

# NEWS FROM MY DESK

## **NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023**

My dear friends

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Here I am writing my last newsletter to you, my incredibly faithful supporters, for 2023. As I look back over this past year all I can do is lift up my heart to God and say *"EBENEZER - HITHERTO HAS THE LORD HELPED US"*. As you all know the past 3 years have not been easy years as we slowly recovered after Covid-19. But now in 2024 we will be able to again offer all our different courses which is wonderful, and by God's amazing grace, each one of needs has been met. We lift up our hearts and say *'JEHOVAH JIREH MY PROVIDER'*. So let me know share with you some of the highlights of my work, which I pray will be a huge encouragement to you, to see how your prayers have been answered and where your money has been spent.



#### KWAZULU-NATAL MISSIONARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE

When we launched our DIPLOMA IN MISSIONS program 12 years ago (the students come for two sessions of 90-days each, plus homework) little did we realize that this would become, under the sovereignty of God, our main course. This last term of 2023, for example saw 12 mission students coming to us from across Africa. At the end of this year, we will have 7 graduating with their Diploma in Missions, which is a great thrill for us. 4 years have now

seen us through the Covid debacle, and we are again able to offer our 3-year Diploma in Pastoral Theology.

This term we also launched our *ADVANCED COURSE IN MISSIONAL DEVELOPMENT* (30-DAY COURSE), and certainly look forward to this also taking off - we have received 8 applications already for January.

Then next month at our graduation we will have the first graduate of our ADVANCED READING COURSE IN THEOLOGY, which Margaret Thompson has now completed. It will also be a great joy to see one of the Distance Learners graduating with his 1-year Diploma in Ministry and three with their 2-year Diploma in Theology.

Our dream, as you all know, is to train pastors and missionaries for Africa, and at the graduation service on 9<sup>th</sup> December, it is very humbling to realize that over these past 37 years, nearly 400 students have been passed through my college and gone into Africa, and abroad.

Thank you for your amazing support ... be greatly encouraged. For those able to attend, these are the details of our graduation.

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE



KwaZulu-Natal Missionary & Bible College

#### GRADUATION

DATE:Saturday, 9 December 2023TIME:10:00amWHERE:Christ Church, 8 Cross Rd, Pelham, Pietermaritzburg, South AfricaADDRESS BY:Rev. Peter Wessels



## FOOTPRINTS INTO AFRICA

In addition to my work at the College, Footprints into Africa has enjoyed a wonderful year. By the grace of God alone, I have managed to travel into Africa again visiting our churches in <u>Malawi</u> and up in <u>Zambia</u> on the Copper belt.





## **PREACHING APPOINTMENTS**

It still is a source of amazement that churches around the province still kindly invite every Sunday to expound the Word of God. As you all know I love teaching the Bible and am so grateful for these opportunities every Sunday.

# **BIBLE STUDY**

My Thursday Bible Study has been a source of incredible joy and just over 20 of us meet every week to soak our minds and hearts with the Word of God.



# **MMM – Missions Motivation Morning**

Again, by the grace of God our MMM meeting last Saturday was out of this world, far exceeding our wildest dreams, it was overwhelming for me to meet with just on 50 people all passionate for Missions. At that meeting it was suggested that I put out the dates for next year so that you are able to book now. This year we spent our 4 meetings, focusing on the HISTORY OF MISSIONS. Next year we will focus on *GOD AND MISSIONS*. Here are the titles and dates:

- February 24<sup>th</sup> THE BIBLE AND MISSIONS
- May 18<sup>th</sup> GOD THE MISSIONARY GOD
- August 24<sup>th</sup> JESUS THE GREATEST MISSIONARY
- November 16<sup>th</sup> THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

save the date

DON'T MISS OUT ... Plan to be at our next morning meeting ... details above ...they are fruitful times. RSVP Charmaine / <u>kznbiblecollege@gmail.com</u> or 0732340367.

#### Enjoy the photos from our November MMM











Praying for our world

# THE SHACK

Our second-hand bookshop is packed at the moment. The students are always excited to get a chance to "shop" which helps them to build up their personal libraries with some great books! I am very grateful to all those folks who so generously provide me with these books.





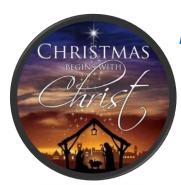
What an amazing feat this was for one of the Hilton College matric students to achieve. He had the vision to raise money for Bibles and this vision became a reality. His endeavour raised R69 000 for Bibles ... wow this has humbled me deeply. Our churches, especially in Mozambique and Malawi, cannot wait for me to bring them.

AFRICA has been put into the Footprints account...



On Thursday evening the students and staff enjoyed the annual Gala Dinner. This is always a highlight of their year. The students prepared all the food and exchanged gifts with one another. It was a wonderful evening.





My dear friends, I hope encourages you as much as it does me, thank you again and again for your amazing support, it just remains for me to wish you all a very blessed, and Christ-centre Christmas.

Please visit my website @ <u>www.footprintsintoafrica.com</u> for updates and information.

### Yours most gratefully

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