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From The Team Leader

Dear friends of AE,

I hope that you are all doing well and in good health. The changing of seasons and the cold weather is often accompanied by nasty flu viruses, so please take extra care!

Last month, the Foxfires, Dumisani and I, ministered in Botswana, and we experienced a real openness to the gospel and also had very fruitful meetings with leaders towards a citywide mission for Gaborone in 2025! Thank you for your prayers which certainly helped to pave the way for us.

This month, on 11 June, I will be running the Comrades marathon along with approximately 20,000 other athletes! I will be doing the 87km race from the Pietermaritzburg City Hall (where AE's first mission was held) to Durban (where this year's mission is being held) in support of our Durban mission, and I hereby invite you to "sponsor" us per kilometre that I complete. This will be a massive challenge of endurance for me, so your support and encouragement will go a long way! (You can email your pledge per km to me at t.pauw@aeint.org before 11 June, and then I'll reply to you in the week after the race with my result and distance completed)

I am reminded of God's word that also encourages us to endure in our respective races of life, because life is hard - but God is good, and He has given us His Son to follow to the finish line!

Heb 12:1-2a *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."*

Together for the Kingdom,

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Mission News

Durban Mission 2023 – Week Two (July)

After a successful 'curtain-raiser' first week of mission to Durban in March 2023, African Enterprise (AE) is fast gearing towards the second week on mission which will run from the 24th – 30th July.

Whilst the first week focused on the northern township areas of Phoenix, Inanda, Ntuzuma, KwaMashu and Umgeni, this second week of mission takes place in the heart of the city centre. Urbanization is an uncontrollable factor for cities across the world but most particularly for cities across the African continent as the increasing impoverished rural communities are forced to surrender their children to city-life in the hope of employment that will benefit both the urbanized child and the family members back home. According to the statisticians, the city of Durban has a current population of about 3.2+ million and is home to a diverse group of residents insofar as origination (nationals and internationals), race, ethnicity, religion – of believers and non-believers. The statisticians also report that 80% of the population is Christian, sadly many are simply nominal Christians.

AE is excited to respond by reaching out to the unreached and the 'luke-warm' believers within this metropolis through word and deed, in partnership with the church. We are working around the clock together with the Durban churches in preparation for the upcoming citywide mission, eagerly awaiting the opportunity to minister wholistically to those in the city. Our committee of passionate, zealous and Spirit-filled leaders, are committed to ensure the successful implementation of the processes of preparation, proclamation and preservation of the believers after the mission. We believe that Durban is ready for the mission and revival.

The harvest is plenty and the labourers will always be too few. We therefore extend an invitation to those Durban churches that are yet to partner with us for this exciting mission.
If you are keen to be a part of the mission, please contact the AE mission's Department on dfakude@ae.org.za OR (+27) 33 3471911 / (+27) 73 2063 759 .

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Foxfire News

Greetings AE Family

The Foxfire team embarked on a month-long mission trip, impacting Johannesburg (Germiston and Midrand) and Gaberone in Botswana. Our ministry in all of these regions has been a blessing as we witnessed God move and set people free.

When God needs a person, He sets an appointed time to meet with them. 'Sindy' (not her real name – *pictured right*) shares her testimony after our open-air ministry event in the community of Mohlakeng, Randfontein in Johannesburg. Our team was approached by 'Sindy' who said, "I need to speak to someone." She shared her story of how she survived a motor accident and realised then that "there is a God" because it was only by His grace that she was saved from fatal injury. After praying and sharing the love of Jesus with her, Sindy committed her life to the Lord as a start to a relationship with Him. Overwhelmed, she tearfully prayed her commitment out loud with great joy, relief and surrender. Sindy left with a spring in her step and a beautiful smile on her face - that's what happens when you receive good news!

Because of the length of our mission, I had to go back home to check on family before I could re-join the team to continue the journey. There are two points that I would love to mention which are key for ministers of the gospel. On my arrival back home, my two kids welcomed me. My 9 year old daughter just held me for few minutes and my 4 year old son expressed how they missed me. South Africa has a crisis of fathers being present in the lives of their children. When I got home that was the one thing I celebrated, that I needed my kids to know they matter (*I've attached a picture of a note from my daughter*)

"Thank you letter for Foxfire team on behalf of ICARE organisation south coast team, we would like to thank you for taking your time to come and conduct such a fruitful program with our boys. The children were educated on substance abuse and the impact it might have in their lives and they were entertained. The message was relevant and it was conveyed clearly. The way you shared Jesus Christ message to the boys, it was spiritually uplifting, and the children were participating in the activities and sharing of the gospel, it was encouraging not only to our boys but to the staff as well. "

I took them for their swimming lessons and when we were driving back my son said again, "daddy thank you for taking us for the swimming classes.

He does not know yet but I know this is the problem we have in South Africa, the entitlement issue. My son was expressing his gratitude, I did not have to take them for swimming lessons but I did it out of love. If, as South Africans, we can appreciate and acknowledge the importance of life, we can get rid of the entitlement. Life is a gift, the people we have around us who help us to live, and show their support, are a gift we can appreciate. Let us raise future fathers and learn to appreciate what we have and who we have.

On behalf of the Foxfire department, we appreciate every supporter and prayer warrior who stands behind us when we do the work of evangelism. This year we celebrate 30 years of seeing lives changed through this program experience. The Lord be praised!

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Training News

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Team News

Community needs a Worker!
"if you give food to the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then the darkness around you will turn to the brightness of noon." Isaiah 58:10

It's been a minute - four months to be exact! - that AE has been in search of a suitable candidate to fill the vacant position of Community Worker. We are pleased to announce that Londeka Gasa has joined our team in this capacity, as of the 01st May 2023.

Londeka is a single mother of Andile who is in his second year of study towards a degree in medicine.

A woman of many talents, Londeka possesses a Diploma in Information Technology; is an experienced facilitator and a trainer for skills development – having trained youth on Job readiness; Home-based Caregiving; Computer skills; and Office Administration.
She is currently studying towards a Bachelor's Degree in Theology.

Londeka currently serves as a junior pastor, governing-body member, and Secretary-General of her local church.

Always a church-goer because of her grandmother's influence – a Zionist at that (a religious movement which incorporates elements of Christianity with traditional African beliefs) – Londeka gave her life to Jesus at a crusade in Mpophomeni (a township in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands where she lives). Her commitment to Him has seen her grow in faith and service both within the church (of which she has been a part ever since her conversion) and in the communities in which she has worked – notably amongst the child victims of HIV and AIDS (affected and infected) for whom she led bible studies and holiday clubs to support them spiritually.

So, what draws Londeka to AE?
"I have a passion to work with communities, being an agent of change, and to see the will of God done in our respective communities. I love sharing the Word of God and this opportunity will afford me time amongst people, spreading love and hope."

Welcome to the team Londeka!

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Community Transformation News

Bonginkosi community project - 'Ubuntu' and 'Ubumbano'

The Bonginkosi community project is back in the hands of AE after many years under the leadership of the Sarah and Julian Dottridge, together with Carol Cassidy – joined in recent years by Linda Grant (an AE Board member and long-time supporter of AE's ministry). Linda remains committed to the project and we are grateful that she has agreed to be a part of the AE team serving this community.

On Wednesday, 17th May 2023, our team set out to minister, and to distribute 137 food parcels to impoverished families in the community. The team also distributed 150 school shirts for children within the age groups of 10–15 years old.

Prior to gathering for ministry at the local church which Bonginkosi uses as a venue, the team visited gogo Christina Madlala (a Bonginkosi member) after learning that she was ill. The excitement of seeing everyone had her telling them stories of her granddaughter who got married over the weekend.

gogo Christina Madlala (seated) with Londeka Gasa (AE's Community Worker). The team prayed, leaving her with joyful hope for recovery (and her food parcel for which she was grateful!)

The church was packed when the team arrived to minister. The gathering spontaneously began worshipping with one lady voluntarily opening with prayer. Londeka shared a message based on Psalm 91: 14-16, encouraging all present to '*hold on to God for dear life, stick or glue yourself to God through Christ who is the permanent glue that will never let you down*.' The message was well received and many gave their live to Jesus.

Ma Zuma (in the yellow jacket) shared with the gathering that she has kidney problems and needs prayer. She continued to share her excitement to have given her life to Christ and trusting Him for healing. The gathering prayed and entrusted her healing into God's hands.

The spirit of *ubuntu* (humanity) and *ubumbano* (unity) amongst the Bonginkosi members is simply amazing! They take responsibility for spreading the dates and times of AE's visits, ensure that the church is available and open, and voluntarily clean and clear-up.

The impact of AE's visits is visible in the joyful expectancy of our arrival, and in the spirit-filled worship and active engagement with our ministry. As difficult and challenging as their personal circumstances are, their hopefulness and gratefulness displays a sincere gratitude for the little that we bring to them.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Partnership Development News

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary;
***and they shall walk and not faint"* Isaiah 40:31.**

While we continue to trust God for intervention in our dire financial situation (which is impacting on all that we are desirous of doing), the work of ministry must nevertheless continue and our teams are committed to spreading the word of the Lord. Our Missions department is gearing up for the next phase of Durban Mission 2023, which is set to take place from the 24th to 30th of July. The Training department is preparing for The School of Evangelism training which takes place over a ten-day period from 30th June to 09th July. And our Foxfire team (recently returning from missions to Johannesburg and Gaborone, and even more recently having celebrated their 30th anniversary) are busy with arrangements for their next mission. We entrust the funding of these missions into God's hands and appeal to our donors to support them.

We were blessed to spend a morning of 28th April 2023 in fellowship with the residents at Woodgrove Retirement Village, where our beloved Founder, Michael Cassidy, shared a powerful message on Psalm 23. We are planning on visiting the Ambers and a few other retirement villages in the next few weeks. We look forward to meeting old and new donors to the ministry.

Our goal this year in the Partnership Development department is to bring in new donors and encourage existing donors to sow into specific needs of the ministry. We are also intent on assisting donors with making a bequest to African Enterprise, leaving a lasting impact for the kingdom. Please contact me in this regard and I will gladly assist you to partner with us.

We are ever so grateful to our donors and partners of the ministry and we trust that God will bless you in accordance to His riches in glory. We ask that you continue keeping our ministry and our finances in your prayers.

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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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