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Testimonies from the past and the present

The work continues in the six countries in which the Dorothea Mission is working full-time and we thank the Lord for the fruit He gives on the work. We regularly realise afresh that only He can change hearts and lives. We cannot share all the feedback from the different fields with you, but we again wish to ask you to pray with us that people will respond to the Word and that those who get saved by grace, will *“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ”* (2 Peter 3:18).

In May our South Africa evangelism team and our Bible College held an outreach in Maobane, near Hammanskraal (70 km north of *Dorothea*). They witnessed as follows: “In the beginning the services we held in the tent in the evenings were not very well attended. However, we visited homes daily and invited people. From the second week onwards there was more interest.

One couple we visited had not been legally married. They received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and began planning to bring their lives in order. During one of the evening services a number of young people remained behind for spiritual help. Later on we visited them at home and encouraged them to do our correspondence Bible studies. One young woman, Malebo, had a deep spiritual hunger and had visited several



Young people who asked spiritual help are visited.

churches. When she saw our tent she attended the service and later came to see us where we stayed. There are many things in her life that still have to be put in order, but she has received the Lord Jesus. Please pray that she will persevere, whatever the cost.

We could also minister the Word at the local primary school and clinic five days per week. On the last day the principal of the school gave the children the opportunity to testify about the ministry. We received notes from some of them with remarks like:

- * *'Thank you for sharing God's Word with us every morning. It has meant much to us'.*
- * *'We shall miss you... You have helped us to become children of God. Now we no longer do the works of the devil. We had no respect, but now realise that it was wrong'.*
- * *'I had been caught in a dark corner and the devil wanted to destroy me, but you have brought the shining light'.*
- * *'You said we had to choose. Well, I have chosen for the Lord. The blood of Jesus has cleansed me and it is special to know that I am a temple of the Holy Spirit'.*

The pastor who had arranged the outreach, Rev. Ndlovu, testified as follows: "As a school pupil in the seventies, I had nowhere to stay. The Lord sent a member of the Dorothea Mission, Hannes Joubert, across my path. He shared the Gospel with me and helped me to continue my school career. For approximately eight years I was very exposed to spiritual teaching by members of the Dorothea Mission. I pretended to be a Christian and did what was expected of me. In 1981 I could no longer keep up the pretence and disappeared without a trace.



Rev. and Mrs. Ndlovu

Prayer requests:

- * The planned outreaches at Sekororo, near Tzaneen, from 16 July to 5 August and in Madadeni (near Newcastle, KZN) from 30 September to 21 October.
- * That the Lord will call more people to serve in this team.
- * That, in all the fields, those who have heard and accepted the Word will grow and persevere in their faith.

After that I got involved with bad friends and it was in prison that I heard the Gospel again. There the Lord caused the seed that was sown long before to germinate and I was truly converted. I immediately began to witness for my Saviour and started my theological training in 1999.

Today I can look back and thank the Lord for the input the then members of Dorothea Mission had in my life."

From the heart

"Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7). According to this principle, people should live in the present with the future in mind.

Advertising says, "Fly now. Pay later!" Satan would have us to live like that: Seek pleasure and comfort today and do not worry about tomorrow. Gluttony works that way: You enjoy unhealthy food now and regret it later. Indeed, all temptations work that way. Live with only the present in mind! Some victims of this philosophy have borrowed money to make life easier and found themselves in debt from which they cannot escape.

The Bible often warns about bad endings: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). "Do not look on the wine when it is red... at the last it bites like a serpent" (Proverbs 23:31-32). "Broad is the way that leads to destruction" (Matthew 7:13). We must carefully consider the outcome of what we do.

All's well that ends well. Wisdom from the Bible thus instructs us to live so as to ensure a good end: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). "Whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8). "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him" (2 Timothy 2:12).

Have you ever done something like completing a hard bit of work, helping someone in need, giving for a good cause, sharing the Gospel with an unbeliever... and then enjoyed the feeling of satisfaction afterward? I'm sure you have! We feel like that after a day of faithful and honest work. I also felt like that after sharing spiritual truths with a teenager Ngondwana in Blantyre, with a group of church leaders attending a seminar near Mutarara and with Titus at the Beit Bridge border post.

At Dorothea Mission we believe in doing that which is bound to have a good end. We are sowing good seed which is designed to produce a good crop. Of course, I am referring to sharing the Gospel of Christ with unbelievers. The results of our labours are both a blessing to those who are spiritually helped and to all of us who are involved in this precious work.

May God bless you and us as we live and sow with the expectation of a good harvest!

Jacques Malan

Encourage and strengthen one another

In the various fields in which the Dorothea Mission works, the situations and challenges differ. From 15 to 30 June Jacques Malan and Joseph Nota (Bible College principal and member of the Council) travelled to Malawi and Tete (Mozambique) to visit and encourage the teams there and to share in the work first hand. Their report included the following:

“We accompanied the Malawi team to Gawanani, a rural settlement near Zomba, to present a seminar for church leaders and to hold evangelistic meetings. On our arrival a group of church leaders was already waiting for us and they drank in what was taught during the sessions. Some of the themes were: *The Word of God, Scripture memorisation, Integrity of church leaders, Call to ministry, Repentance and Faith in Christ.* When the opportunity for questions was given, they asked about Witchcraft, Witnessing to Muslims, Restitution and Polygamy. The group greatly appreciated our visit. Their seriousness and zeal challenged us.



Seminar attendees at Gawanani.

The Tete team had also made arrangements for us to join them for an outreach and we went to Mutarara. It is a small town on the bank of the Zambezi River. It was a journey of ± 300 km, of which 230 km consist of very bad gravel road. That part alone took seven hours! The seminar and evangelistic meetings took place in a tiny settlement nearby, called Carre 2. Teaching was given on various topics, including marriage. The attendance was very good and one could see the deep spiritual hunger for the full council of God. They also asked various questions and polygamy is especially common there. They were surprised to hear that the Bible commands church leaders to be *“the husband of one wife”* (1 Timothy 3:2). These people need much prayer to put their lives in order. On the Sunday we could preach in two churches and the Lord blessed both with people who sought Him, including six church leaders.



*Top: Mutarara on the banks of the Zambezi river.
Bottom: Church at Carre 2 where seminar was held.*

The need is so great and we realised that the days we had spent there were far too few. Our teams in Tete and Malawi have decided to visit the Mutarara area again later this year (September/October) and work there for longer.

We were also able to spend time with the evangelists, have times of Bible study with them and deal with some practical matters concerning the work. It was a great privilege to get a better understanding of their experiences in the field.”

Kilometres travelled and blessings received

Our team in Namibia wrote the following regarding some of their experiences thus far in 2010:

“Shortly before Easter we worked in Rietoog for a week. It is ±165 km south west of Windhoek. We mainly focused on house visiting. We find this effective, because one can personally share the Word with people and pray with them. On Good Friday and Easter Sunday we held services in the Rhenish Church. There were also two opportunities for house services and they were greatly blessed. There was a precious case of a young woman who had backslidden. She no longer had the freedom to pray aloud. During our visit she could get the confidence again to talk freely to the Lord in prayer.

In May we were privileged to visit the Bushmen at Tsintsabis (± 560 km north east of Windhoek). We met people there who truly have a relationship with Jesus Christ and who want to live righteous lives. We could listen to people's needs and problems and pray with them. Several of the adults are growing spiritually because they are doing Bible study. During this outreach they were again listening with renewed enthusiasm and we left them spiritually strengthened. It was a

special blessing for Anneliese to meet some of the people there who had prayed for her during her illness.

On the farm 'Choantsas' ('Drinking Place of the Elephant') - 18 km from Tsintsabis - a farm worker, Gabriel, holds a service every Sunday. On our arrival he was very ill with malaria. We prayed for him and he increased in health and strength every day. He (and many others) could absorb much spiritually and could learn and grow. Even the children were excited to listen to 'their' story. Of course, the adults were equally attentive... They enjoy the 'children's stories' just as much and are like the children - eager to answer the revision questions afterwards.

Thomas went to Oerwoud - also 18 km from Tsintsabis - alone and testified that he experienced a blessed time there. He could hold only three services because the interpreter was not available afterwards. One entire day was set aside for house visiting. At the last service a certain mother surrendered her life to God again. Please pray for her. The person there who usually helps us with interpreting, has started drinking again. Please pray for him, too. He made an appointment to see Thomas, but did not keep it.

From 14 to 20 June we were at Schlip, ±200 km south west of Windhoek. We have been working there since 1985. The house of the lady where we always stay over, aunt Rachel, was once again an oasis for us. The spiritual need in Schlip is very great. On one cold morning we took a pot of soup to the pre-school and spoiled the children and women a little bit. Such a special social occasion helps to effectively minister the precious Word. Even though it was icy cold, everybody listened carefully. God clearly spoke to every heart. One woman had backslidden, but chose to return to God's way. Praise the Lord for this welcome return to her Father!"

Prayer Requests:

- * Thank the Lord for His protection on distant roads.
- * The team longs to hold outreaches at Klein-Aub and in the spiritually needy Kavango region. Pray that these will come about in God's time.
- * During the winter months the team will mainly do work in Windhoek, including regular visits in two hospitals.
- * Pray for Anneliese Kropp's full recovery. She is now free from cancer.

A new door has been opened for them

Paulus and Catherine Mahlaba have served in the Dorothea Mission since 1993. Since his training Paulus has also been burdened with the spiritual welfare of the people in Bethulie, the town where he had worked before. Recently a door has opened for them with the prospect of serving the Lord there and they have accepted it as from Him.

For **Winile Motete** another type of door has opened, which she also experiences as God's will for her. On 26 June she married Rev. Ngobeni and in future they will serve the Lord side by side.

We deeply appreciate the loyal service they rendered here and pray for God's richest blessing on them. We also trust the Lord that He will call people to Dorothea in their stead.

Invitation

We warmly invite all former members and students of the Dorothea Mission to attend the birthday on

Saturday 11 September 2010.

You are also welcome to stay on for the refresher course that will take place from **12 to 15 September**, D.V. Come to be encouraged, strengthened and further equipped to continue in that part of the Lord's vineyard where He has placed you. You should please contact us ahead of time should you desire to attend the refresher course.

Any other interested people are also welcome to contact us in this regard.

Birthday time once again!

It is an annual highlight and privilege for us to welcome some of our friends in our midst and to share first-hand feedback from the fields with them at the Dorothea Mission's birthday. This year the birthday will be held on **Saturday 11 September, D.V.**

We warmly invite the following persons/groups to attend the programme or part of it:

- * friends, intercessors and supporters of the Dorothea Mission,
- * former members and students of the Dorothea Mission,
- * mission or youth groups and other interested members of congregations and
- * any of God's children who are interested in mission work.

More details about what you may expect:

- * **Date and time:** **Saturday 11 September** 2010 at 11:00 and 14:00 with singing beforehand.
- * **Venue:** Our mission station "Dorothea", 8 km from Rosslyn, Pretoria.
- * **Programme:** Testimonies of the work, singing and messages from the Word.
- * **Speakers:** 11:00 Rev. Irving Steggles, minister of *Birchleigh Baptist Church*.
14:00 Jacques Malan, Director of the *Dorothea Mission*.
- * **Refreshments:** Free refreshments will be served. You are welcome for a cup of tea at 10:15.
- * **Road maps:** You are more than welcome to contact us should you need a map.

For any further **enquiries**, you can phone our office at **012-5600355 or 082-8967960**. It is our prayer that many people will be able to attend the birthday and will be blessed by it.

The main speakers



Rev. Irving Steggles is the Pastor of *Birchleigh Baptist Church* in Kempton Park. He comes originally from the United Kingdom. He was converted at the age of 14 and since then has been active for his Master. He was involved in teaching for 27 years before he received his theological training and entered the ministry. Rev. Steggles got to know the Dorothea Mission through the then UK representative of the Dorothea Mission who was a member of his congregation. This led to his serving on, and later becoming Chairman of, the Mission's Board of Trustees there. His first visit to

South Africa was to visit the Dorothea Mission. At present he ministers to the young *Birchleigh Baptist Church*, is Chairman of the *London Theological Seminary* and is a Director of *African Pastors' Conferences*. We know him as a person who proclaims and explains the Word of God with power and compassion and tries to live according to it.

Jacques Malan was converted in Mossel Bay in 1982 while in high school. After university studies and a brief career as engineer, he joined the Dorothea Mission full-time in 1995. He acquired



experience in different sections of the work and in 2002 completed a degree in theology (mainly through distance education). Since 2006 he is serving as the Director of the Dorothea Mission and will regard it as a great honour to minister the Word to the audience attending the birthday.

Prayer Requests:

- * That the Lord will equip the speakers for the programme and give His blessing.
- * For our members, some of whom have to travel far to attend.
- * That the guests will be inspired afresh to pray for the work and that some will hear God's call to full-time service.
- * That all practical tasks and matters prior to and during the programme will go smoothly.

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General Prayer Requests

- ✠ **We thank and honour the Lord** that our work may still continue uninterruptedly and for the friends who stand with us.
- ✠ From time to time we receive invitations for **deputation work** in South Africa. On 8 August we will speak about the work at a youth camp outside Pretoria and on 15 August at a morning service in Schweizer-Reneke, D.V. We pray that more people, especially younger people, will have a vision for the work and feel called to it.
- ✠ **Daniel Chungwane** from our Chokwe team (Mozambique) will, D.V., from 9 August to 10 September, accompany our representative in Germany, Waldemar Achenbach, on a deputation tour there. Please pray for the Lord's blessings on this tour, for safe journeys to, in and from Germany as well as for Daniel's health in the climate that is unfamiliar to him.
- ✠ **Jonas Ngozo** of our Malawi team had two strokes within a few weeks. At present he cannot walk and his speech has also been affected. Will you please pray with us for healing? We also remember **Joseph Namizinga** in the same team who had a similar experience some years ago and has still not recovered.

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