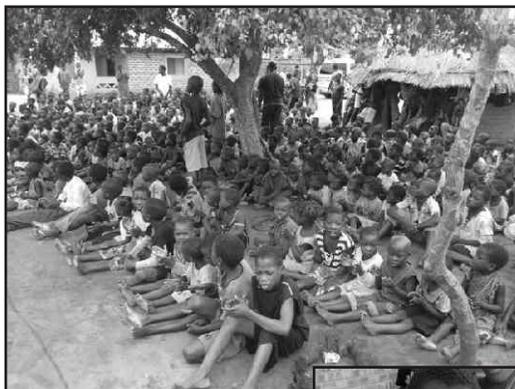




Dorothea News

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*"Therefore go
into the highways,
and as many as
you find, invite to
the wedding."
(Matthew 22:9)*



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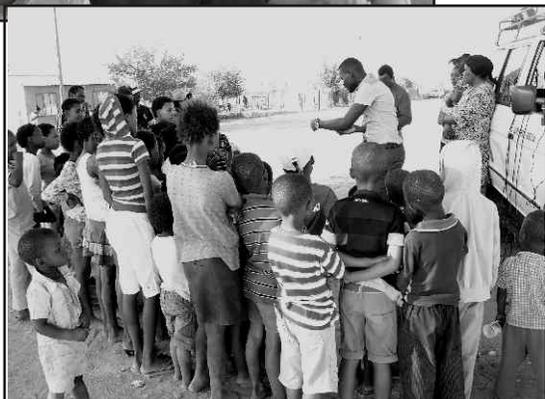
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From the heart

Any of us would be offended and rather startled to hear the Lord tell us, "Don't continue to pray!" No doubt, Joshua was surprised at first when the LORD interrupted his prayers with the words:

*"Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? Israel has sinned...
Get up, sanctify the people..."* (Joshua 7:10-13).

Quite rightly we make prayer a top priority in our lives and ministries. Our lives must indeed be soaked in prayer. Everything depends on prayer, because everything depends on the Lord, His will, His provision and His enabling. But there was a time when Joshua was told to get up from his praying and first give attention to a certain practical matter.

Jesus taught something similar in Matthew 5:24. If you are about to bring a gift to the Lord and then remember that your brother has something against you, you should interrupt your offering and first sort out the issue between you and your brother. To the Lord, the one matter is more urgent than the other.

Getting back to Joshua's "interruption", we see that he had to deal with an act of disobedience, before continuing to pray for God's help in their situation. The Lord would not grant His blessing and His help until the disobedience was sorted out. In this situation, Joshua's most urgent duty was not to spend another hour in prayer. He had to get up and put something right first.

When you, our much needed and much appreciated intercessors, and we ourselves are praying ... we might sometimes have to interrupt our prayers. In that case, we must get up and see to that matter of disobedience... and then continue in prayer. The Lord will bless our prayers and grant wonderful answers, as long as we are willing to interrupt our prayers when necessary.

Yours sincerely

Jacques

Jacques Malan

Prepared for ministry

Bible College: At the end of 2013, three students completed their training at our Bible College. They were consecrated to the service of the Lord during a ceremony which was attended by family and friends.

Jonas Mvula has joined our team in Zambia and Sinah Rabaji and Piet Matshabapala are working in local congregations in Hartbeespoort and Schweizer-Reneke respectively. We thank the Lord that they have reached this milestone and our prayer is that they will be used to bring honour to Him.



Faceless witnesses

Media: If one works behind the scenes, it doesn't always feel as if one is also reaching out with the gospel. Yet we know that we are and it is encouraging. The CDs that we copy and send out with messages as well as the literature that we print go to places that we cannot get to. One lady was so blessed by some of the messages on CD that she bought a whole lot and gave them away for free.

Tracts are a wonderful help when sharing the message of redemption, even across language barriers, and the Bible studies help young believers to grow in their relationship with the Lord.

The possibilities in this department are virtually unlimited as there is such a variety of needs. We need wisdom from the Lord as to how to move forward.



Children are reached

Malawi: One of the women shared as follows: I began a Bible club a while ago. At first it was very difficult. The children knew very little about the Lord and His Word. The Lord has been very good to us and there has been a great change in them as they have gained more understanding.

We began with less than 15 children, but now there are more than 30 that attend and some have been converted. During our local birthday meeting of the Mission, late in 2013, the children took part in the programme by quoting Bible verses and singing. Please pray that the children may mature in their faith and that their relationship with the Lord may be precious to them.

Lives are renewed in hospital

Hospital ministry: A young man who was physically attacked was converted while in hospital. He testified of what the Lord had done for him and is very thankful that the Lord spared his life.

On another occasion a fellow worker and I entered one of the wards and approached two patients. Both were absolutely ready to put their trust in Christ. They both said that they wanted to be saved so that they could live for Christ. We were able to help these two people commit their lives to the Lord so that they could begin this “new life”.



Outreach at Mhondoro

Zimbabwe: We held an evangelistic outreach that lasted 10 days at Mhondoro. The people in that area are in great spiritual darkness. Attendance was average and the Christians especially were eager to hear the Word. People took the trouble to come to the meetings even though it was the rainy season and they had to walk a long distance after work.

During the last service we were greatly encouraged to hear the testimonies of Christians who had been blessed. The tent that we received from the Namibian team has been a great help with our outreaches and we thank the Lord for His provision.

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel fo Christ,
for it is the power fo God to salvation” (Romans 1:16a).*



Donations

We want to assure you that we always endeavour to acknowledge all donations that we receive, personally. However, sometimes there isn't sufficient information on the bank statement to identify the donor. More recently we have also noticed that mail sometimes gets lost - especially when there are strikes.

If you have not received acknowledgement of your gift we want to assure you of our genuine appreciation and that it didn't pass unnoticed.

If, at any stage, you are not sure whether your donation has reached us, please do not hesitate to ask. Acknowledgement should reach you within about six weeks, especially if you have posted it. Acknowledgement of direct deposits usually takes longer, but this method is safer. Thank you once again!

Her hand was still on the plough

On 19 December 2013, after a relatively short struggle with cancer, Anneliese Kropp departed for her eternal home. The doctors had pronounced her clear from the cancer which she had two years ago. However, she was diagnosed with a different cancer, a more aggressive type, in October.

Anneliese came from Germany to the Dorothea Mission in 1971. The various gifts with which the Lord blessed her, she dedicated and used in His work. She first ministered at various places in South Africa and then, from 1985, she served in Namibia. Of special interest is that she had been burdened by the Lord for Namibia since her early childhood. It was through the Lord's wonderful guidance that she spent the greatest part of her ministry years in that country.



The Lord used her gift for music and singing to prepare many hearts for the Gospel. Her practical disposition was of great value in the work. Her most outstanding trait, however, was her love for souls. Circumstances didn't make much of a difference as long as people could be reached with the Gospel.

Anneliese would have officially retired at the end of 2013 from her work in the Dorothea Mission, but it pleased the Lord to take her while her hand was still on the plough. We have great appreciation for all her unselfish service and we give the Lord all the glory for a fruitful life. May He call more people to serve Him in this way.

*“To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak.
I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.”
(1 Corinthians 9:22)*

Camps

Later this year we are planning to hold a men's camp and a ladies' camp again, here at our mission station, *Dorothea*.

Dates of Ladies' Camp: Friday 8 to Sunday 10 August.

Dates of Men's Camp: Friday 22 to Sunday 24 August.

Starting time: Friday evening.

Cost: R150 per person for the weekend.

Language: English and Tswana/Zulu

Aim: spiritual growth of believers.

Anyone wanting more information or wanting to refer someone, is welcome to contact our office. (See page 8 for contact details.)

A time to come and a time to go and rest

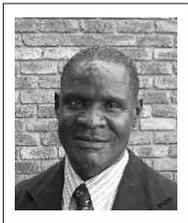


Jonas Mvula was converted in 1989 after he had listened to two touching messages at the funeral of a fellow-member of his congregation. He had no peace after the service and went to speak to the preacher. The preacher helped him to find assurance of salvation.

From that time he became an active witness for the Lord and later became a pastor of a congregation. At one point in time he obtained tracts from the Dorothea Mission to use in his ministry and this gave him the desire to become part of

this work. Later he received a newsletter and this was a confirmation for him.

He is married to Mary who was converted in 1999 during an evangelistic outreach. They have three children and have joined our team in Zambia.



Tennyson Nyirongo joined the Dorothea Mission in the late sixties after he had received training at the Bible School we had in Harare, Zimbabwe, at that time. After a few years he left us to do secular work.

In 1998 he again applied to join our Mission and since then he has provided valuable input to the team in Zambia - especially with regard to children's work. He is a unique person with his own talents. It was never a problem for him to start a Bible club - the children connected with him and followed him easily. He had a tremendous impact on the lives of children that were influenced by his ministry. May the Lord enable them to remember the spiritual lessons they learnt from him for the rest of their lives.

Tennyson retired in December 2013 and it is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless him and use him. He will certainly continue to reach out to children in his vicinity as long as he is able to!



Birthday

This year the birthday of the Dorothea Mission will be held on
Saturday 20 September

at our mission station, Dorothea, just outside Rosslyn, God willing.

Please make a note of this in your diary. More details will follow in the next issue of Dorothea News.



Prayer Guide

The Dorothea Mission Prayer Guide is revised and sent out every second year. There will not be one going out this year, but we would like to bring the following changes to your attention.

Page 1: The Council recently decided to change the **directorship structure** of the Dorothea Mission somewhat. It is now vested in a body of three co-directors: Jacques Malan, Joseph Nota and Zandra Nel. A reason for this change is that the role of director of an organisation like the Dorothea Mission is complex and may be better fulfilled by a team than an individual. Please join us in prayer for God's blessing on this new arrangement and for the three co-directors as they proceed in this new way of operating. Thank you.

Page 5: On 28 January, retired worker **Willie Jacobs**, moved to his Heavenly home in his sleep. We thank the Lord that he enjoyed reasonably good health until the end and that he did not weaken to the extent that he suffered. Together with Paul we can also say about him: *"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain"* (Philippians 1:21).

Page 6: **Anneliese Kropp** passed away (see page 5) and the work in Namibia has closed.

Page 8: **Tennyson Nyirongo** has retired and **Jonas and Mary Mvula** have joined the team in Zambia (see page 6).

Eternity will reveal the result of the faithful intercession of our friends!

Administrative worker needed

The Dorothea Mission needs a full-time administrative worker at its mission station *Dorothea*, 8 km from Rosslyn (near Pretoria).

The applicant must:

- ◆ Be a committed Christian and an active member of an evangelical church.
- ◆ Be proficient in English and Afrikaans.
- ◆ Be computer literate and able to use most of the following: Word, Excel, Access, Publisher, Outlook and CorelDraw.

Responsibilities:

- ◆ General correspondence, emails and phone calls.
- ◆ Compiling Mission newsletters.
- ◆ Administrative assistance to the leadership.

For more information, please contact us at: office@dorothea.org.za

Prayer Requests

May we ask you to pray with us for the following specific needs?

1. **The following occasions** which, among others, are on our programme:
 - * Some of our workers have been invited as speakers at **Easter conferences**. These will include: the Malawi team at Matawale and Jacques Malan near Secunda.
 - * **Zambia**: At Chongwe (14-22 April) and at Chibombo (6-11 May)
 - * **Chokwe**: In Chokwe (21 April - 3 May) and at Abril and Ndonga (11-24 May)
 - * **South Africa**: The Bible College students and staff will hold an outreach at Sekororo (near Tzaneen) from 18 June to 2 July, God willing.
 - * **A conference for the wives of our evangelists** in other countries will be held at our mission station in Zimbabwe from 10 to 16 May, God willing. The ladies from Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique will travel there, as well as two from South Africa.
2. That the Lord will grant wisdom to the three co-directors at our **Headquarters** as they deal with various issues.
3. That we will be able to produce more **CDs** with Bible-based messages in various languages and distribute them.
4. That those who are making use of our **correspondence Bible studies** will find it a spiritual help and blessing and will complete the whole series.
5. That the Mission will **remain effective** in the changing times in which we live.
6. Pray that the Lord **will send capable people** to serve in our ranks.

*“For I determined not to know anything among you
except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”
(1 Corinthians 2:2)*

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