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"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every Word that comes from the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4 NIV

Developing future leaders



>> Siegfried and Maureen Ngubane

From the Director

Greetings from Cape Town

This year I have had a number of opportunities to visit and meet with various theological educators. Theological Colleges and Bible Schools are perfect places for us as a mission, to build and strengthen relationships. The students from these institutions are candidates for either missions or the pastorate and church leadership who would advocate missions. In this issue of SIMNOW the focus is on theological education (Bible Colleges and Bible Schools). Please pray with us that God will continue to raise church leaders who have a passion for missions.

Rev. Siegfried Ngubane

The Study Centre For Ministry To Muslims by Kathy

**YES, THAT IS QUITE A MOUTHFUL!
BUT IT IS SIMPLER THAN IT SOUNDS.**

During the school holidays in July each year SCCMM holds a full-time 2-week course at the Bible Institute in Kalk Bay on the basics of Muslim Evangelism. A wide variety of subjects are covered and each lecturer has practical hands-on experience to share with the students. The course includes a visit to a Kramat (grave site of a Muslim spiritual leader) and attending a mosque service.

This exciting and challenging course is not only for Bible college students but is open to any Christian who has a heart for reaching Muslims for the Lord Jesus Christ. You can choose to take the course at certificate level or for academic credit towards a Bachelor of Theology. Entrance level requires students to have matriculation or be over 23 years of age.

For more information, contact Gideon Beukes at The Bible Institute. Contact details: Gbeukes@att.net
Start planning now to make sure you are free for July 2012! ■



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The Bible Institute of South Africa

The Bible Institute of South Africa was founded in 1923, with a strong focus on training missionaries for South Africa and further afield. Since that time graduates have served in Mozambique, Japan, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Namibia, the USA, Australia, Angola, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Ethiopia, Germany, Nigeria, the UK, Rwanda, Zambia, New Zealand, Portugal, Senegal, Swaziland and a number of 'closed' countries. We continue to provide Bible-based theological education of a high academic standard, to equip graduates for a lifetime of fruitful ministry.

BISA is an evangelical, non-denominational college. With students coming from across Africa and around the world, we have a strong international ethos. The variety of church backgrounds of our students creates an atmosphere in which students are encouraged to grapple with and come to a carefully considered understanding of theological issues based on the Bible.

In order to meet the different needs of our students, BISA offers three different programmes:

- On-Campus Courses, comprising the one-year Certificate, three-year Licentiate in Theology, BA (Honours) in Theology, and MA in Theology.
 - The Christian Leadership Programme, a three-year part-time programme designed primarily for pastors and church leaders, and consisting of Tuesday evening classes and Saturday seminars.
 - The Distance Learning Programme, which offers Diploma (DCM) and Bachelor in Theology options, mostly by correspondence.
- The Bible Institute of South Africa is fully accredited by ACTEA (Accrediting Council for Theological Education in Africa) for the Licentiate in Theology.

BISA is also affiliated with North-West University (NWU) which is an internationally recognised university. Through this affiliation, the Institute offers Bachelors, Honours and Masters degrees registered in terms of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). ■

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Glimpses of Ministry at Union Bible Institute

By Jackie Bolger, Pietermaritzberg

For 70 years, God has used Union Bible Institute to teach His Word, training men and women to be Christ-like servant-leaders, committed to Christ and His Great Commission. Africa Evangelical Fellowship (now SIM) was a founding member of Union Bible Institute in 1942 and has continued to supply staff (both fulltime and royals) over the years, as well as give assistance towards the fees of students from our partner church, the Africa Evangelical Church. UBI, situated in Sweetwaters, just outside Pietermaritzburg is an interdenominational college, with students mostly from within South Africa, but also small numbers from surrounding countries.

Practical ministry training and experience is a vital part of the students' three years of study, and SIM missionary, Jackie Bolger, shares some recent highlights:



A NEW UBI MINISTRY

During the 3rd term of 2010 some of our students began helping a local pastor with visitation and evangelism in Jika Joe informal settlements in Pietermaritzburg. In October twentyfour men and women were baptized, the firstfruits of this ministry. It was a thrill to be at the service where we heard testimonies, before going to the local swimming pool for the baptisms. Mr Gumede, one of our more mature students who is also a businessman in Pietermaritzburg with his own funeral company, is leading weekly services and discipling these and other new believers. ■

MINISTRY TEAM

Last year the Principal, Dr Mnisi, and I led a team of students to Mseleni where we assisted the staff of Lulisandla Kumntwana (Reach out to the Child) with a three-day workshop for about 200 orphans. Some were from child-headed families, but most live with an aunt or grandparent or older sibling. We hear a lot about orphans in South Africa, but I found it very sobering to look round my group of about 45 11-13 year olds and realize that not one of them has a mother or father. The workshop dealt with death, grief, anger, and relationships with God, family and community. Each day began with games, then singing and devotions led by one of our team. Praise God for those who accepted Jesus as Saviour. ■

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Where? Nobanda Primary School. When? The last day of an after-school club. Who? The school children and UBI students and staff. During the second term of each year at UBI we teach Children's Ministry to the 1st year classes. Different members of staff teach various aspects, building up to a week of preparation for a 5-day after-school club, and then the week of the club itself. At the end of May both the English and Zulu stream classes went to Nobanda which is a few kilometers from UBI. There were approximately 270 youngsters each day, culminating in 335 on the Friday. Each afternoon we were all crowded into a hall, not much bigger than a classroom, for singing, an object lesson and puppets. The UBI students and the children then divided up into grades and spread out around the school grounds for the Bible story, memory verse and games. Praise God for many children who accepted Jesus as Saviour. ■

A Snippet of Encouragement from Carmie Jolley

Last year I visited two elderly sisters in Florida who felt they were 'let off the hook' as far as Muslim ministry was concerned. But God had planned otherwise! Their car had broken down and, in walking the streets searching for someone with a telephone to call the AA, they came across a friendly Muslim family who went the extra mile in assisting them. What an encouragement and privilege it was to guide my friends in building a relationship with these folk. Their mutual interest in gardening goes hand in hand with planting the 'seeds' of the Gospel. ■

Global School of Theology -

THIS RATHER LENGTHY NAME, GLOBAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY-CAPE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, IN MILNERTON AT THE PREMISES OF WHAT WAS A ROMAN CATHOLIC

We are now known as GST-CST with registration as follows:
Accreditation: Global School of Theology is registered (No 2004/HF10/01) as a private higher institution in terms of section 54(1)(c) of the Higher Education Act, 1997 to offer its approved programmes, issued until 31 December 2014.

Our call is to equip women and men to serve in the Kingdom of God in order to see transformation taking place in the CHURCH and society. Although an Assembly of God Bible School with a Pentecostal nature, students from a variety of denominations (from its inception in 1986) have attended and are welcome at GST-CTS.

Today GST-CTS, in its BA and MA Programmes, has served students from Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Nigeria, DRC, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland throughout South Africa, Korea, USA and Switzerland. And our students have gone into ministry, missions and into missionary society leadership, have changed their neighbourhoods, taught part-time in government schools, and have returned to GST-CTS to serve the next generation of students.

Would you love to study more about Christianity at an academic degree level or non-degree level? Would you like to study somewhere where the Bible is respected as the inherent Word of God? Do you wish you could study part time? If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, then GST-CTS is probably the place for you!

Whether you are a young person preparing for ministry or a mature Christian who just wants to know more about the Christian faith, GST-CTS has the option for you.

We offer pre-tertiary (non-academic), undergraduate (bachelor's degree), and post-graduate (master's degree) studies. We offer a Diploma, BA, and MA as well as non-degree programme (BA and non-degree evening classes are also offered). CTS seeks "to see a transformed Church fulfilling God's mission locally and globally through a mature, Spirit-empowered generation". ■

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The following students write:

Shawn Jamithias Zindoga, 27, from Zimbabwe

In 2009 the Lord impressed on my heart to study at a theological seminary to be equipped for His Kingdom work. At the same time, I had my own plans to study electrical engineering, but the Lord shut all the financial doors for engineering, but engaged sponsors enabling me to study theology.

From Zimbabwe I came to Cape Town to study at Global School of Theology's campus at Cape Theological Seminary to do my BA degree in Bible and Theology. I found the college to be a place where I could become part of a cultural and racially diverse community. Adapting was not easy because of my background, but I believe God has placed me in this multi-cultural community as part of the ministerial preparation.

I have found GST-CTS to be a place not only equipping me academically but also spiritually. As I reflect on my spiritual journey, I became aware of the growth that has taken place in me since I came to GST-CTS. The other thing is that our lecturers have also become our mentors who pray with us and advise us. As a result, I see God dealing with my character each day through His wonderful vessels He has placed in my life.

My desire is to graduate and serve in full time ministry and continue with my MA studies in Systematic Theology. ■

Cape Theological Seminary

LOGICAL SEMINARY WAS ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS CAPE COLLEGE OF
LIC CONVENT.



Chantel Erwee

I am a fourth year student in the process of completing a Bachelor's Degree in Bible and Theology. This degree is equipping me to become a teacher of the Word of God and to be able to "make disciples of all nations." The courses offered by the seminary have challenged me to grow spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. Both the missionaries and local faculty have imparted great wisdom to the students. With such valuable knowledge and wisdom, I believe that Christ will use me in His service wherever this path will lead me.

I have always felt called to India to minister among the women and children there. Here in South Africa the journey to India will begin because the Bible does teach that with God all things are possible. ■

Johane Musviba

I am Johane Musviba from Zimbabwe and I am studying Bible and Theology at GST-CTS.

Because I believe God has called me to be a minister in the church, I need to be equipped for ministry, so that I shall be effective in God's call.

The college means a lot to me because I believe that God has entrusted the leadership and the staff of this college with the anointing to train and mentor students. They are people with a calling from God working towards one common goal: to see the Kingdom of God expanding.

I personally know a number of ministers who received their training at this college in the past years and today they are very effective in their churches. These are some of the reasons why this college means a lot to me. It is also shaping me to be a better minister in the future; to be a better instrument in the hands of the Almighty God.

When I finish my studies here, I am hoping to work full time in the church. ■





Jordan Pickering

Serious Study meets Serious Discipleship

by Rod Hoek, Cape Town

GEORGE WHITEFIELD COLLEGE (GWC) WAS FOUNDED IN 1989 BY THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN SOUTHERN AFRICA as its official training college and is currently the only Anglican theological college in Southern Africa conferring its own undergraduate degrees and able to offer Bible-based education at Masters and Doctoral level. It exists to provide high quality under-graduate and post-graduate programmes to educate men and women from a variety of ethnic, cultural and denominational backgrounds in the principles of Christian faith and ministry and their practical expression in congregational leadership, youth and children's work, mission and people upliftment. GWC currently has 113 students of whom 29 are post-graduates under the tutorage of 9 full time faculty members and 7 adjunct faculty.

The College's Mission Statement: "George Whitefield College aims to play its part in fulfilling the terms of Christ's Great Commission to disciple the nations and teach them everything that Christ enjoined upon his apostles. This it aims to do by educating people in the principles of Christian knowledge, and by training them for Christian life and ministry, particularly ministries of the Word of God."

In the 21 years of its existence GWC has developed a reputation for sound, relevant and usable training for pastors, missionaries, youth and children's workers, and women's workers. GWC is now approximately 50% non-white, its mix including most South African people groups, as well as students from other African countries and abroad.

A generous bursary and scholarship programme has been developed to enable people from disadvantaged backgrounds to gain a tertiary education. Explore, GWC's own correspondence programme is being increasingly used in many denominations in and beyond South Africa. It is ideally suited to individuals desiring to study God's Word more in depth. For further information about Explore contact Leatitia Saaiman at lsaaiman@gwc.ac.za.

The GWC campus is situated in the heart of Muizenberg and includes a library containing 40,000 volumes, lecture rooms, a study centre, computer laboratory, administration offices and an auditorium. Married and single student residences are in close proximity to the college.

A new single student residence (as seen above) is soon to be constructed which will include a 200 seat dining hall with fully equipped kitchen, a recreational facility for students, and parking facilities. Not only will this allow the accommodation of more students, but additional space will be freed up for faculty purposes.

GWC is privileged to have a community of "friends" in both South Africa and abroad who follow with interest the progress of the College and are generous in their support. We thank God for them.

Additional facts:

GWC is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training as a private higher education institution under the Higher Education Act, 1997 Registration Certificate No 2007/HE08/002

GWC is a Non-Profit Organization incorporated under Section 21 of the Companies Act. Non-Profit Organization Registration No 042 885

GWC is a Public Benefit Organization authorized to issue tax certificates in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act, and to receive estate duty-exempt bequests and deceased estate accruals. ■

If you would like to engage in Christ-centred study of the Christian faith in a friendly, international community. George Whitefield College provides accredited theological degrees up to doctoral level.

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Late for Work - AGAIN

by David & Gill Williams, Fort Hare

David and Gill Williams have been serving in the Eastern Cape in South Africa since 1983, where David is professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Fort Hare (Nelson Mandela's university). Although the work at the university is a ministry in itself, and what a joy to be paid by the government for it, God has opened the door to conduct assemblies in about 20 local High schools. So most days David is late for work! When he started, a sympathetic dean turned a blind eye to this, but now, being more senior, David can organize

his schedule so that he does not have a lecture at 8am. And his being the professor continues to provide ministry opportunities in schools as well as the local prison.

So most days David drives up to 15km, often down rough tracks. The school usually assembles outside even if it is raining! There is usually a hymn in Xhosa, and David has 5-10 minutes. Almost invariably he uses an object to draw out a brief gospel message - Gill says that there is a sermon in everything! Then he rushes back to university.

One real joy is that almost everybody in the local area knows David because of this ministry, and usually also remembers the messages! David is now his own object lesson! It is quite a shock to meet a grandmother in the street and be told that she heard the gospel from David when at school! And even more a joy when there are some who have even gone into the ministry after being converted at school. Some are now ministering at schools themselves, often using David's material.

After forty years on the field in South Africa serving the Lord it is such a joy and privilege to see and hear success stories of our life investment. ■

DAVID WILLIAMS was born and brought up in England, but while reading engineering at Cambridge paid two visits to Africa, first to South Africa, and then to a mission station in Zambia. Being impressed by the needs of Africa, he did a year's post-graduate teacher training in England, where he met his wife, Gill, before coming to Southern Africa with a missionary society. They spent a period in a mission high school in Swaziland, then several years' ministry in township high schools in Durban. David was then called to be minister of a non-denominational church north of Johannesburg, where he also did the first part of his doctoral studies with UNISA. On completion of this, he accepted his present post, lecturing in theology at the University of Fort Hare, soon completing his doctoral thesis, "The call of Jeremiah". He is now a full professor. He is active as a "tentmaker" missionary, involved in several ministries in the area around the University.

He has four children; the eldest is working for Bentley(UK), the second is teaching in Somerset West in South Africa, the third is in technology, working for the British Wireless for the Blind Fund while the last is a teacher in Orpington, also in the UK.

"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT"

After praying with a friend in hospital, the lady in the next bed waved to me and announced "I USED TO BE A MUSLIM BUT NOW I BELIEVE IN GOD!"

Mrs H was over 65, wearing an oxygen mask and not expected to live much longer. Three years ago she had listened to a Christian radio programme and, as it was local, phoned them afterwards. After sharing the Gospel, they prayed with her over the phone. It was found that she did not have a Bible so had never read it and had never been to church. (She thought she had to attend the church which aired the programme but it was too far for her to travel).

BUT she knew three things for certain: God loved her, He heard her prayers, ("God talks to me and I talk back!") and she knew her sins were forgiven "because of Jesus".

Mrs H died soon afterwards. Like the thief on the cross, there was no opportunity for Bible study, church attendance or good deeds, but grace, forgiveness and salvation were hers anyway. ■

English - a Strategic Kingdom Building Ministry

by Sandy Willcox, Ethiopia

Imagine:-

A young man from the Hammar people group. They are pastoral nomads living in a remote part of Ethiopia and still largely unreached with the gospel. The young man in question becomes a Christian, is able to go to school and learn to read and write. This enables him to go to Bible School, complete an undergraduate degree, a master's and a PhD in missiology with a thesis examining the challenges of making the gospel understandable to his own people group. He is now a senior church leader and missions professor at the Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (EGST). He recently took a group of EGST students down to Hammar territory and together they talked, preached and learned more about rural Ethiopia and the unique challenges of reaching nomadic peoples. Hopefully one or two of these students will be called to go themselves as cross cultural missionaries to this challenging part of Ethiopia. Since English is the language of access to an international education, this story would not have been possible without a high level of English for the students and lecturer.

Imagine:-

One of the oldest churches in Africa; founded by two young Syrian Christians, Frewmentius and Aedesius, who were washed up on the shores of East Africa. The king, who took them in as servants died leaving two baby kings to be. They were placed in the care of Frewmentius. The kings became Christians, Frewmentius was consecrated Bishop to Ethiopia by Athanasius the Bishop of Alexandria and so was born a Church that is now more than 50 million strong. It has been a huge joy to help in



the strengthening of this church through teaching English to monks, deacons and priests, at their theological seminary in Addis, as they prepare for further service. Since lectures are in English and the seminary has an excellent library of English books, students who have a good level of English are in a better position to be spiritually strengthened for the task of leadership in the church.

Imagine:-

Ethiopian missionaries working in the tough countries that surround Ethiopia. To do this they join an international team of missionaries, and English is the common language of the team. English is also often the language through which the local language is taught.

Imagine:-

- Being able to offer high quality English training to master's level students who will eventually be training church leaders at undergraduate colleges throughout Ethiopia and beyond.
- Being able to train Ethiopian English teachers to use English as a means of getting into tough countries as missionaries.
- Being able to train English teachers to teach English to diploma level theological students.

You can be a part of a team involved in shaping people's lives and the growth of the church in Ethiopia and beyond by committing to pray for this ministry or by training in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) and coming as a teacher. ■





Missionary-in-residence brings passion for Theological Education to Briercrest

by Chelsea Kooistra of Briercrest College and Seminary — Canada

A South African missionary’s enthusiasm for enabling Ethiopian students to access theological education has become contagious.

In the three months that Sandy Willcox has been on Briercrest’s campus, she has helped students understand the important role that English plays in the discipleship of believers in Ethiopia. Students—particularly those in the TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) programme—are responding to Sandy’s passion for teaching English to seminary students.

Sandy, who has been a missionary with Serving in Mission (SIM) for 22 years, is spending the semester on Briercrest’s campus as a missionary-in-residence.

Her role includes getting to know the students and exposing them to missions, as well as looking at the TESOL programme with the hope of implementing English teacher training in Ethiopia.

Sandy wanted to learn about training English teachers because a number of the Ethiopian students are planning to do missions in other countries, and many others will be teaching at Bible colleges that use English. Briercrest’s strong TESOL programme equips students for the kind of job that Sandy does.

“People underestimate how important it is for students to understand English so they can access their education. . . . To have English makes a significant impact for discipleship,” she said.

The South African missionary hopes that all theology students, including those studying here at Briercrest, will gain a “passion for proclaiming Christ to a lost world.” She also hopes that her time in Caronport encourages Briercrest students to serve with SIM.

This desire is already being realized. Robyn Epp and Ginger McColl, two of Briercrest’s TESOL students, are already planning to join Sandy in Ethiopia this summer. They will be completing their required TESOL internships with SIM.

Robyn is in her third year of Briercrest’s TESOL programme, and is excited to be able to complete her internship with Sandy. When she heard about how eager students in Ethiopia are for English education, she knew she wanted to be a part of equipping them with the language they need.

She said, “It’s been awesome” to have Sandy on campus. She has especially enjoyed having her teach a few of her TESOL classes.

“It is especially great to have her perspective because she has been in the field recently in a different educational context than I have experienced.” Robyn said.

Robyn is excited to “get to know Sandy here” and is thankful to learn about the culture of Ethiopia before she teaches there herself.

Sandy hopes that Briercrest’s relationship with SIM and Ethiopia will continue. She would love to see future students completing their internships through SIM. ■

"You said How Much?"

By Kathy Noland, Cape Town

MISSIONARY PLACEMENT COUPLE COULDN'T BELIEVE THEIR EARS.

Thabo and Sindi were being interviewed by an international mission organisation because they had felt a calling to minister amongst the Quechua people. Thabo was an environmentalist, only four years out of Tech; he was hoping for a student placement in one of Bolivia's 9 campuses. Sindi was a fulltime mom, caring for two kiddies under three. They were certain that the Lord had called them to South America.

Well, that was until today.

The personnel manager didn't flinch. "Twenty thousand rands' he repeated. "Is that per month?" Thabo asked. He was thinking about how they lived as a family in Bloemfontein and attended Bible School on half that amount.



Sindi looked up and heard "With the Lord's help you will find it not as difficult as it seems, and of course we will all be praying for you." She closed her eyes and wondered how they could raise that amount.

Although certain about their calling, this young couple had no idea whatsoever how to raise the monthly support that the Mission Agency required for their placement.

Thabo and Sindi, like so many other candidates before them, were from a church exercising a God-given mandate in commissioning them to go to the ends of the earth to be witnesses for Christ and to make disciples.¹ They had been active church workers for many years and had gone to Bible College but had never been taught how to handle money or raise support. Now they had to "find a fortune" that must somehow appear every month before they could go to Bolivia.

Support raising is a critical area of ministry, yet it is seldom addressed in Bible Colleges, despite numerous Scriptural guidelines and models.² Sadly, stewardship is a neglected doctrine in academic high places.³

At the Bible Institute of South Africa, we have a facility for training students in support raising. The goal is to learn and apply what the Bible says about stewardship, money and possessions. We even look at how to become generous Christians!

If you were to deconstruct the course, it would be just basic Bible teaching and application on the principles of stewardship which will enable the student to raise support for his ministry whilst involving others in partnership with him. The ultimate goal is to equip the student to obey God's calling on his life. ■

This course is based on material from Scott Morton's book "Funding your Ministry. Whether you're gifted or not," Dawson Media – a ministry of the Navigators ©1999

Areas covered include:

- The principles of stewardship
- Physical, emotional, spiritual and financial needs in ministry
- Our assets, liabilities and debt issues
- Old and New Testament models for raising support
- Essential attitudes in support raising
- Setting budgets for personal and ministry needs
- The importance of prayer
- How much income is enough?
- Identifying the temptation to overspend
- Fundraising as a legitimate Biblical part of Ministry.
- Leaving your financial comfort zone
- Obstacles and objections
- Practical tools for raising support
- Setting short and long-term financial goals
- Strategizing personal generosity
- The Christian's role in a desperately needy but greedy world
- The importance of faith-giving
- The place of letters, newsletters, appeals and Church visitation
- Understanding the call to Ministry
- Why Christians fail to understand stewardship
- Writing a personal Mission statement

For details of our next course in Cape Town call The Bible Institute of South Africa at +27 21 7884116

¹ Matthew 28:19

²There is even a 'NIV Stewardship Study Bible' of the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs published by Stewardship Council, Grand Rapids, Michigan

³But if you Google "Christian Stewardship" on the internet you will find about 4,970,000 results

Conerstone Institute



by Wayne Herman, Cape Town

Cornerstone Institute began over 40 years ago as the Cape Evangelical Bible Institute, located on Klipfontein Road in Athlone. As you may be aware, about two years ago Cornerstone began repositioning itself in the South African market to become a premier Christian University. Although there are many such institutions in North America, in Africa in general and South Africa in particular, the concept is quite new. Most Christian higher education institutions here are seminaries or Bible schools, as we once were. But our vision is to train men and women from a Christian, Biblically-shaped worldview to be influential leaders in all walks of life. We are committed to offering practical, values-based leadership training in the context of diversity.

Currently we train Christian ministers, counsellors, community workers and businesspeople. Our programme offerings at present include the following:

- **Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology**
- **BTh in Community Leadership**
- **Certificate in Christian Ministry**
- **Certificate in Community Counselling**
- **Certificate in Community Development**
- **Higher Certificate in Business Leadership**
- **Higher Certificate in Interior Design and Decoration**

We are busy expanding our programme offerings so that we can also train educators (Post-graduate Certificate in Education) and media workers (Higher Certificate in Broadcast Media). Eventually we hope to train people in politics, law, and some of the natural sciences. We believe this is the kind of institution that is needed for South Africa and the continent, one that is training people from a Christian, Biblically-shaped worldview to be catalysts of spiritual formation and facilitators

of transformation in Africa. It is an awesome opportunity and privilege for me to be able to help lead such developments.

My role at Cornerstone since a restructuring in January 2011 is as the Chief Academic Officer. I had served as the Academic Dean for the past 9 ½ years, but the restructuring makes room for us to grow from a single faculty into multiple faculties. Currently we have faculties in Theology, Arts and Social Sciences (Psychology and Community Development) and Business Management. As we expand our programme offerings, I am responsible for the strategic alliances we are busy forming (for example, with Accelerated Christian Education, South Africa, to offer education qualifications; and Media Village, to offer media qualifications), as well as overseeing all of our academic affairs as an institution. It is an awesome privilege to be able to do this and to teach some of the theology modules we offer.

With great opportunities come great challenges. Although we clearly see how we want to grow and what we want to become, getting there requires adequate financial and personnel resources. Please pray with us for God's continued provision so that the vision we have will become a reality. And please pray for wisdom for me, that I will be an effective leader of the team of faculty and administrative staff with which Cornerstone has been blessed. ■

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Project Restoration



by Jenny Herman, Cape Town

Have you ever asked God to send someone to do something but then He nudges you to step out of your comfort zone and join in? Several years ago I began noticing women standing along the main road at night. The way they were dressed and watched each car as it approached made it obvious that they weren't waiting for a taxi. Some evenings they seemed to be on every other street corner. I had read that many women in South Africa were turning to prostitution for financial reasons or were lured into it because of drugs or the promise of a more exciting lifestyle. But these women were in my community, so close to home. My heart was filled with compassion for these lost and broken women. I began to pray that God would send Christians to share the gospel with these ladies, helping them get off the street and discover the abundant life that He intended for them. I couldn't do something like that, I wouldn't know where or how to start.

When I saw the notice in our church bulletin though, I knew I needed to reply: "Anyone interested in ministering to prostitutes, please call, training is available." I was so thankful for the ladies from Straatwerk ministry whom God is using to provide Project Restoration workshops, on-the-street training and ongoing support for teams reaching out to prostitutes. I was still scared when I went on my first outreach, but was amazed at how open many of the women were. They appreciated our genuine interest in them as people and were eager for us to pray for them. A few years ago I never would have pictured myself doing something like this, but what an opportunity to join with teams from other churches all over Cape Town to encourage and pray for one another as we share the light and love of Jesus to these ladies in need of healing and restoration.

Jenny and her husband, Wayne, have served in Cape Town for almost 10 years, the last two years under SIM. Wayne is seconded to Cornerstone Institute where he serves as Chief Academic Officer. Jenny home schools her two youngest daughters, Laura and Thimna, and volunteers as a counsellor at Hope House Counselling Centre.

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Mauritius - It's a Pleasure

by Pieter & Lise Labuschagne, Mauritius

MAURITIUS RECENTLY ADOPTED A NEW SLOGAN AS PART OF IT'S IMAGE AS A TOURIST-FRIENDLY DESTINATION: "MAURITIUS – IT'S A PLEASURE." AND IT HAS INDEED BEEN A PLEASURE FOR PIETER AND LIZE LABUSCHAGNE WITH THEIR TWO CHILDREN, TO SERVE THIS NATION AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS OVER THE PAST 11 YEARS.

Tourists arriving at the tropical island paradise of Mauritius may be forgiven for thinking that the island is all about luxurious hotels, sunbathing and diving to see stunning fish. However, this tiny place is far more fascinating, complex and needy.

The population of 1.2 million people includes Hindus, Muslims, Creoles, Chinese and Europeans. There is official freedom of religion on the island and the government has done much work to create a thriving economy. But many people are poor, living in shanty towns (called cités). They need upliftment in many areas, including education. Literacy classes in French and English, as well as programmes focusing on improving proficiency in English, will be greatly beneficial.

Christianity is the minority religion and the Christian witness has had difficulty in flourishing because of radical Hinduism. But the Mauritian churches are becoming more aware of the role they can play in helping people with particular needs.

Recently SIM's work has reached a significant stage through the registration of a training company. The company, in collaboration with SIM, equips pastors and church leaders in theology and personal evangelism. Because of the company, the

possibility of recruiting new workers for this field has become a reality for the first time since SIM's work started on the island. New workers are indeed needed to develop ministries among the needy and assist in the existing church leadership training programmes.

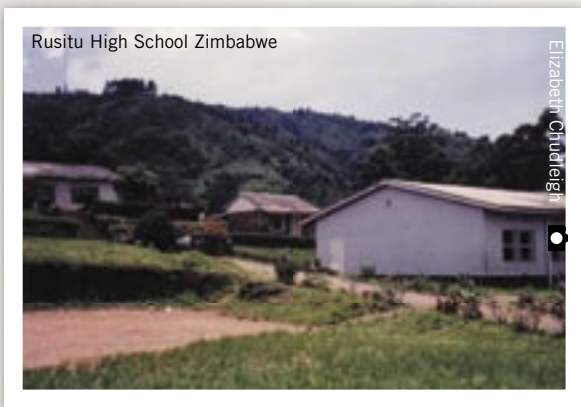
Kevin Hon Mong is one of the church leaders who has benefited from SIM's theological training. When he was at Bible school, one of his classmates, an older pastor, used to challenge him with these words: **You should offer meat, not bones ...**

This pastor encouraged the youngster to make his teaching and preaching a priority – giving meat, not bones. "Bones" are shallow messages that are not founded on careful study of God's Word and do not feed hungry souls.

After completing his diploma, Kevin realized that if he wanted to continue offering meat, he would have to study further. His congregation consists of highly educated Chinese and they are eager to learn deeper truths. It was then that the opportunity arose for him to enroll for a Bachelor's Degree in Theology. Pieter operated as facilitator between Kevin and the South African Theological Seminary and he started with his studies in 1995. In spite of many obstacles, he persevered and in 2010 Kevin received his degree. As he remarked in his testimony – this degree has already enabled me to add much meat to my ministry. I will never be satisfied with bones again. ■

> > Mauritius is just a little piece of land surrounded by a vast ocean, but it is an island of opportunity, because God is at work equipping his people to bring in the harvest.

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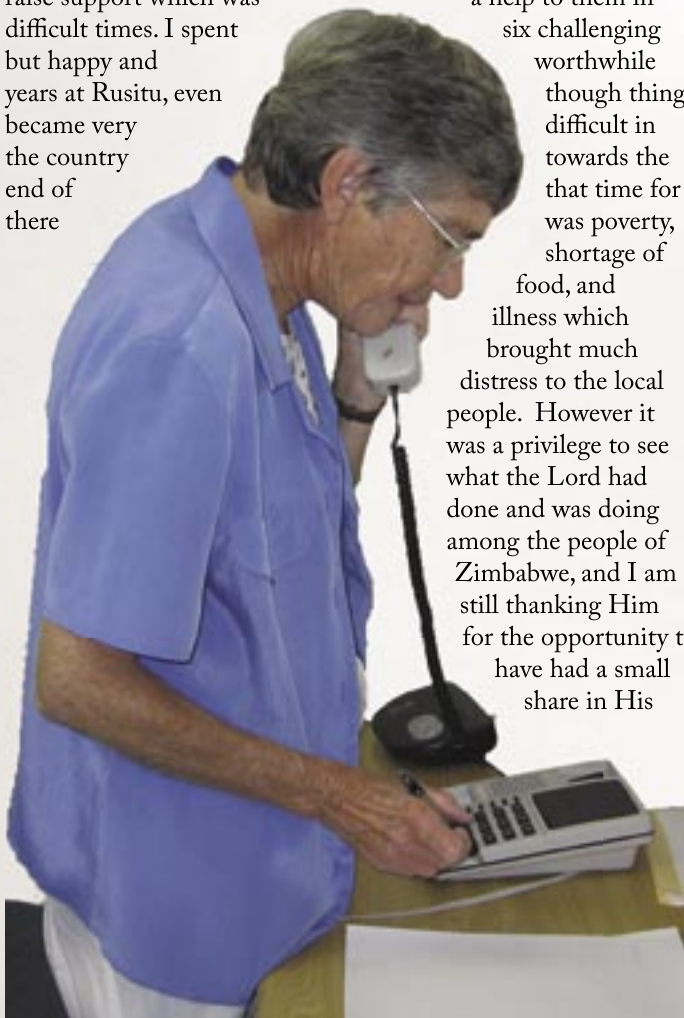
by Elizabeth Chudleigh, SIM - Retiree

A wonderful holiday which included a visit to a school in Swaziland, formerly run by AEF missionaries, caused me to consider whether the Lord was calling me to something new — did He want me to teach in a mission school for a while after I retired from my teaching post in Cape Town?

So it came about that in 1997 I was sent to teach Science and Maths at Rusitu High School on an AEF/SIM mission station in Eastern Zimbabwe. Since I was on pension, I did not need to

raise support which was difficult times. I spent but happy and years at Rusitu, even became very the country end of there

a help to them in six challenging worthwhile though things difficult in towards the that time for was poverty, shortage of food, and illness which brought much distress to the local people. However it was a privilege to see what the Lord had done and was doing among the people of Zimbabwe, and I am still thanking Him for the opportunity to have had a small share in His



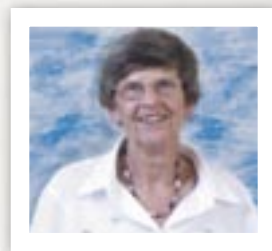
work there.

When I returned to Cape Town at the end of 2002 Henry Jooste, our former SIM Director in South Africa asked me to help in the office in Tokai for three mornings a week. This too was a gift from the Lord since I was dreading sitting at home idle. Some of my work there is fairly routine and ordinary, but it helps the other staff, while I love the contact I have with them as well as the fellowship round the Word that we have together. And there is always up-to-date news of our missionaries and of the Lord's work through SIM.

The Lord has led and provided for me always. I do not know how long I will be able to continue with this work or what the future holds, but I'm so glad that 'I know Who holds the future'. ■

“For I know the plans I have for you’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’”. (Jeremiah 29:11).

Missionaries Are Not Saints — But God Uses us Anyway



by Flo Meintjes, SIM - Retiree

I was in my sixth year of teaching Home Economics at a High School in Paarl, Western Cape. During a Scripture Union holiday camp, I met up with Len and Zip Glass when Len was the Director of the Africa Evangelical Fellowship.

One day, I found a letter on my desk – and that letter turned my world upside down! It was a letter from Zip. The Home Economics department at Mbuluzi Mission in Swaziland was in crisis. Would I possibly consider standing in at Mbuluzi, just for one year, while the mission searched for a suitable candidate? (This ONE year became 8 wonderful years).

This was a very difficult decision for several reasons, but in due course the Lord gave me complete peace. Shortly before I left I received the curriculum for the first year of the Teacher Training Programme in Swaziland and I took the document up to the staffroom and read the first page which started with the

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words: “How to slaughter an Ox”. Well! What hilarity followed and for months and years afterwards they would still be asking me how many oxen I had slaughtered by now!

As the train pulled out of Cape Town

Station, I was excited and ready for this new adventure! It was a long journey through Johannesburg (where I met up with Mr & Mrs Green and Ruth Wyatt), on to Breyen then by bus to Oshoek and finally across the Swaziland border.

The Mission Station sits poised between a high mountain behind and a very deep valley below where the mighty Mbuluzi river flows seemingly endlessly until it ultimately flows out into the ocean at Maputo. At that time of the year, the vegetation was green and lush, the atmosphere hot and humid, and terrifying electrical storms were commonplace!

Mr & Mrs Barnes were in charge of the mission station, and I shared accommodation with Ruth Temple who was also a Home Economics teacher, from the UK, with many more years of experience than I had. Right early on I began to feel a little intimidated! There was no doubt about it we were worlds apart! Ruth T had a little black dog called Binker. She was very sprightly, full of bounce and loved going on long walks, together with the beautiful Labrador Sandy and the rather scrappy old Tauser. Our Saturday or Sunday walks were absolutely wonderful exercise for both the 4 legs and the 2 legs!

The “settling-in” period was soon over and the time had come for me to meet the new students and to start getting to know them. I had to learn new names and how to pronounce them; I had to listen acutely when they spoke to me, it was not easy initially. I recall that on the first day of a practical lesson a student asked me for “paper” so I asked “What do you want this paper for?”. She replied “No Nkosazanah, I am asking for ‘papah’”. Eventually, I understood that she was asking for pepper!

Those first two weeks were rather trying, but we soon began to understand each other pretty well.

Teaching these students was a wonderful experience. They were SO committed to their work. Every afternoon I would write up the next day's notes on the board. By the time I came into the classroom the next day, they would all have taken down every single note.

They objected to public holidays and long weekends. They had come to WORK not to waste time! They certainly kept me on my toes. Being their teacher was a most rewarding experience.

Two of the very special people who nurtured me and encouraged me in leadership with Scripture Union were Winsome Campbell and Betty Dargin. The day I left on my journey to Swaziland, Winsome and Betty, to my utmost surprise, were heard to be running along Bellville station platform calling “Florajoan, Florajoan ...” They came with a mission! They wanted me to know that missionaries are not

saints, but they are all human beings, loved by God. They brought me gifts and goodies and they prayed for me most lovingly and sincerely. Alas, many were the occasions when I was brought to my knees. Ruth Temple reached retirement and returned to the UK, to be followed soon after by another Home Economics teacher from across the sea! This was when I was brought to my lowest point ever from the first day we had nothing in common and our relationship disintegrated to the point where we were either shouting at each other or ignoring each other completely.

I was constantly on my knees before the Lord, weeping for forgiveness, reading Psalm 51 again and again, beseeching Him to forgive me and for me to be forgiving. Mercifully those dark days could be put away in exchange for the joy of His forgiveness, cleansing and renewal.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable love.

It was not long after this that big changes began to take place in Teacher Education. There were several independent Colleges of Education in various areas of Swaziland at that time. To my knowledge all of these were brought together “under one roof” as it were. The Mbuluzi Home Economics Teacher Training was one of the first to move to Manzini. At that time I was given the option to continue teaching at the Home Ec TT College, but when it came to my attention that I would in addition be responsible for the management of the Ladies Residences, I declined immediately. A white South African woman, with very poor Siswathi skills would spell disaster in that situation.

Looking back, failures, mistakes and misunderstandings aside, my years in Swaziland were undoubtedly the best and the most rewarding years of my life. The beautiful, unique environment of Mbuluzi and its surrounds, the quality and commitment of the students, their devotion to duty, their remarkable spirit – sometimes against all odds - once again I repeat: being their teacher was indeed the most enriching and rewarding experience.

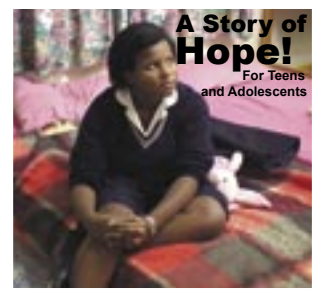
And finally, Ruth Wyatt whom I met for the first time at the Johannesburg station, became my very best friend, going back to January 1963. She visited me recently. The Lord gave us a wonderful time together. ■



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Jo Sharples is originally from the UK where she worked as a teacher for many years. She came to SA as a volunteer - and stayed! Jo worked with Scripture Union for 9 years as a volunteer and training co-ordinator then she went to the Bible Institute of South Africa to complete a theology degree.

Jo recently joined the personnel team at the Cape Town office, filling the position as training officer.

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