



# Dorothea News

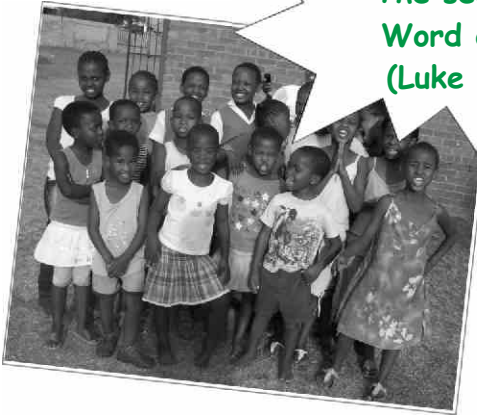
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**"A sower went out  
to sow his seed...  
The seed is the  
Word of God."  
(Luke 8:5, 11)**



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*"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but **a new creation**" (Galatians 6:15).*

Reading through a booklet on the 1940 revival in Vryburg, I was struck by a challenging remark: *"Do we truly realise the power of a life that is renewed, changed and sanctified; and what an important impact such a life can have on others?"* The converts of that time were so deeply and dramatically changed that relatives and friends just couldn't help noticing. They knew with certainty that God Himself was at the heart of the change. It was these changed lives which God so mightily used.

Paul's prayer for believers was that they would not be like the world, but *"without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom [they] shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15).*

Of course, the change in one person does not actually convert another. In fact, an unsaved person thinks that the change will deprive him of his sinful lifestyle. While sharing the Gospel, I often find that unsaved hearers try to justify themselves.

So where does the power of a changed life lie? It is in the fact that the Lord loves to use changed lives to change lives. A sinner's resistance to repentance just makes the change in a true convert more remarkable. His life stands out and shines more brightly.

Because of the influence of the Holy Spirit, a true convert wants to live a holy life. That is what happened to Jannie (one of the early converts of the Vryburg revival). Shortly after his conversion he realised that his music records were not pleasing to the Lord, so he decided to destroy them. His mom suggested that he rather give them to his grandfather. His grandfather responded with: *"You yourself don't want to go to hell, but do you want to send me there?"*

Let us pray for true conversions through our ministry. A shallow gospel only brings false conversions and no true, God-glorifying, changed lives. We thank the Lord and give Him the glory when we read testimonies of lives that were truly changed after they received Christ, like that of Sibongile in Soshanguve (see page 5).

Together with you, I am earnestly praying for new creations!

*Jacques Malan*

# Preparation for service

**D**uring a recent conversation with someone we referred to an item of practical knowledge gained at Bible College. The person's surprised response was: "Does one learn such things at Bible College? I thought one would only learn about the Bible there!"

Yes, at the Bible College the students receive sixteen periods of lectures per week, teaching them how to minister the Word of God effectively. There are, however, also prayer meetings, practical tasks and outreaches over weekends that form part of their training and preparation for service.

At the beginning of 2011 three new students joined us to start their training. The two who have already completed part of their training, recently testified as follows:

*"Before I came to the Bible College, I had a burden for souls and took part in evangelistic work and preaching. Now that I receive training, I feel like Apollos in the classroom of Aquila and Priscilla, of whom we read in Acts 18:26. Subjects like Hermeneutics, Discipleship and Evangelism helped me a lot to see and correct some of my previous errors. I look forward to being a good presenter of God's Word."*

*"Six years ago I gave my life to the Lord and have since been involved in activities at church and even in preaching. But there was much uncertainty in my heart about the true meaning of salvation. Since I came to the Dorothea Bible College, I have received clarity and assurance of salvation from the Word of God. The lectures are a practical help in my life as a Christian. I have also found help in resolving some personal problems which troubled me very much."*

We give the Lord all the glory for what He does in lives. It is our prayer that He will continue to use our Bible College and that He will add more students at our next intake which will be in July, D.V.



*From left to right: Back: Students Fortune Duna, Sinah Rabaji, Peter Mukoneri, Tamsanqa Mathambo and Jeffrey Ndlangisa  
Front: Staff: Jacques Malan, Joseph Nota, Eneti Nota and Deborah Maponya*



# News from the field

## What God establishes, He also maintains.

Here in Lusaka the children's clubs continue and we have been involved in a few seminars for church leaders. We also help with weekly Bible Studies for senior citizens.

One day we received a call from a married couple who were part of a local congregation. They had marriage problems and it seemed that divorce would be the only way out. They knew about the Dorothea Mission and decided to ask us for help. I could visit them and help them to sort out their problems. We prayed together and they are again happily united.

It is our prayer that they will continue building their relationship. Truly, God who established marriage can restore and maintain it, if we allow Him. (*Zambia team*)

## Christ is the light of life.

Patients often do not remain in hospital for long and, therefore, we cannot always follow up on our conversations with them. One woman, Deborah, received the Lord Jesus as her Saviour when she was in hospital towards the end of 2010. Recently I saw her again and was encouraged to hear and see that she has a true relationship with the Lord. She has a daily quiet time and testifies about the Lord to other ladies who visit her.

Recently I also had the opportunity to speak to three patients who had, individually, been the victims of shooting or hijacking. None of them has a personal relationship with the Lord, but all three were deeply convinced that the Lord had spared their lives in a wonderful way. I am in the process of further conversations with them. They are seriously seeking the Lord, but there are still issues in their lives that hinder them in finding peace with God. I am grateful for these opportunities and trust the Lord that the light of the Gospel will fully break through into their lives. "*For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light*" (Psalm 36:9). (*Hospital ministry*)

## I found Christ.

Early in December we held services in Chiduco. After one of the meetings a man approached me and asked me to help him find peace with God. His heart had been prepared by the Holy Spirit and I could help him.

The following day he brought one of his friends to us for spiritual help - much like Andrew of whom we read: "*The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' ... and he brought him to Jesus*" (John 1:42-43). The friend of this man was a traditional healer and we first had to explain to him that he would have to break with everything connected to

that. He was willing and the Lord Jesus set him free. After that he brought all his traditional medicine and aids and we burned them. We hope to visit him again soon. *(Tete, Mozambique)*

### Through her testimony others believe.

During an outreach we held in Soshanguve Block NN towards the end of 2010, a young woman, Sibongile, regularly attended the services. At first she did not respond to the invitations, but one day we asked her about her relationship with the Lord. We found that she had a great spiritual need, but was too shy to ask for help. We explained the way of salvation to her, and she gave her life to the Lord. Demonic powers were at work in her life and she was also addicted to alcohol. The Lord set her free and for the duration of the outreach she daily attended the Bible studies and the services.

Sibongile's friends had expected that by the weekend they would see her drunk again, but it did not happen. Furthermore, her boyfriend who had lived with her, decided to leave her. One afternoon she accompanied us on house visiting. Some of the people we visited asked her what had happened to her. They had seen the change in her life and that contributed to the conversion of two other people. During the outreach Sibongile's 17 year old daughter was also saved. The alcohol addiction had caused a separation between them, but they reconciled.



*Part of the group who faithfully attended the services. Sibongile is at the back left.*

This reminds us of John 4:39 where *"many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony."* *(South Africa evangelism team)*

### Is there forgiveness also for me?

Part of the students' practical training is to do spiritual work during weekends. At present we do house visiting on Sunday afternoons in an informal settlement at Klerksoord. One afternoon we met a woman called Sylvia, sitting in deep thought outside her house. She looked heavily burdened or ill and did not say much. After asking her permission, we shared the Word with her. When we gave her the oppor-

tunity to respond, she burst into tears. She told us she had had an abortion five years before and, while trembling, asked if God would forgive her. We told her more about God's forgiveness and explained that He would forgive all her sins if she sincerely confessed them. She immediately went to God in prayer and did so.

The following Sunday, when we got there, Sylvia was a different person. She was neat and tidy and calmly waiting for us. To our question she confidently replied that she had assurance of her sins being forgiven and of going to heaven if she should die unexpectedly. She accepted a correspondence Bible study booklet from us and testified that she now regularly reads the Bible and prays. Our hearts are filled with joy to know that another soul has been saved and we are reminded of the words of the Lord Jesus in Luke 15:10: *"In the same way ... there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents"*. (Bible College)

### Influential aids

The media remains a marvellous way to spread the Word of God. Since obtaining a new printing machine early in 2010, we have been able to print more tracts than the last few years. Although we always provide for our own evangelistic work first, we have also again started supplying smaller quantities to friends of the Mission at cost price.

The correspondence Bible studies that we send to people who ask for spiritual help, are also printed in our own printing workshop. Most do these studies individually, but there are also some who use this material in groups. We gladly share two testimonies from people doing it currently:

*"Lesson 3 taught me more about the Holy Spirit. He is my Helper who convicts me of sin, helps me to understand God's Word better and allows me to understand that only Jesus can save my life."*

*"By means of these Bible Studies I have learned to pray, handle relationships better and read the Bible. When I return to Malawi I want to tell others about the Lord Jesus."*

### A new open door

It was the first time that we held an outreach in Gibeon. On the Sunday afternoon we could already present a Bible study for women. The next morning we ministered to the women who work in the hostel. In the afternoon we held a meeting for the youth and the choir members.

We were able to hold children's meetings on three occasions. The children enjoyed it very much, especially the new songs they learned.

During house visiting we met the caretaker of the church. He shared with us his desire and struggle to obtain assurance of salvation, but that there was nobody to help him. That same day he received the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour. (Namibia team)

## A time to start and a time to rest.

**A**t the end of 2010 the time came for two of our older workers, Ezekiel and Magdalene Masina, to retire.

**Ezekiel Masina** came to our Bible College for training in 1965. Zechariah 3:2 was also applicable to him: *“Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?”* The Lord had a purpose with his life and prepared him for service. Ezekiel joined the evangelism team in 1968 and for 43 years was involved full-time in outreaches. His courage in outreaches and his prayer life were a blessing to his co-workers. His good knowledge of Scripture added to the quality of his messages and his co-workers sometimes referred to him as “a living Bible concordance”.

**Magdalene** was only 16 years old when she came to the Bible College in 1970. Actually such young students were usually not accepted, but the Lord had a plan with her too and an exception was made. After her training she joined the children's work. This team regularly ministered the Word at a large number of schools and held children's camps during school holidays. During such camps the workers had to fulfil many roles - that of a preacher, mother, nurse and sometimes even a judge! Magdalene did not shrink from this work. After their marriage in 1982 and the subsequent birth of their children, her responsibilities changed. As mother she often also had to be like a father when Ezekiel was on outreach. However, she continued to shine as a light for the Lord in her vicinity and it is our prayer that He will continue to use them there to His glory.

It remains precious to us to see from how many different backgrounds and circumstances the Lord sends people to the Dorothea Mission to work for Him here. We see the same thing in Scripture. The Lord called both David and Amos from sheep herding. Gideon and Elisha had been farmers and Peter a fisherman while Matthew was involved in the financial world. Daniel was a young man when the Lord laid His hand on his life and Paul was already a leader. Will you please join us in praying that the Lord will call skilled people to strengthen our ranks and fill the vacancies in various departments of the work?

*“As the Father has sent Me,  
I also send you.”  
(John 20:21)*



*Zandra Nel conveys a word of thanks to Ezekiel and Magdalene Masina.*

# Prayer Requests

Included with this issue of the *Dorothea News* you will find a new issue of the *Prayer Guide*. This is, as far as possible, issued every second year. Only eternity will reveal the part played by our friends' prayers in the fruit God gives, by His grace, on the work. Perhaps you may have had a share in Deborah's (p. 4) or Sylvia's (p. 5) conversion, or in the fruit given by God's grace in the lives of Bible College students. May the Lord bless you while you lay before Him our workers and the long-term prayer requests for the work that are included in the *Prayer Guide*.

We also wish to share a few short term prayer requests with you:

1. **Malawi and Tete teams:** Outreach near Songo from 5 to 16 April.
2. **Zambia team:** Evangelistic meetings in Lusaka North from 20 to 25 April.
3. **Zimbabwe team:** Outreach in Houton Park (Harare) from 29 April to 8 May.
4. **Namibia team:** They hope to hold an evangelistic outreach in the Kavango in the north of the country for three weeks during May if their programme works out.
5. **South Africa team and Bible College:** Outreach near Polokwane from 16 May to 1 June.
6. **Media department:** We plan to record more messages on CD and finalise the editing of some new literature in the coming months.

Thank you that you stand with us through your intercession. It is very precious to us!



We wish to bring to your attention  
that the birthday of the Dorothea Mission  
will be held on  
**Saturday 10 September, D.V.**  
More detail will be given later.

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