helped them to understand better. In India we don't like to do an "altar call", it doesn't work like that with people in this country. We sow the seed, and then we take time to water it. Due to the sowing and watering done by the Colours of Day ministry team, many open doors in this area have opened. Sunil is ready to continue his work in that area after the successful outreach. Hallelujah! We are behind him each, step of the way.

I personally don't celebrate Christmas anymore. I believe the meaning of Christmas is much deeper than a one day celebration. This doesn't make me forget the big opportunity that this time of the year brings us in India to explain God's redemptive plan through the birth of Jesus. The new disciples, together with Raj and some older brothers, went to the village every night to share the Gospel. Many people came to the open air meeting for the children's Gospel celebration on the 24th of December 2018. The children's program always brings about a connection to the parents. We hope that more parents will come back in 2019 to be followed up.

During this time a new couple was added to the Kingdom, they are fishermen in our village, baptized in water and the Holy Spirit. They have a good testimony of God's divine Grace; even though once they had a lot of fear and trouble. After coming to Jesus they have more joy and their faith is growing daily. They are eager to learn as we disciple them, and already are evangelizing and praying for people. Through this couple we made a connection with another fishing family. This is what its all about...

2019 starts with Baptisms!

We started the year with two more baptisms. One is Lakshmi she is 19 years old and the daughter of an older couple who are caretakers. Lakshmi has gone through a lot of physical abuse after she told her parents she wanted to be baptised. Her persecution was so serious that she had an open wound on her face from beatings. She was so discouraged when I called on her one day, but I encouraged her not to worry, feel sad or to try and hide. We reminded her that she was persecuted not because Jesus was angry with her; but because the enemy wants to stop her from reaching her destiny. We continued to pray for Lakshmi who eventually and secretly was baptised on the 1st of January 2019. She is so full of joy, and ready to face whatever may come. A few days later, Lakshmi confessed to her parents that she was baptised, and they then testified of a complete change in her life. Hallelujah. Not long after that, Lakshmi was filled with the Spirit.

The second lady to be baptised was Ratama who was also baptised secretly. Ratama had had many demons that possessed her, but when she came to us at our local Church she was prayed for and delivered of all them. She keeps coming to Church with the permission of her husband and grown sons, but they prevent her from doing more for her faith. Her husband will most probably beat her publicly if he finds she has been baptised. This is what happens in India with

women and Christians. We are trusting that God will turn things around for her and her family. We had to also keep her baptism secret from the Church because the believers, in their excitement, may cause Ratama's secret to get out to her family. Please pray for Ratama that the Holy Spirit will prepare her family's heart.

Threats of Closure

Continue to pray for our Church please. It is almost certain that the church building will be demolished this year as the local Government needs to build a road through where the property stands. The road works have already started. We trust God for land and with a new building in the village. How this will happen, we cannot tell. We just know it will happen because with God all things are possible. The current building sits in a place where many people stop by to come sit and pray. It is on the main road of the beach and many visitors to the beach from near and far make a stop at the Church. We believe that the Holy Spirit touches people's lives who come there... even just to sit in God's presence. The fishing couple is a testimony of that. They used to come to the Church and just sit without us knowing. This went on for many years. God touched their hearts over the years and today they are part of the fellowship. Our Church is not a fancy building and it doesn't even have chairs; but our focus is on Jesus.

Prayer...

- ↪ Pray for more salvations and baptisms to come soon. The Spirit is working...
- ↪ Pray also for me and Raj to be able to go to South Africa at the end of March. It will be Raj's first time. I am praying that God will allow us a month's rest and time to fix my documents. Thanks for praying with us.

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Valuable to Jesus in Gauteng

*Declaring Godly value
one-child-at-a-time...*

The Valuable to Jesus (VTJ) campaign is more than just a human initiative. It is a Godly strategy to reach schools;

empower children; and break the strongholds of Satan. These strongholds operate in the lives of many people and are often strongholds regarding the areas of human sexuality. Pornography, sexual abuse, prostitution and human trafficking remain frightening tools that oppress many.

Our God is far more powerful than any stronghold that the enemy can use to oppress and break down. Through sharing the truth about our value; the love of God; Godly destiny and redemption from brokenness—the lives of many can be restored.

2018 may not have seemed like a busy year on the outside; but much preparation needs to go into an outreach. Annelize Fourie has worked as the area facilitator to ensure that all is kept running smoothly. From the creative teams who spend hours to produce a single doll; to the prayer initiatives that see God open doors for us. One particular story of interest is an outreach to a Sunnyside Primary School with 1800 children. In 2012 EAR2HEAR approached Mariehette Boshoff, a physical-education teacher at the school. We asked her to speak to the principal, to see if they would be willing to allow us to come and bring the message to the children. It took several years and many inquiries by Mariehette, but eventually through much prayer and the Lord's intervention, the doors swung open for us.



Etrisia Lillie (Right) visits schools in several East African countries and South Africa sharing the message wherever she goes. In her personal capacity she continues to encourage the East African contingent of leaders who received training in 2017 to use the message in schools. Some of the leaders have faithfully shared some of their stories.



Ps. Rosemary Ojwang (Right) has had some opportunities to share the message in Kenya in 2018. Below we see her giving the message to school children—telling the children they are special.



Gidea Lotter (Left) who has been one of the earliest supporters of the project in Gauteng presented the message to leaders and children in the Philippines. We are hoping it will open doors for the campaign to be established in Asia and especially on the Thailand border where sex trafficking of children is a constant threat to communities.



Ps. Osano K Wycliffe (Right) a networker of note from Kenya, has also shared the Valuable to Jesus message with children in his local area. Ps. Osana is also a promising contact for equipping leaders to take this message further into the surrounding nations in the future.



At the end of 2018 EAR2HEAR presented the VTJ message to a feeding scheme in Refilwe which helps 200 children (Right). Recently children have faced some security challenges in the area; but we believe the program will empower them to keep safe.



We are grateful to all the volunteers in the various communities in Pretoria East and Pretoria Moot that assist in the prayers for schools, presentation of messages and the making of dolls. All the people who assist in this community project do so at their own expense—and they do it with much love.

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Celebration

...with the Children of Refilwe Orphan Care

healthy choices, and set safe boundaries for themselves. At the same time it encourages them to find help and healing if they are victims.

A Celebration of this kind is always the best when gifts, food and sweeties are

EAR2HEAR loves the children and staff of Refilwe Orphan Care. They are truly beautiful people having to work through some very challenging circumstances. One blessing for us is the opportunity we have to throw a year-end party for the children to spoil and encourage them. Later on as the children get older, the messages shared with them are what carry them through. This year we took the Valuable to Jesus message to the children to bring awareness concerning sexual abuse, prostitution (human trafficking) and pornography. This empowering message equips them to make

involved. The children had no shortage of all this. We were then entertained with some serious and well choreographed traditional dances from a local dance troupe that are made up of men and women who were once clients of Refilwe Orphan Care. Even the field workers received small gifts of appreciation.

We are so grateful to the Solomon, Fouche, Meyer, De Bruyn, Haefele and the Foxley families for making this day a special one for all these dear ones.

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Prayer for Ministries, the Church & Missions...

There is a great struggle for ministries, Churches and Missions to survive in an increasingly hostile world. Hostile toward the ministry of the Gospel of the Kingdom! It is important to pray for them. Without prayers, the challenges that brothers and sisters face on the field are so much more immense. God has ordained that we be co-workers in the Body of Christ and one way to accomplish this is to raise up men and women in prayer before God.



Above: Rosli Strydom (88) had to cut back on many mission activities; but her prayer ministry continues to flourish.



Above: Chrissie Naude produces a booklet for prayer purposes with EAR2HEAR's help. She prays for leaders and mobilizes others to pray too with this guide.

energy and action when they pray, but have much less wisdom. Prayers tempered by wisdom are to be highly valued. The more we learn to hear God's heart for our prayers, the more will be accomplished. The elderly seem to get this right, better than our younger friends. †

The elderly in particular have a powerful role to play in prayer ministry. Not just because some think they sit around with nothing to do. Older people often know how to pray in a better way. The Holy Spirit teaches us, as the years go by, how to be better at praying for others. Older generations learn to pray the will of God while younger generations trust in

Praying for Christian Leaders & Workers

As busy as they are, Christian leaders and workers are interesting people to talk to. When it comes to open and honest conversation, most times you cannot ask for better. If you ask a Christian leader or worker how you can pray for them, then they are often speechless. Many are so busy with serving others that they find it difficult, if not impossible, to draw back and meditate on their needs for the season. Oftentimes Christian leaders and workers don't feel their issues are important—aiming at keeping humble before the people they serve. Sometimes they fear their prayer requests will be misunderstood as failures. There are also times when they have very personal matters, temptations, anxieties and struggles that need urgent prayer. Are we as intercessors, prayer ministries and groups creating safe places for Christian leaders and workers to ask for prayer? When someone faces a constant battle on their own for too long they get to a place where they would rather give up than go on. We need Christian leaders and workers. Ask God for guidance and strategy to pray for them. †

4 WAYS to HELP

REFILWE ORPHAN CARE

Supporting AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in Refilwe, Cullinan

GIVE TO:



Train & equip staff to better care, equip and protect the children they work with. In this way they help each child to become responsible citizens in RSA.

The community veggie garden is a large one; and requires constant maintenance and care in order to meet the nutritional needs of 200+ children every day.



An improved multi-purpose centre is being planned. Refilwe Orphan Care hopes to build this centre with better facilities to help feed and house children in a safety program. An afterschool centre and holiday programs will also be hosted.



Feeding, clothing; and equipping a child for school is expensive. Refilwe Orphan Care has to give 1 nutritional meal a day. With sufficient sponsorships they can help improve the welfare of an individual child.



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