



# Dorothea News

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## *A Birthday with a Mission*

On Saturday 10 September a number of the friends of the Dorothea Mission gathered for the 69<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Mission. The meeting was held at the *Dutch Reformed Church Onderstepoort* in Pretoria North and we are grateful for everyone who made an effort to join us.

We gladly share something of it with you for the sake of many friends who were not able to attend.

People started arriving at the church from 13:00 onwards and had fellowship over a cup of tea. Other friends came in time for the service which started at 14:00. Our director, Jacques Malan, led the programme and cordially welcomed all. He once again emphasised the importance of our friends' contribution to the work and sincerely thanked them for it.



After the opening hymn various workers of the Mission reported on their work and shared testimonies from the field. The choir, consisting of the Bible College students and a number of workers, challenged the audience with a song based on 1 Samuel 3:10b: *"Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for Your servant is listening' "*. The question to be asked is who will be willing to say to the Lord: *"Speak Lord"* and then, in answer to His call, go out in His service.

The message was given by Dr Kevin Roy, Council member and former worker of the Dorothea Mission. The theme of his message was **The Mission** according to Luke 10:1-24. We gladly share the main points with you:

*Jesus sent out 70 (or 72) of His disciples to preach the message of the kingdom of God. There are 7 main lessons we can learn from this:*

1. **God's people are on an urgent mission.** Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few..." (vs. 2). Those words are followed by the imperative: Go! Each of the Gospels ends with this command (John 20:21, Matthew 28:18-19, Mark 16:15 and Luke 24:46-48).
2. **At the heart of this mission is the good news of the kingdom of God.** Entrance is free, the gift of God to all who believe in Jesus.
3. **This mission is a matter of life and death.** The mission of Jesus and his followers is a mission of salvation. The fate of those who rejected this message will be worse than that of Sodom. We read in the Old Testament of the judgements that fell on Sodom, Tyre and Sidon. It will be worse for unrepentant today.
4. **It is a dangerous mission.** "I am sending you out like lambs among wolves" (verse 3). God equips and provides for His workers. They are Christ's ambassadors on earth. Whoever listens to them listens to Him and to the One who sent Him.
5. **This mission is God's mission.** He initiated this mission by sending his Son, Jesus Christ. Christ Himself builds the church, therefore it will not fail.
6. **This mission is the highest calling of the church and all Christians.** This is the purpose for which we exist. Christ came to save sinners. And we, too, have not been called to please ourselves, but to please Him.
7. **This mission is not a burden but a joy.** When the 70 returned they were full of joy. We should also be. The mission of Christ is the noblest and most wonderful work on earth. And the happiest people on earth are those who have heard His voice and follow Him in this task.



After the service friends and workers spent time together over a cup of tea and refreshments while some also browsed the book tables.

Dr Roy was also the guest speaker at the days of teaching and prayer which were held at *Dorothea* afterwards. He gave eight messages from the book of Galatians.

Those messages are available on CD. The cost of the entire set is R60.00, postage included.

### Telephone number




Please note that our telephone number has changed.

Our office number is now:

**012-5602002.**

Our cell phone number remains unchanged - 082-8967960.

## From the heart

 Opportunities don't last for ever. They are like last month's page which you tear from the calendar and throw into the bin. Thomas Fuller noted that the image from Nebuchadnezzar's dream could teach us something about opportunities. The material lost value with time. First came the gold. The silver followed, then the bronze, then the iron... and eventually the clay which in the end turned to dust. The golden opportunity soon becomes silver. If you don't take action in good time, there is nothing but dust... and regret.

Our Lord Jesus had no regrets. He was careful to use the golden opportunities before they passed. He said to His disciples: *"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work"* (John 9:4).

Another year of opportunity is speeding to its close. Has the gold already turned to silver? Let us use it before it turns to dust!

This is the day of opportunity. It will fade as our strength fades and will end when we leave this earth. As Psalm 103:15-16 puts it: *"As for man, his days are like grass; as the flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more."*

There are still a number of opportunities left for this year, but many have already been used... and have borne fruit. Every children's club meeting, Bible study, open-air meeting and evangelistic service was an opportunity. Every hour of evangelistic house visiting, hospital ministry, street work or media ministry was an opportunity for reaching souls, very precious souls, with the Gospel.

Dear friends, thank you very much for helping us to use these opportunities. Your prayers have been heard in heaven. Your financial gifts, often at great sacrifice to yourself, have been received and used. Sometimes our office couldn't identify the donor and as a result we couldn't even thank you, but God can. Your reward is surely going before you to your home in heaven.

We sincerely thank you for carrying the Dorothea Mission throughout this year of opportunity. Thank you for keeping us in the field. May the Lord richly bless each one of you. May He also grant you the grace to faithfully work the works of Him who has sent you as a Christian into this world.

Yours sincerely

*Jacques Malan*

## On a firm foundation

We have Bible studies in book format available for people who have recently received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour or who want to grow in their walk with Him. According to Luke 6:47-49 a house built on a firm foundation is much stronger than one on a weak foundation. Therefore we present these correspondence Bible studies to those who are converted through our work.

One woman testifies as follows about the second book in this series: *“The lesson on prayer helped me very much. Before, I always expected God to answer my prayers immediately. If it did not happen, I was very angry and would not pray again. This lesson gave me hope that my prayers will be answered according to God’s will. I have to wait on Him”.*

Presently we have a series of five booklets regarding different topics. They are available at low cost in most of the main languages used in South Africa. The booklets have been compiled for individual use, but there are also people who use them very effectively in a Bible study group. They can also be a marvellous aid to an employer who holds morning devotions or lunch hour prayer meetings for his employees.

The next booklet *“Sowing the Gospel”* is nearly ready for printing in Afrikaans and English and we trust that it will be available early in 2012.

Our team in Zimbabwe testifies that they are also fully active again with this work. For a number of years it has been very difficult for the people as a result of the poor economy, but since March 33 people have already joined.

Should you be interested in these Bible studies or want to obtain them for your employees, you are welcome to contact our office.



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## What is the Truth?

We held an outreach at Nkhotakota. One of the church leaders, who is also a chief, had no peace. His children were fighting and there were various problems. Demonic powers were also at work in his family. We thank the Lord that he could find help and deliverance.

There is a religious group called *“What is truth?”* One of their characteristics is the wearing of masks. George Saiti preached on *“What is the Truth?”* while a few members of this group were listening. Four of the men removed their masks and received Christ as their personal Saviour. They joined a Christian church and later wrote us to confirm that they are still serving the Lord. (*Malawi and Tete teams*)

## First good night's rest in two years

**R**abbecca once attended a function at her church and received, as a gift, a necklace with a crucifix. She immediately put it around her neck. Later, on reaching home, she hung it on the wall. That night she dreamt that a snake looped itself around her and her son's necks. She asked people to pray for her, but the bad dreams continued. Somebody advised her to throw the necklace into the outside toilet. She did that, but then heard horrifying sounds from the toilet. She asked a so-called "man of God" for advice. After having had to pay him, he gave her water to bath in.

She attended the seminar we held at Chongwe and, in response to one of the messages, approached us for help. We explained the Gospel to her and she surrendered her life to Christ. We prayed for her and the Lord delivered her from the bonds that she was bound with. For the first time in two years she could enjoy a good night's rest. To God be all the glory! (*Zambia*)

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## Opportunities in Zimbabwe

**W**e receive invitations from different areas. Our wives were invited to take part in a conference at a certain place. Several people came to listen to the messages, especially children. On the second day some of the children tried to persuade their parents to also attend the meetings and some of them agreed. The next day a drunk man turned up. He listened together with his wife and later committed his life to Christ. There were five couples that made such commitments during the conference.

One of the team members was invited to give a message at a youth meeting. He did not make a definite invitation after the message, but eight boys, including the leader of the group, made a commitment to Christ. They need much prayer, because ancestor worship is very strong in that area. (*Zimbabwe*)


We wish our friends the Lord's abundant blessing and providence for the coming festive season and the new year which, once again, stretches unknown before us.

May the commemoration of the human birth of our Saviour be a great blessing to you. May you experience also during 2012 that the Lord leads you day by day.

***Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!  
The night is dark, and I am far from home, lead Thou me on!  
Keep Thou my feet, I do not ask to see  
The distant scene: one step enough for me.***



## *I thank the Lord for the opportunity*

 Our most important task at the Bible College is to equip men and women for the ministry. At present there are six students and seeing their zeal for their studies is a blessing. Peter, now a third-year student, briefly shared something of his experience during the birthday: *“As Christians we thank the Lord for the opportunities He gives us. I thank Him for being able to receive training at the Dorothea Bible College. I have been corrected regarding a few false perceptions I had about spiritual matters. Furthermore, I have learned that Matthew 28:18-20 is the Lord’s Great Command and also His command to me.”*

Our next student intake will, D.V., be in January 2012. Will you please pray with us that the Lord will send the students of His choice? There are two persons from neighbouring countries who plan to come to our Bible College and who need study permits. We would appreciate it if you would pray with us regarding this.

Anyone who would like more information regarding the Bible College training is welcome to contact us for a brochure.



### *Forgiven in time*

*T*he hospital is a fruitful field of labour. An older man was seriously ill after a heart attack.

Before, he had quitted his employment, angry and bitter about things that had happened there. We could speak with him and he responded positively to the Gospel.

He underwent a great change after receiving the Lord Jesus. He was able to forgive others and made telephone calls to set matters right. None of us knew how short his time was. The Lord took him shortly afterwards.

### *E-mail Newsletter*

Should you prefer to receive your newsletter by e-mail, you are welcome to notify us accordingly. However, we gladly still send it by ordinary mail to those who prefer that. It remains a privilege to us to maintain contact with our friends in this way.

*For the sake of the friends who pray for our workers by name, we wish to mention that Tariro Madzinga (Zimbabwe), the Ngozo couple (Malawi) and the Hangolonde couple (Namibia) left our ranks in 2011 after many years of fruitful service. We wish them the Lord’s richest blessing.*

*We welcome **Samson en Rabeca Chichungue** who joined our team in Chokwe. We hope to share more about them in the next edition.*

# A year in the “Lord’s army”

In the Dorothea Mission we also try, as far as possible, to provide space for people who want to join the work for a short term of service. Christiaan Mostert did so and testifies as follows:

“In the past a person had to do national military duty, after completing his school years. I wrote matric in 2010 and very much wanted to be practically involved in the Lord’s ‘army’ for a year. I was led to come to the Dorothea Mission for this purpose.

My main involvement was with the extension and adaption of the correspondence Bible studies and tracts. I was also involved in recording messages in the studio. In this year I have learned many things things I shall always remember.

Firstly I have learned that mission work is very hard work, often difficult and a very responsible calling. It is not an ordinary profession, but a 24/7 way of life. There are many challenges - fortunately the Holy Spirit helps and leads one.

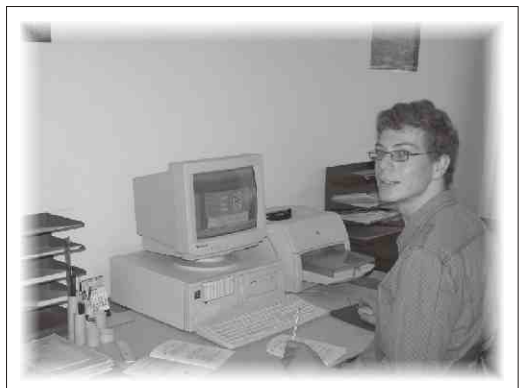
Secondly I have grasped how great a need there is in the country and the world. There is, of course, need of material things, but that is temporary. The greatest need is on the spiritual level. I think that each Christian should, at least once, accompany a spiritual worker on a hospital visit. We are going weekly and every time one meets souls who need Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Sometimes they are confused and uncertain and do not understand clearly what Jesus did for them on the cross. My own spiritual life has been richly blessed during the outreaches and questions I had, have been answered.

Thirdly I have learned much about outreaches. I went with the evangelism team and the Bible College on an outreach to Mabins in Limpopo. It was wonderful to experience the brotherly love cross-culturally. Now that I have experienced such an outreach I know what it mostly entails and what to pray for.

The year has meant much to me; I have learned a lot spiritually and now understand what a great responsibility a Christian has. It has been a privilege to be part of the Lord Jesus’s ‘army’ and to share in the proclamation of the Gospel.”

Anybody who is interested in short term service of at least six months, is welcome to contact us and to apply. It can be the experience that will change your life!

**“...He (Elisha) set out to follow Elishah and became his attendant.”  
(1 Kings 19:21)**





## Prayer Requests

At the beginning of the year we sent out a *Prayer Guide* which contains long-term prayer requests for all the branches of the work. (Please contact us if you would like to obtain a copy.) We again wish to share with you a few specific prayer requests. Will you please join us in prayer for the following?

1. Thank the Lord for **every person who could be spiritually helped** in this past year through the work of the Dorothea Mission. Pray that they will stand fast in their faith and grow in it.
2. That the Lord will protect, bless and spiritually refresh the workers and students during **their time of rest** in the coming holiday time so that each one will return with fresh inspiration.
3. That the Lord will bless and equip us for the new year during the **days of prayer**, which will be held from 18 to 21 January 2012, D.V., in most fields where we work.
4. That each one of the workers **will daily walk with the Lord** and keep their eyes fixed on Him.
5. For **successors for our representatives** in the United Kingdom, Roger and Nicola Cook, who plan to retire in March 2012, as well as for a **full-time factotum** on our mission station *Dorothea*.
6. That more people **will hear the Lord's call** to become involved with the Dorothea Mission - either by going out themselves or by supporting in prayer or in other ways.
7. That those who are involved in our **correspondence Bible studies** will be greatly blessed by them and will persevere. Also pray that more people will join.

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