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From The Team Leader

Dear friends of AE,
I hope you are well and blessed!

As I write this letter, we are halfway through our Proclamation week in Durban, from Point to Pinetown. We have had an amazing response to the Gospel so far. The people here are hungry for some real Good News, and that is exactly what the Gospel is! Tonight, we had 62 people receiving Christ at an open-air outreach, where we also gave each one who attended a warm meal prepared by a mission volunteer couple! We have done a lot of ministry to the poor and needy this week on the streets, at the taxi ranks, and in the markets of Durban, and we also visited Westville prison, where we saw 20 inmates surrender their lives to Christ! We have seen numerous healings this week, which often opens the door for people to receive the healer, Jesus, as saviour and Lord.

In Luke 4:18, Jesus said "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free"

Indeed, none of the ministry and responses this week would be possible without the working of the Holy Spirit, so we give God all the glory.

Thank you also for your partnership and prayers, and for being on this mission with us, whether you are near or far!

Please enjoy reading more news of our mission activities in the newsletter below.

Together we can!

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Mission News

DURBAN MISSION – WEEK 2
The second week of Mission to Durban 2023 moved ministry from the northern areas of Durban into the heart of the city centre and to Pinetown (West of Durban) and was coined 'From Point to Pinetown'. Successful fraternal meetings were held in the Durban city-area and Pinetown west-area, mobilizing church leaders to partner with us in this mission.

Theuns (our Team Leader) addressing church leaders

The mission itself saw stratified ministry taking teams to schools, market places, businesses and institutions (such as Police services and prisons) as missioners pounded the streets of Pinetown and the city centre in proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Prayer walking

Our Foxfire team returned from their mid-year break and hit the ground running as they got straight into **school ministry** as part of our Durban Mission program. They conducted life-skill courses and dance & drama at assemblies.

Foxfire team member, Jedidah Abraham, shared her testimony during ministry at the John Wesley Primary school in Pinetown yesterday morning. Watch the video on this Facebook link:
https://fb.watch/mbdENi74Fz/

The Lord opened spiritual doors for **prison ministry** at Westville Prison. Our Team Leader shared his testimony and at the altar call 20 people were led to the Lord. Ministry also took place outside the prison when a taxi driver who was parked there approached the missioners for prayer.
Here is the testimony from Robert (a volunteer):
"A man who was at the jail in a taxi [Westville Prison] *came out to us and said he saw us praying and felt something and came out to be prayed for. Allen (who took the WhatsApp) and one of the sisters there spoke to him in Zulu. And we prayed agreeing with Allen and the whole time the guy was shaking and at the end of the prayer he stopped shaking. He said, "something happened." I felt something happened. And I felt the shaking stop and something new happened too."*

Our team in the Pinetown area embarked on a wonderful initiative of a **'drive-thru prayer'** where they prayed for the drivers passing through, and for those who chose to stop for special prayer.
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Whilst in Pinetown, some missioners spent some time with the Acting Station Commander and two of his Sergeants at the South African Police Services (SAPS) Pinetown. They had the opportunity to preach to these public servants and will continue to build with them into the future.

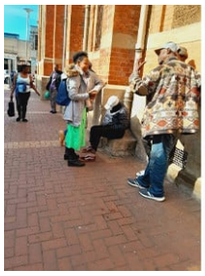
Ministry at Thembela Retirement Home was a wonderful time of praise and worship and many of the residents were blessed with the word of God.

At the city centre 99 people gave their life to Jesus at a taxi rank *en-route* to the Jewish camp, where a further 6 surrendered all to Jesus.

We were blessed to have our Founder, Michael Cassidy, participating in our Mission. Here he is giving an inspiring leadership talk at Glenwood Preparatory School

This lady responded to a word or knowledge about lower back pain, and was instantly healed

Outreach outside the Denis Hurley Centre had some of the team ministering the Word whilst helped to prepare a meal to be served to 300+ impoverished and the displaced/homeless.



Through the generosity of others, our teams were able to distribute blankets to the needy in the Mansel Market area.

Many braved a wintery evening to gather for **Pinetown Revival Night.** Missioners reported that 40-50 of them came as a result of the ministry on the streets of Pinetown.

Praying for those who have given their lives to Jesus - 62 decisions for Christ tonight with our partners, the Impilo mission truck!

Ministry at the Denis Hurley Centre (in the city centre) included Foxfire ministry to some 200+ people in attendance.

After Lunch missioners proceeded to Mansel Road Market for a celebration which included food distribution, worship and preaching from a flat-bed truck, where some of the Foxies also ministered to the 300+ people there.

Teams were in Pinetown for the Family Afternoon at Highway College and Makhabongwe Early Childhood Development Centre to minister to the delegates there.

During the course of the mission 2400+ meals were served. We praise God for all those who sponsored ingredients, prepared them and served them. We pray for all those who were physically fed to continue to be spiritual fed with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

TESTIMONIES:
From Missioners/Volunteers:

Shelley Frow reported:
'Gareth and I ministered to an Estate Agent who we have had some dealings with. Her leg [which she has had alignment problems with, one being slightly shorter than the other] *grew as we prayed for her for healing. We then ministered the Gospel to her and she surrendered her life to Jesus. After that we prayed for her one more time as she still had some pain in her one leg. The pain disappeared. She's keen to come to Dwell's Alpha group which is launching next week and she's hoping to bring some of her family member's too!'*
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From a missioner who prayed for a homeless person:
'I want to share a short testimony. I approached a man yesterday that could not bend his knee because of infections of a car accident. He was part of the Shembe religion. He was dead set that it's the only way of life and that he will go to heaven by honouring and sacrificing to ancestors and worship Isaac Shembe. Holy Spirit prompted me to just keep quiet and listen to his story. When he started explaining how it's sometimes confusing to know to which tribe he must do offering, Holy Spirit gave me wisdom and knowledge. He started doubting his own words and faith and after Jesus healed him, he was overcome by joy. We could introduce him to Jesus and he could not stop smiling and walking away without any pain. Was pretty special to see the transformation happen right in front of my eyes.
Jesus is King!'

*From **Lucky** who was ministered to:*
https://www.tiktok.com/@aesouthafrica/video/7259719459340832006?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc&web_id=7202953095931446790

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who partnered with us during this Mission; through praying, sponsorship, donorship and volunteering. Special thanks to Xenia Swanepoel (who travelled from Pretoria to share at our 'Serving the Servers' event); the Christ for all Nations (CfaN) ministry team from the Cape, Free State and Gauteng (who joined the mission and ministered powerfully alongside the AE team and local churches!).

Mission Reach	17,142
Decisions made	1,888

Said one of our missioners as the Mission Week 2 came to an end:
'The mission has ended in the physical, but in the spiritual the mission continues so that those who responded to the Gospel may be rooted and grounded in Christ and we are gearing up for the third and final mission with AE in October. May the Lord prepare our hearts and our city for that, as He prepares to birth revival amongst us.'

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Foxfire News

Greetings AE family

It has been a busy and an exciting month. The Foxfire's ministered at Copesville on the 23rd of June and left for Estcourt the next morning, then on to Ladysmith and straight to Durban thereafter where they started at LIV Village for a youth festival which was called "Come together" and straight after that it was the Evangelism conference followed by the school of evangelism. After a wonderful experience of back-to-back ministry the team went on a two week break.

Rest is very important and it is an essential element of our lives, even our creator God rested after all He created (Genesis 2: 2-3). We see that in today's world that everyone gets so caught up in the tasks of everyday life that we seldom press the pause button and rest. It is important to rest, not only by sleeping but it is also important to rest your mind. Resting one's mind is becoming more and more difficult in a time where we have mobile devices, filling our minds with all kinds of content as we 'surf'. It is important for us to continually renew our minds in the word of God so that we may have a peace that passes all understanding; and once we have renewed our mind in Him then we can continue with all that we need to accomplish. In Matthew 11: 28-30 New International Version "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light,* " *even with all that is happening around us we can find perfect peace and rest in Jesus.*

We would kindly appeal for your financial support as we have ministry in Eswatini in August and a mission to Kenya in September.

Yours in Christ

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Training News

The Evangelism Conference [30 June – 01 July]

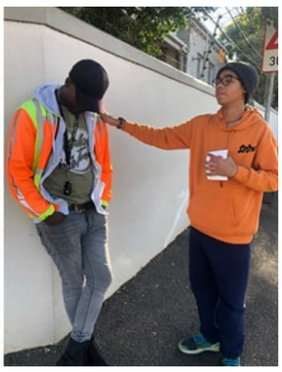
God is on the move! The Evangelism Conference was a collaboration with a number of amazing ministries who share the heartbeat of African Enterprise in seeing the gospel proclaimed, and Africa won for Christ. The launch conference saw nearly 400 people in attendance and was held at Glenridge Church in Durban. This collaboration has given birth to the Evangelism Collective with the express aim of amplifying the Gospel throughout South Africa, elevating the gift of evangelism to a broken world. Multiple speakers and a variety of breakout sessions paved the way in providing a tangible spirit of love and unity throughout the two-day gathering as we prayed, praised and planned for the next decade of evangelism in South Africa. Speakers included our Founder, Michael Cassidy, and break-out sessions included our CEO and Team Leader, Theuns Pauw, sharing on the power of Stratified Evangelism.

School of Evangelism [02 – 09 July]
The African School of Evangelism was launched with 32 participants from a variety of churches around Durban and from various parts of the country with a delegate from Pretoria and another from Limpopo. The in-depth training took place in Durban with Every Nation Church serving as our host venue. Mornings were spent covering four key themes:

1. City Mission
2. The Evangelist Heart & Message
3. Local Church
4. Gospel Theology

The morning sessions were followed with various afternoon outreaches and we executed a number of small Stratified Outreach Events. A total of 180 individuals in Durban made decisions for Christ as a result of the outreaches.

Plans are already afoot for the 2024 SOE which will be taking place in the Gauteng area. We will keep you updated so that you won't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to discover, develop and deploy the gift of the Evangelist into the local church.



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AE @ 67 Minutes!

Team AESA participated in the Nelson Mandela Campaign on the 18th July 2023 (Nelson Mandela International Day) by serving our 67 minutes of community work in the impoverished community of Sweetwaters, a township north-west of Pietermaritzburg.

The Mandela Day Campaign encourages people to use 67 minutes of their time to support a charity of their choice or to serve their local community in whatever manner or form. 67 is symbolic of the number of years that our legendary former President fought for human rights and the abolition of Apartheid.

And so it was that on this chilly winter morning a twenty-strong AE staff contingent made its way to the Lutheran Church in Sweetwaters for 'operation cleanup' of the church and its grounds. While some of us set about clearing rubble and other waste material loading them in wheelbarrows to be taken off-site; others took to slashing, brush-cutting and raking the overgrowth; and still others cleaned windows and mounted picture frames.

It was a hive of activity as work seamlessly turned into team-building, fun and fruitful service! Whilst those doing the heavy-lifting may not agree altogether with the old adage that 'many hands make light work', our 'many hands' certainly made the heavy work light-hearted. In the blink of an eye (well a rather slow 67-minute one!) the 'unsightly' church grounds were transformed into 'a thing of beauty'.

This simple transformation of a dishevelled church garden does give cause to reflect on how God does the same for us when we surrender all our clutter, brokenness, filth and shame into His hands – He too transforms us into the 'thing of beauty' that He sees in each one of us - even if we cannot see it for ourselves. So hand yourself over to Him – He doesn't need the 67 minutes to do what must be done – though you might and more!

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Partnership Development News

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"
Ecclesiastics 3:1.

It was all systems go for the second part of our Mission to Durban 2023 (24-30th July). Arrangements came together as the teams geared up in anticipation and excitement for a jam- packed programme. Thank you for all your prayers, please continue to keep the teams in your prayers as they enter the preservation phase having just completed the proclamation. The finances and statistics are yet to be finalised and we trusting God for His provision to reach the budget for the mission – to this end we are most grateful to you our faithful supporters that have/can help us.

A 20-strong contingent of AE staff members headed out to the Lutheran Church in the community of Sweetwaters to serve 67 minutes of community work as part of our contribution to the 2023 Mandela Day Campaign. This church is the 'home-base' for our Bonginkosi outreach project within this community. It was a busy morning as our Team cleared out rubble and overgrowth from the church grounds; cleaned up the church and mounted picture frames to adorn its' interior. We then had a time of ministry with the members of Bonginkosi and a sharing of the Word by our colleague Sthe. We then distributed 250 food hampers; loaves of bread, fruit and hot-water bottles. It was a blessed and well-spent morning (that turned into an afternoon!). The Bonginkosi project is also dependant on the generosity of supporters to run the program – to all of whom we extend our sincere appreciation.

We continue our efforts to find new donors for our ministries and pray that God will lead us to the right people. We are very happy to arrange to meet with potential donors/ supporters of the ministry to give them more information about AE. For those our current donors, may I say that it's been wonderful being able to call many of you for a quick catch up.

As the month draws to a close, I will be heading off on maternity leave as my husband and I look forward to welcoming our baby girl into the world. I appreciate all the well wishes and am so blessed by them. As I enter this new season of motherhood, I am anxiously excited and expectant too - I do believe that it is also a new season for the ministry. The Lord is true to his word and we hold on to his promises. God has sustained us for 60 years and He will sustain us for the next 60.

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