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From The Team Leader

Dear friends,

I hope you are all blessed, in good health, and also basking in the great Springbok victory of last weekend! They were motivated by the 62 million people of our land, and have in turn inspired all South Africans to dream for better, and that nothing is impossible with faith and perseverance! Indeed, with our God, nothing is ever impossible.

In October, we concluded our mission to Durban with our third week of stratified evangelism including school ministry, street evangelism, door-2-door, hospital ministry, factories, open-airs and drive-thru-prayers. *Read more about our third mission week to Durban in the newsletter below.*

12,242 commitments were made to Christ over the three mission weeks in Durban this year, for which we thank the Lord! And we trust as the discipleship journey continues through the local churches, that the new believers will grow into maturity and become disciple-making disciples...

Matt 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples…"

Two main components to the success of an African Enterprise mission is *Prayer* and *Participation* of the local churches and church members, who get trained up and become the mission team…a multiplication of soul-winners with each one reaching out!

Now, we look ahead to 2024 with anticipation, and resume preparation for a mission to Johannesburg, which the Lord prompted a few years back, and which has recently been confirmed by a number of church leaders there!

Please consider supporting our work with a monthly donation, as we cannot do it without the help of faithful partners like you! Please also share this newsletter with a friend, and encourage them to subscribe.

As with the Boks, when AE partners with you, we are #StrongerTogether. Let's go for it!

God bless and much love,

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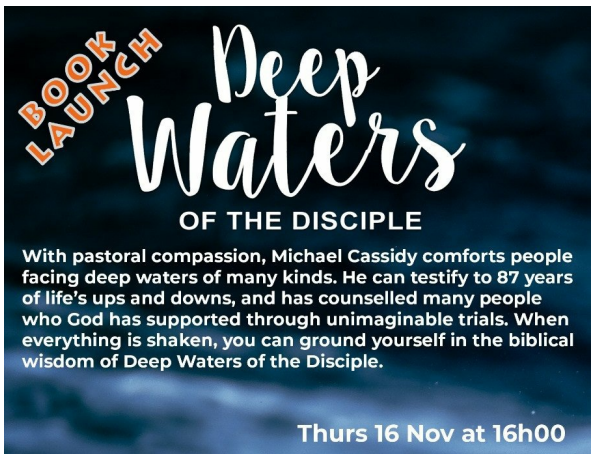

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Mission News

DURBAN MISSION – WEEK 3

The third and final week of Mission to Durban 2023 (16th to 22nd October) was in the township areas of Inanda and KwaMashu and in Phoenix, all of which lie north of the Durban metropolitan.

The AE team was once again joined by mission volunteers from far and wide, including some international missioners. It was another intense week of stratified evangelism despite the threats of Level 6 storm warnings in the area, which hampered mission activity over the first two days. Stratified evangelism included ministry at Schools, door-to-door, open-airs, drive-thru prayer, visits to institutions (such as medical care facilities, SAPS, Old-age care facility), businesses and factories.

Ministry and Prayer for young people gathered at the KwaMashu Section G Community Hall for a government-funded Driver Education program

Praying for the KwaMashu Ward councillor

Old Age care facility
Click for video footage!

Factory Ministry @ Bobby's Waste Centre and Blessed Boards
Click for video footage (Bobby's Waste Centre)
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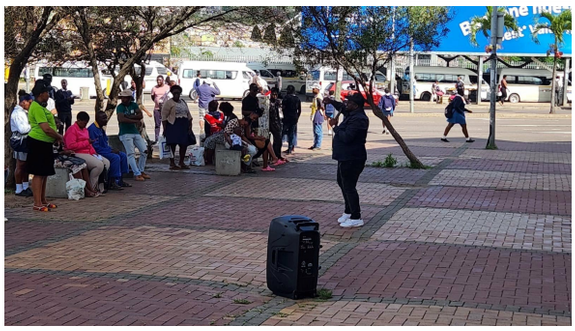
Medical Care facility

School Ministry to various schools in the mission areas

Click for video footage of school ministry



Open-Air and Drive-thru Prayer

Door-to-Door

Fan Park

Preaching

HIGHLIGHTS / TESTIMONIES

Bongani *(pseudonym)*

"I pray but bad things keep happening! Where is God then?"

Bongani, a Shemba (believer in a combination of Christianity and traditional practices) gave his life to Jesus today!

"I know about Jesus, I pray every morning and every evening, but bad things still keep happening in my life, why is that? Where is God if this keeps happening to me?"

This was his cry to us as we stopped to share the love of Jesus with him. We shared about having a personal relationship; about faith growing through the trials and challenges; that Jesus is with us every step of the way (especially in the 'darkness' - as Bongani described it) if we invite him into our life as our personal Lord and Saviour and trust in him.

We shared personal testimony of the goodness of God, and that our meeting him today on the road walking toward each other at that moment was by God's design - he lives in Pietermaritzburg but was just visiting his siblings.
After listening intently and having his questions answered, Bongani decided that he needs to know Jesus for himself and so he accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour. Glory to God!

"This weekend was bad. I cut myself and tried to hang myself. I don't even know why I did it."
David *(pseudonym)*, a drug addict, re-committed his life. Praise God!

Whilst sharing the Gospel message our team of missioners caught sight of David who was watching us, seemingly wanting to attract our attention as he repeatedly walked away then back to where we were standing. We approached him and he was eager for us to share our Good News with him.
David is married and is a father to a 8-month old baby. He described himself as a 'sugar' smoker.
This past weekend he got so high on drugs that he cut himself and tried to hang himself. He has no clue as to why he did it, but thankfully his wife got in through a window and cut him loose, saving him from this mindless suicidal act.
He shared with us that he was originally a devout Hindu who was led to the Christian faith some years ago and he then led his mother to the Christ. Sadly, he descended into the darkness of substance abuse and lost his way in recent times, until the near fatal incident of the weekend and our street ministry today stirred within him that he needs to return to Jesus. We prayed for him.
David will be followed up by a local church, and he has been referred for rehabilitation. Please do pray for his recovery and journey ahead.

We praise God for yet another opportunity to minister his word to our brothers and sisters who are in desperate need. Our grateful thanks to all our volunteer missioners who sacrificed their time and the comforts of their homes to walk this journey with us, acknowledging in particular those from other parts of our country and other African countries.

The work has only just begun and we trust that God will continue to use those that He has empowered in these areas of the vineyard to continue reaching out to those who have given their hearts to Jesus and to the thousands who have yet to hear the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.

During this final week (Week 3 of Durban Mission 2023) 4,834 of the 17,934 people reached with the Gospel message, committed their lives to Jesus Christ.
The total number reached for the Three weeks of Mission is 42,973, from which 12,242 brothers and sisters have given their lives to Jesus
All glory to God!

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Foxfire News

Dear AE Family

We stand in awe of the great things that God has done this year. We had the privilege of traveling to Paarl in the Western Cape where we ministered to many young people.
The Reverend Christopher Swartz shared that for over 20 years he had been wanting the Foxfire team to visit and that this mission was indeed an answer to prayer. As Mathew 7:7 says "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." God hears us when we pray and in due time He will answer, do not lose hope

We have just completed the last phase of our Durban Mission. Many people had a personal encounter with Jesus and we know that Durban will never be the same.

Nokukhanya was ministered to earlier in the morning and even though the Holy Spirit touched her, she was not ready to make a commitment. It so happened that some three hours later the team stopped to make a purchase at the shop next door to where she lives and, prompted by the Holy Spirit, approached her once again to share more with her (pictured). God had been working between the two encounters with our team because Nokukhanya was ready and willing to claim Jesus as her personal Lord and Saviour. God is at work all the time praise his Holy Name.

Applications for the 2024 Foxfire program have now closed and we look forward to the interviews for the 2024 intake.

Thank you to all who support our ministry, with your help we have managed to reach approximately 28 726 young people this year and of those reached 15 492 gave their hearts to the Lord. We ask that you would continue to support us financially as we continue to spread the good news.

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Community Transformation News

We had the most sensational, Spirit-filled time in Sweetwaters on our monthly visit. Thank you, friends and supporters, for always remembering us in prayer. And we thank the Lord!

Some of the Folk getting a lift at the back of the car to the church where we meet.

Our packs all packed for the Bonginkosi friends.

Our friend **Lee** who always joins and supports us in Sweetwaters.

The Church was packed and the overflow of folk had to stand outside once again, but they could hear and were content (despite the heat). When we introduced our visitors and friends, Linda who works hand in hand with Londeka, shared the Parable of the Talents which was not planned but she was led to by the Holly spirit saying – "***we must use our gifts/talents or we'll lose them".***

This is exactly what Janet Mwendwa (AE International's Social Action Manager who was visiting us from Kenya) had planned to preach on! Janet is ultra special and the most outstanding teacher. She shared a very moving and powerful message with the folk which Londeka translated wonderfully and added her own message about planting and nurturing seeds, sharing with her usual passion for Christ and with good humor.

Londeka and Janet dancing a Zulu dance

Mary, another visitor and friend, will be assisting to empower the Bonginkosi ladies with skills for basic DIY projects such as quilting and making neck ties. She shared (in Zulu) a little about herself and was wonderfully received!

Londeka and Mary

Londeka trying on a beautiful recreated top designed and hand sewn in old ties.

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Centre News

Life at the Centre has been a rush and whirlwind of business, (which of course is what we want), but it does leave us feeling rather energy depleted as we gear up for the final stretch of 2023.

We have a number of year end functions booked already, as well as some very large group camps and the team building continues to go from strength to strength.

Thami left us at the end of September and Xolani Dlamini (not a new face to AE) joined us on a more permanent basis, and has just fitted in so seamlessly. He has been thrown into the deep end with the team building and done so incredibly well. We are thrilled to have you as part of our team Xolani!

Our guys had 110 grade 6's for a leadership team building day from Hayfields Primary School which was a huge success. We must commend the principal, Gail, and the teachers, for the very well-behaved and well-mannered students!

We were however, both shocked and saddened at the feedback we received from some of the children, which has led us, as a staff to begin to pray in earnest for the children of our country, and their parents, for the family unit as a whole.

We also hosted a group that used up all of our accommodation and brought in at least 100 guests each day. This stretches us to our limits, and we are all fairly ragged by the end.

We are so grateful for the continued bookings, and pray each week that the Lord will continue to bless The Centre. We are still a long way from being back on our feet, but at least are moving in the right direction.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

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