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From The Team Leader

Dear friends,

I trust and pray that you are all very well, and that you will be encouraged in your faith as you read through our newsletter.

Last month we embarked on our first of three mission weeks this year in Durban, and it was a very blessed time of connecting with church leaders and especially the ministry in the township schools around KwaMashu. Over 5,500 decisions for Christ were recorded during the mission week!

We thank God for every person reached with the Gospel, and we are so grateful for everyone that prayed for the mission and supported through giving towards the budget. We were also blessed to have had a few volunteers with us from outside KZN, and they absolutely loved it, and commented on how life-changing the experience was!

John 4:35-36 NKJV

35 *Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!* ***36*** *And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.*

Friends, the harvest is ready, of that you can be certain…all ages, but especially the younger generation is hungry for the truth and in desperate need of hope! We need your help to reach them. Please partner with us through your prayers and financial gifts, and let us rejoice together! Every gift counts. Every gift makes a difference.

May God bless you,

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Missions News

WEEK 1 OF DURBAN PINKU MISSION 15-21 MARCH 2023

The commandment / decree from the Lord Jesus Christ is to GO and make disciples of ALL nations. The AE team, in partnership with the PINKU pastors, obeyed the command and went to the streets, to witness and share the good news. PINKU is an acronym for the areas of Phoenix, Inanda, Ntuzuma, KwaMashu and Umgeni within the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

A total of 87 volunteers were trained in friendship Evangelism two weeks prior to the mission in the PINKU area. To equip and energize them for the mission.

School ministries

The mission commenced on the 15th of March 2023, with school ministries early in the morning. The Foxfire team started their day very early in the morning, at 7:00. The team ministered to two or more schools a day. About 5406 young people were reached and 4071 gave their lives to Christ during the school ministries.

Stratified Evangelism

Daily at 9:00 in the morning, the different zones /areas (PINKU) would gather for devotions and go to the streets, homes, hotspots and shopping centres to witness and share the good news. Most of the trained volunteers who were working could join for stratified evangelism. However, we had volunteers and friends of AE one from Gauteng and the other from Mpumalanga. The Lord worked mightily through the handful of volunteers we had for the mission. We were able to reach about 463 people, 99 gave their lives to Christ and some recommitted their lives back to the Lord. Others were healed physically and emotionally through the laying of hands.

Reconciliation workshop in partnership with Heartline

Leaders being empowered to facilitate reconciliation in their congregations and beyond

The mission closed with a prayer service at the Lighthouse Bible church were 74 representatives from different churches gathered to thank the Lord for His faithfulness.

Prayer points were

1. Thanking the Lord for the lives committed back to Him
2. Thanking the Lord for the peaceful protest
3. Thanking the Lord for the Spiritual shift and healing
4. Praying for the upcoming mission

The Total number of people reached during the mission is 7897 and the decisions made were 5520.

We bless the Lord for Week 1 of the Durban Mission 2023 (PINKU).

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Foxfires News

Greetings AE Family

We thank God for an awesome mission in Durban, KZN that took place from the 15th-21 of March. We had the privilege of ministering at schools, youth services and Sunday service where we saw God move as the Foxfires ministered through their drama "Wait on the Lord".

We ministered in Susan Shabangu Primary School, Dukemini Primary School, J.E Ndlovu High School, Ngazana Primary School, Mandlenkosi High School and Khethamahle Primary school.

Our Foxfire team also assisted with the running of a soup kitchen. We prayed with the children and the staff that serve them on a daily basis.

This soup kitchen runs Monday to Sunday. What amazing work is being done by the local members to address the needs of the community in this way.

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Training News

Imagine visiting churches and noticing there were no Pastors in any congregations. There would instantly be the awareness that those churches would be lacking in a vital grace that God intended to give them through that gift. In the South African context, this scenario is true where Evangelists are concerned. They are virtually missing from the day-to-day life of the church.

Restoring the gift of the Evangelist to the life of the local church should be a top priority for every leader that wants to have a missional congregation that impacts their community with the gospel.

Take the example of Charles Spurgeon. When he dedicated the Metropolitan Tabernacle in 1867, he said he desired to plant 100 churches in London before he died. He employed two strategies. First, he built a Pastors' College. Second, he also started an Evangelistic Association that had over 100 Evangelists. These Evangelists preached in over 600 places in the city on a regular basis. Whenever there was a breakthrough, he would send in a Pastor from the college to preserve the fruit. The result? When he died in 1892, they had planted over 200 churches in London!

The mistake we often make is believing that the Evangelist is primarily a revivalist or someone who conducts evangelistic crusades. They stir the church temporarily, yet the fruit is said to not last. However, when an Evangelist is properly functioning in the life of a church they are helping to identify and train other evangelists that will be connected to that body of believers, providing daily encouragement and helping in equipping God's people. Gospel meetings are wonderful if they are able to be a part of the Evangelist's role rather than the only thing they do.

The key to reaching a lost and broken world is found in mobilising evangelists in the local church. Evangelists have a vital role in serving, equipping and mobilising the local church that they are a part of.

Imagine the impact if every local church discovered, developed and deployed their evangelists to awaken the church. We are here to help you do that!

African Enterprise South Africa will be conducting the ***African Enterprise School of Evangelism*** in Durban from 30th June – 9th July. It is an initiative that is designed to identify emerging evangelists and activate them in their calling.

To register and find out more visit **www.saevangelists.co.za**

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Community Transformation News

NGEZANDLA ZETHU – REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Ngezandla Zethu, which translated from isiZulu means *"with our hands",* is an AE social action community project which operates out of the Edendale township on the western outskirts of Pietermaritzburg. The objectives of this project are to:

- teach sewing and fashion-designing skills to the indigent and unemployed;
- empower them with skills for gainful employment or to generate income through self-employment;
- use resources, where applicable, to address other community needs using these skills e.g., the sewing of face masks, pyjamas, winter socks etc. for the needy, the children in particular.

From this .....

To this .....

The project is now in its fifth year of operation and it has impacted positively on community members as many of its graduates have gone on to open their own small business or secure employment.

Simba Musvamhiri, CEO of AE Australasia, addressing the 2023 Learners during his recent visit to South Africa.

The learnership program has now gained recognition by the Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) and for the first time the 20 Learners of the Class of 2023 have their learnerships sponsored via the Fibre Processing and Manufacturing (FP&M) SETA. The Learnership is to complete and qualify for a General Educational and Training Certificate (NQF1 – National Qualifications Framework) in Clothing Manufacturing Processes. Learners will also receive training in Entrepreneurship, Financial Management, Teamwork, Health and Safety, Personal Computer Skills and basic Management Skills. The course also covers basic numeracy, language and writing skills which are necessary in the work place or as an entrepreneur running their own business.
New heights indeed...the Lord be praised!

"The capacity to learn is a gift; The ability to learn is a skill; The willingness to learn is a choice." - Brian Herbert

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Partnership Development News

Financial support for the ministry has been declining as many suffer under the burden of a depressed South African economy that challenges both business and personal finances. We are therefore most grateful for the current support of our faithful donors through whom we are still able to go about our ministries.

As gloomy as this atmosphere is, as a band of believers, we are called to put all our trust and faith in the Lord, and to hold on to His promises. ***"His mercy is new every morning"*** **Lamentations 3:23.** We know that despite the challenges, God is in control and we need to push through this, and every, difficult season.

Together with faith and prayerful discernment we must, in this dire financial situation, consider every possible way in which to improve the finances of AE without compromising our morality. To this end, we are trying to establish new partnerships and rally more support. If you are aware of any businesses or individuals who you think would be interested in supporting our ministries and partnering with us, please contact me and I will gladly visit and introduce them to African Enterprise following an introduction from you (for which I would be most grateful).

On a personal note, it is with great joy that I announce that my husband (Gavin) and I, are finally expecting our first child. After a six-year journey, God has answered our prayers and we are so excited for this new chapter in our marriage. God's timing is perfect and we give Him all the glory.

We trust that the Lord will guide us and give us the resources and capacity to carry out the vision and mission of AE. Please keep the partnerships and finances in prayer.

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Legacy News

On 21st March 2023 Theuns and I had the privilege of attending the first annual lecture of the Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi Foundation delivered by former President of Nigeria, Dr Olusegun Obasanjo. The event opened with a Christian devotion and closed with prayer - honoring God, dedicating the event to Him, thanking Him for Prince Buthelezi's life and principled leadership that was deeply rooted in his Christian faith. Musicians played traditional instruments and sang Zulu Songs that Prince Buthelezi's mother sang - showcasing the beauty and richness of the Zulu culture.

In his lecture, Dr Obasanjo gave a detailed and fascinating recollection of Prince Buthelezi's leadership. From his early political roots in the ANC Youth League (though he later founded the Inkatha Freedom Party); the influence of Albert Luthuli who encouraged him to take on the position as Chief Minister of the KwaZulu Bantustan offered by the National Party government (a strategy to resist the apartheid system from the outside and from within); his wise, courageous and servant leadership throughout his lifetime despite criticism and rejection from his African peers in the struggle; to the distinction with which he served three Zulu Kings as Traditional Prime Minister and serving as Minister of Home Affairs under President Mandela. King MisuZulu kaZwelithini graced the event with his presence and commended the legacy of Prince Buthelezi and the work of his Foundation. He called on Prince Buthelezi, as his final task as Traditional Prime Minister, to arrange a meeting of a council of elders with a council of the youth to map out a plan for the future of the Zulu Nation.

The Foundation presented awards to Dr Olusegun Obasanjo and Dr Kenneth Kaunda (posthumously) as exceptional individuals whose life and work is dedicated to the advancement of humanity, peace, development, freedom and democracy. The Foundation also awarded Prince Buthelezi.

Michael Cassidy is a close friend to Prince Buthelezi over several decades. Prince Buthelezi was kind enough to grant us an extensive interview which was included in our documentary ***The Threatened Miracle of South Africa's Democracy*** available on YouTube. He also shared a message at the South African Christian Leaders Forum which can be viewed on. https://youtu.be/U-gzWhAdS1M

His foundation embodies so much of what we hope to achieve through the Michael Cassidy and Friends Legacy Foundation.

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Dear friends, we would like to stand in faith with you for your prayer needs, so we invite you to send prayer requests to prayer@ae.org.za

From the bottom of our hearts, we'd like to say a
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