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UNITING COMMUNITIES THROUGH LANGUAGE AND FAITH

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to spread the message of faith, and also to foster unity and understanding among the diverse groups in South Africa.

The value of learning new languages cannot be overstated - in our country, it is a powerful tool for fostering social cohesion between our congregations and communities.

Social cohesion refers to the degree of connectedness and solidarity within a community. Here language learning builds bridges and helps us to engage meaningfully with others based on shared values and mutual understanding.

"When you can greet someone in their mother tongue, you connect more deeply and become a safe, welcoming space."

Learning languages also opens doors to more effective communication. Following a day immersed in language learning with **Kletskuier** in Khayelitsha, a community leader, who had navigated Afrikaans while aiding a Xhosa learner, remarked: "I never participated in ecumenical discussions because I was afraid too much would be lost in translation. I thought Afrikaans was the enemy that kept us apart. But today I discovered that language is a friend that brings us together."

With the responsibility of healing the systemic divides caused by apartheid, language learning offers a way for the church to work towards reconciliation through a shared sense of solidarity. It is a transformative force for unity as we work together to build a more inclusive, empathetic, and just society that reflects the core values of our faith.



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EDITORIAL

"Our mission mirrors the unity of a symphony..."

A while ago, I was travelling with a group of African church leaders by bus. As we drove, we were captivated by the harmonies of a symphony orchestra on the radio, weaving through the air.

This experience prompted us to reflect on our calling and mission. Just as each instrument contributes to the beauty of a symphony, every follower of Christ plays a vital role in God's work.

Our mission mirrors the unity of a symphony, blending diverse sounds into a beautiful whole.

Each follower of Christ contributes their unique sound to this ensemble, spreading God's love, justice, and mercy.

In this newsletter, we share stories of hope - of lives transformed, communities united, and hearts touched by God's love.

May these stories continue to inspire us to renew our commitment to sharing God's transformative love in our communities and beyond. Let us always embrace our calling to share God's symphony of mercy, justice, and boundless love with all people.



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REDAKSIONEEL

"Ons missie weerspieël die eenheid van 'n simfonie..."

'n Ruk gelede ry ek saam met 'n groep Afrika-kerkleiers in 'n bus. Terwyl ons gereis het, was ons bekoor deur die harmonieë van 'n simfonieorkes op die radio. Dié ervaring het ons aangespoor om na te dink oor ons roeping. Net soos elke instrument 'n bydra lewer tot die simfonie, speel elke gelowige 'n belangrike rol in God se werk.

Elke volgeling van Christus dra hul unieke klank by tot hierdie ensemble.

Op so manier versprei ons God se liefde, geregtigheid en barmhartigheid.

In hierdie nuusbrief deel ons stories van hoop – van lewens wat getransformeer is, gemeenskappe wat verenig het en harte wat deur God se liefde aangeraak is.

Mag hierdie stories ons inspireer om toegewyd aan te hou om altyd God se grenslose liefde in die wêreld te deel.

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MISSIONAL TRANSFORMATION WORKSHOPS PUT WORDS INTO PRACTICE

When URC Saldanha Bay and URC Vanrhynsdorp were initially selected to be the hosts of Rev. Stephen Pedro's training and planning workshops with ministers of the surrounding Presbyteries, little did he know that both communities would be deeply traumatised at the times of their arrival.

In Saldanha Bay, the mysterious disappearance of Joslin Smith, a Grade 1 learner from Diazville Primary School, has dominated national and international news headlines since she disappeared from her Middelpas home on 19 February.

The community of Vanrhynsdorp was also hit by a tragedy on the night of 17 March when 11 of its residents died in a head-on collision between a bakkie and a truck on the N7 about 5 km outside Klawer.

"It is important to be intentional in practising what it means being a missional church who does what it confesses."

At both workshops in February and April, the pastors, in light of the discussions about being a missional church, decided to put theory into practice. In Saldanha, they visited the family of Nicole Smith, Joslin's mother, and prayed with them.

In Vanrhynsdorp they not only incorporated a prayer walk and prayed in front of the local primary school and clinic, but they also decided to join the prayer service of the host congregation on Wednesday night to pray with the community. Some of the family members of the 11 loved ones who died tragically, were also present during the prayer service.

With prayers and hymns of encouragement and consolation, they've shown pastoral compassion and solidarity with communities in disorientation, trying to make sense of and find meaning from such painful and traumatic experiences.

"The process of centering the conversation about the missional transformation of our congregations and empowering our ministers to guide and facilitate this process with their congregations is an important one. But of equal importance, is being intentional in practising what it means being a missional church, who does what it confesses," says Rev. Pedro, who facilitated these workshops.

(Xhosa translation on the next page)



IINDIBANO ZOCWEYO ZENGUQU YOBUFUNDISI ZISEBENZISA AMAGAMA

Xa i-URC Saldanha Bay kunye ne-URC Vanrhynsdorp zaye zakhethwa okokuqala ukuba zibe ngabaphathi beendibano zocweyo zoqeqesho nocwangciso lukaMfu Stephen Pedro kunye nabaphathiswa bamaRhabe ajikelezileyo, wayengazi ukuba omabini abahlali baza kwenzakala ngokunzulu ngamaxesha okufika kwabo.

ESaldanha Bay ukuduka okumangalisayo kukaJoslin Smith, umfundi weBanga loku-1 kwiSikolo iDiazville Prayimari, kuye kwalawula imixholo yeendaba zesizwe nezamazwe ngamazwe ukususela ekulahlekeni kwakhe kwikhaya lakhe laseMiddelpoos nge-19 kaFebruwari.

Uluntu lwaseVanrhynsdorp luphinde lwehlelwa sisihelegu ngobusuku be-17 kweyoKwindla xa ishumi elinanye labahlali balo labhubha kwingozi eyenzeke ngengozi phakathi kweveni nelori kuhola we-N7 malunga ne-5km ngaphandle kwaseKlawer.

Kuzo zombini ezi ndibano ngoFebruwari nangoAprili, abefundisi, ngenxa yeengxoxo ezimalunga nokuba yicawa yobuvangeli basemazweni, bagqiba kwelokuba basebenzise ithiyori. ESaldanha batyelela usapho lukaNicole Smith, unina kaJoslin, baza bathandaza kunye nabo, yaye eVanrhynsdorp abazange baphelele nje ngokubandakanya uhambo lokuthandaza nokuthandaza phambi kwesikolo samabanga aphantsi nekliniki yasekuhlaleni, kodwa bagqiba kwelokuba bathelele emthandazweni. kwinkonzo yebandla elibanjwe ngolwesithathu ebusuku kuthandaza noluntu.

Abanye bamalungu osapho lwabo balishumi elinanye abasweleke kabuhlungu nabo bebhoko kulo mthandazo. Ngemithandazo namaculo enkuthazo nentuthuzelo, baye babonakalisa imfesane yabefundisi kunye nomanyano noluntu oludidekileyo nokuzama ukwenza ingqiqo nokufumana intsingiselo kumava abuhlungu nabuhlungu ngolo hlobo.



“Inkqubo yokuseka incoko malunga noguquko lobuthunywa bamabandla ethu kunye nokuxhobisa abefundisi bethu ukuba bakhokele kwaye baququzelele le nkqubo ngamabandla abo, ibalulekile. Kodwa okubaluleke ngokulinganayo, kukuzimisela ukwenza oko kuthetha ukuthini ukuba yinkonzo yobufundisi, eyenza oko kuvuma izono”, utsho uMfundisi uPedro, obeququzelela olu cweyo.



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"DIT IS LEKKER OM TE WEET DAT DAAR MENSE IS WAT LIEF IS VIR MY!"

Charlotte is 'n huishoudelike naam by Straatwerk en haar storie is een van vele stories wat ons daaglik hoor by Straatwerk se Ophelp Projekte-depot in die Bo-Kaap.

"My ma is oorlede toe ek ses jaar oud was en my pa toe ek 18 was. Ek het by my broer in Mitchell's Plain gaan bly vir om en by tien jaar waarna ek toe weg is weens omstandighede. Ek het geheel en al vervreemd geraak van my familie en het later op die strate van Kaapstad begin ronddwaal. Dis baie moeilik om op straat te bly.

My vriende het my aangemoedig om by Straatwerk se Ophelp Projekte betrokke te raak en op 19 Desember 2005 het ek by die projek aangemeld. Ek glo regtig dat ek na hierdie projek gestuur is. My eerste dag by die projek het ek as 'n vrywilliger vir vier ure lank die strate skoongemaak en 'n *chip roll* verdien vir my harde werk. Ek het nie moed opgegee nie; ek het aangehou totdat ek 'n *paid shift* gekry het. Ek het gevorder van gewone werker tot *first team member* tot voorvrou en nou is ek op die bestuur van Ophelp Projekte!"

Nou, jare later, is Charlotte 'n huishoudelike naam by Straatwerk. Sy werk nog by Ophelp Projekte en konsentreer op die Jesus Saves Daily-spanne, wat op fisies en verstandelike gestremde mense fokus wie nie die eise van gewone skoonmaakskofte kan hanteer nie.

Charlotte is almal se ma. Sy praat jou aan wanneer jy dit nodig het. Sy sorg dat jy deur 'n stort kom en jou blaai was en verder is sy altyd op die uitkyk waar sy mense kan help, selfs al het sy ook min.

"Ek het baie dinge kom sien en beleef en baie ondervinding opgedoen om met mense te werk. 'n Mens moet net geduld met hulle hê. Ek het ook geleer van die Here - JESUS SAVES! As mense hulp soek, veral by die depot, probeer ek om te help en hulle raak later vir my soos familie. Dit is lekker om te weet dat daar mense is wat lief is vir my."



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"My rolmodel: Antie Sanna Cloete"

David Magerman van Komaggas vertel graag van 'n wonderlike vrou wat 'n diep indruk op hom gemaak het: twee-en-negentigejarige Antie Sanna Cloete van Buffelsrivier naby Springbok in die Noord-Kaap. "Op 'n dag het ek saam met ds. Grove en kerkraadslede haar gaan besoek en ek sal nooit dié beeld vergeet nie: Antie Sanna kom met 'n swaar bos hout op haar rug nadergestap. Ek het gedink ons gaan 'n ouma kry wat in die bed lê. Toe is sy eintlik 'n antie wat nog alles self vir haar doen!"

Ek kon daardie dag behoeftes sien, maar sy het nie een keer gekla nie. Intendeel, sy was net dankbaar teenoor die Here wie so goed is vir haar. Sy is regtig vir my 'n rolmodel. Sy is 'n nederige mens. Dan die belangrikste, sy ken die Herder van Psalm 23. Ek is so bly ons het daardie dag nie verby gehou nie, maar wel by Antie Sanna se woning ingegaan. Dis so belangrik dat die kerk nie haar lidmate, oud en jonk, sal vergeet nie, maar tyd maak om by hulle uit te kom. Ek bid dat die Here haar getrou sal hou en dat Hy sal voorsien in haar en haar familie se behoeftes. Mag die Here hulle sy vrede gee wat alle verstand te bowe gaan. Antie Sanna, mag die Here jou seën en beskerm."



IT IS TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO DREAM AGAIN

What if we could leave our fears of a church losing its footing and impact in the world behind and step into a brave new creative world where the church connects with the lives of children and youth through football? Is it just a dream or already a reality?

Ben Marais from Ambassadors Football just returned from Nairobi, Kenya. An international team of tutors trained 90 coaches and leaders, teachers, Sunday school teachers, and pastors. Some of whom have never touched or kicked a football! These church members of the Kenyan Assemblies of God came from over 30 locations throughout Kenya, and more than a third of them were females.

Church members have been trained, and lives are being impacted. Children are making decisions for Jesus, being baptised, returning to school and getting bursaries for further studies through football.

Can the church in Southern Africa dream the same dream? It will take all of us working together across church and denominational lines to touch the hearts of children in Africa. God has given us the simple tool of football to enter into the lives of the children and create safe spaces of belonging through normal church members who are trained as coaches to coach life through coaching football. Share the dream with us...



"Stay inspired. Share the dream with us."



This training builds upon the vision of the ADEPR denomination in Rwanda, which already has over 3 million members.



Every Saturday, in 60 locations across Rwanda, over 6,000 primary school children gather to receive football training and participate in a children's discipleship program called Towards the Goal.



Having started with the ADEPR denomination, this vision has now been extended to the Baptist, Anglican, and Presbyterian churches in Rwanda.



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Isibindi: 'n Mooier wêreld is moontlik!

In 2013 het Isibindi, in samewerking met Echo Jeugontwikkeling, ons eerste huis vir jongmense in nood in die Kaap geopen. Ons het veral die behoefte raakgesien onder kinders wat op die ouderdom van 18 kinders huise moet verlaat sonder 'n heenkome. Dit was 'n wonderlike ervaring om op reis te wees saam met verskeie gemeentes waar ons huise kon begin: Tableview, Blouberg, Stellenberg, Stellenbosch, Ysterplaat en Paarl...

Vandag is ons dankbaar vir die 40 jongmense tussen 18 en 25 vir wie ons 'n familie kan wees.

Isibindi is 'n plek waar hulle kind kan wees, in 'n ruimte waar liefde is, waar hulle op hulle skoolwerk kan fokus. 'n Huis.

In 2018 het Isibindi die behoefte vir 'n nasorgsentrum in Ysterplaat geïdentifiseer. Daar was baie kinders wat in die middag na skool net op die strate rondgehang het. Vandag vorm daar daaglik 'n groep van 25 kinders deel van die nasorg. Die kinders het diep in ons harte gekruip en ons het besef daar is 'n nog groter behoefte: 'n veilig ruimte waar van hierdie tieners tydens die week kan woon. 'n Plek waar hulle kind kan wees, in 'n ruimte waar liefde is, waar hulle op hulle skoolwerk kan fokus. 'n Huis.

Na baie uitdagings kon ons in 2022 die deure van ons koshuis oopmaak. Vandag, twee jaar later, is die derde koshuis voltooi en het ons plek vir 14 tieners!

Onlangs ry ons saam met een van die tiener-meisies na ons weeklikse etes. Sy begin dadelik afpak oor haar ouers - verslawing, geweld, geld – nie gewone tienerprobleme nie. Op daardie oomblik besef ons weer hoe groot die seer en gebrokenheid van soveel tieners se lewens is, maar ons is terselfdertyd dankbaar vir die voorreg om vir 'n klein groepie tieners 'n beter en mooier wêreld te kan wys.

Daardie aand tydens die ete het ek uit nuuskierigheid vir van die tieners gevra wat die Isibindi-koshuis vir hulle so spesiaal maak. Danelle antwoord: "By die koshuis kan ons rondom 'n tafel sit en saameet. Ons kan oor God gesels en hier het ons geleenthede wat soveel ander kinders in ons omgewing nie het nie." Carine sê dat sy hier vir die eerste keer haar drome kon najaag. Aatiya sluit by hulle aan: "Hier is vrede."

Hierdie jongmense inspireer ons om aan te hou om Jesus se liefde prakties sigbaar te maak.



URCSA MSINGA: NURTURING YOUTH, BUILDING FUTURES

In the heart of KwaZulu Natal, the Uniting Reformed Church (URC) Msinga stands as a beacon of hope and support for its youth. Through the testimonies of individuals like Lindelani Mchunu, BT Sithole and Mandisa Dlamini, we witness the profound influence this church has on shaping lives and nurturing dreams.



Lindelani Mchunu's journey is a testament to the transformative power of faith and community support. "If it wasn't for God, I wouldn't be here," he shares, saying that he found faith and support through the church. "During the pandemic, when my family faced unemployment, the church stood by us. We never went to bed with empty stomachs."

With the guidance of his mentor, Nkazimulo Ngcobo, Lindelani not only received support during these trying times but also discovered his passion for teaching. However, due to financial struggles, he did not think he would ever be able to become a teacher. Through the church's aid, he fulfilled this dream, paving the way for a brighter future, not only for himself but also for his family. "As we speak, I'm at Northwest University all thanks to my church and family who helped me to get here."

Rev. BT Sithole highlights the church's commitment to community upliftment through training and outreach programs. "I want to thank God for the good work He is doing for and through our new ministers, Manqoba Mvelase, Kanyisani Mbatha and Noma Khoza, in the congregation!" These ministers assisted Rev. BT Sithole and Rev. LG Schoeman in Veritas training, and empowered leaders from their church and beyond, fostering a community of growth and unity.

Mandisa Dlamini, a 17-year-old congregant from URCSA Msinga, finds solace in the presence of God and is grateful for Witness Ministry's role in her life. "Every year, we welcome our visitors from Cape Town with joy. It's a pleasure to have them here, as they inspire and teach us about the love Jesus has for us. They remind us to stay positive, knowing that the Lord is always with us. It's not just about having fun; it's about learning how to live as Christians and children of God."

As 1 John 4:7 reminds us, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God." URCSA Msinga exemplifies this love, nurturing its youth and building a brighter future for generations to come.



Lindelani Mchunu



Mandisa Dlamini



Rev. TS Zuma during Passover



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3,000 trees planted in Malawi!

In Malawi, amidst challenges of deforestation, the CCAP Nkhoma Synod took a bold step. Partnering with Witness Ministry, SAFCEI, and US sponsors, they planted over 3,000 trees, igniting hope for conservation. Despite hurdles like droughts and security concerns, Reverend Vasco Kachipapa radiates optimism. He sees beyond these obstacles and is excited for the church's role towards a greener, more sustainable future.

"The project has brought unity between the church and the community. "Together we preserve the shrubs that are growing for the first time in two decades without being cut down. We believe that this is the beginning of the necessary transformation of our beautiful Nkhoma mountain and its surroundings! The community leaders embraced the initiative 100%."



Genesis 2:15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Hoop en Versoening Trust woel met **groentetuine!**

Die Hoop en Versoening Trust (HVT) se GROEI-projek, wat gemeenskappe bemagtig om selfvoorsienend en selfonderhoudend in terme van kos te wees, het momentum opgebou! Tydens die eerste kwartaal van dié jaar het hulle twee opwindende werksinkels aangebied in die Ring van Mthatha en by Motherwell buite Gqeberha, waar vroue van die VGK se Women's Ministry opgelei is.



Die werksinkels het 'n diepgaande impak gehad op die mense, wat verder as net vaardighede strek. Dit het vir hulle 'n nuwe sin van betekenis en hoop geskep. Hulle het nie net geleer oor selfvoorsiening nie, maar ook 'n dieper verbintenis met God ervaar deur die proses van landbou en groentekweeking. Die werksinkels het ook 'n ruimte van gemeenskap en ondersteuning geskep, waar mense mekaar kon ondersteun en aanmoedig om 'n beter toekoms vir almal te bou.

Die trust is verheug om saam te werk met die Garden of Life-projek wat die nodige opleiding bied. Daarbenewens stel hulle kantoor graag groentesaad beskikbaar aan gemeentes en organisasies wat aansoek doen.

Indien jy belangstel om deel te neem of meer te wete wil kom oor hierdie opwindende inisiatief, stuur asseblief 'n e-pos aan Danelle by spg@kaapkerk.co.za. En maak 'n draai by die Hoop en Versoening Trust se webwerf vir 'n volledige oorsig van die projek en die wonderlike moontlikhede wat beskikbaar is.



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"Yeshua came to me..."

I feel honoured to write this on behalf of a friend. Not too long ago we met our Israeli friend. For the sake of the story, I will call him Jo. Jo grew up as a secular Jew. We met him last year at a Shabbat meal that a friend hosted. Following the outbreak of war in Israel, Jewish evangelism entered a new phase. Despite the challenges, one positive aspect is that more Jewish people are praying. Additionally, Israelis and Jews in Cape Town have found solidarity with their Christian friends.

So, back to Jo. He met with us. Particularly after the war, he showed a remarkable openness to spirituality, seeking truth, healing, and light. We invited him to more meals, conversations and even to church. He came. He started reading the Bible with my friends - the Old and New Testaments! He let us pray for him and we shared the gospel with him freely.

He accepted Jesus and said 'yes' to the invitation to walk in his Light:

"I saw the love He had while on the cross!"

One night, as he deeply pondered his life, he found himself standing at a crossroads of childhood trauma. It was then that Yeshua (Jesus) appeared to him. Jo recounted seeing the depth of Jesus' suffering for all. "I saw the love He had while on the cross." Moved by this revelation, he accepted Jesus and said "yes" to the invitation to walk in his Light. At that moment, he immediately felt a release of fear, peace washed over him, and he felt a sense of renewal.

During my visit to Israel, Jo and I had overlapping trips, and our paths crossed once more. He graciously invited us to join his family for the traditional Passover Eve celebration. What a profound blessing it was to commemorate the redemption from Egypt and the sacrificial lamb of God, who was slain for the forgiveness of sin, alongside a fellow Jewish believer!



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A VOICE IN GAZA

During his Easter sermon, Reverend Munther Isaac from the Lutheran Church in Bethlehem called on the international church to act against the violence and injustice of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"I saw a child being pulled alive from the rubble in Gaza, and while he was being pulled out he was asking, 'Where is water? I am thirsty.' It reminded me of the words of Jesus on the cross when he cried out, 'I am thirsty.' Jesus cried out 'I am thirsty' in solidarity with those being massacred by famine, siege and bombardment.

Jesus stands in solidarity with all the victims of war and forced famine caused by the unjust and tyrannical regimes in our world. It is the cry of every oppressed...

Jesus shouted 'I'm thirsty', so they gave Him vinegar to drink, they added more pain to his pain, and more anguish to his anguish.

And today while Gaza screams 'I am thirsty' they drop aid from the sky. Some drowned while trying to pull the dropped aid from the sea. How cruel. Gaza is thirsty and they give Gaza vinegar..."



Hartlike ontvangs in Kenia

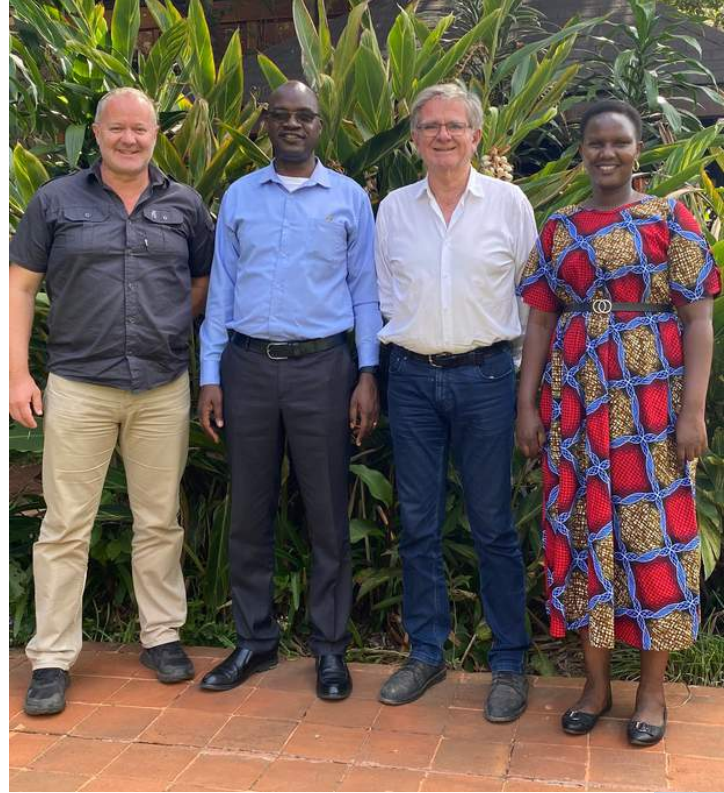
Dit is danksy die kosbare werk van Christene wat in die vorige eeu Kenia hul tuiste gemaak het dat ons susterskerk, die Reformed Church in East Africa (RCEA) in 1944 daar ontstaan het. Dié kosbare bande tussen hulle en ons word steeds lewendig gehou danksy die werk van dr. Daniël de Wet, bestuurder van Getuienisaksie se Taakspan Ekumeniese Vennootskappe in Afrika.

Vroeg in Maart vanjaar was hy daar saam met nog twee besoekers uit Suid-Afrika, naamlik dr. Nico Mostert (Vennote in Getuienis, NG Kerk Vrystaat) en ds. Hannes Theron (NetACT).

Daniël vertel: "Op die Sondag het ons 'n erediens van die RCEA Kayola-gemeente naby die Nairobi stadsentrum bygewoon waar ons met groot hartlikheid deur die predikant, ds. John Mwangi, en die pastorale hulp, Winnie Metto, ontvang is.

Na afloop van die erediens het ons met Winnie en dr. Luka Ariko, die algemene sekretaris van die RCEA, vergader. Aangesien dr. Ariko mev. Metto se waardevolle leierseienskappe raaksien, betrek hy haar al hoe meer in terme van leierskap.

Ons het gepraat oor die uitdagings waarmee hulle in die RCEA te kampe het, maar ook oor die wonderlike groei wat hulle binne hul kerk beleef.



Die RCEA het nie baie gemeentes in die Nairobi-area nie. Die meeste van hul gemeentes is in die noordweste in die omgewing van Eldoret waar die kerk destyds ontstaan het.

Danksy die Reformed Family Forum (RFF) waar ons Luka gereeld te siene kry, het dié waardevolle gesprek met hom baie sinvol verloop.

Hy het ook verlede jaar die Algemene Sinodesitting van die NG Kerk in Suid-Afrika bygewoon; iets waaroor ons baie bly is, aangesien dit aan beide ons en die RCEA kosbare blootstelling gee."



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"In unity, there is strength!"

These were the words of Bonginkosi Mthembu (pictured left), as Thuthukani Ndlovu (pictured right) assisted him in moving a log on the Makhathini Gumtree plantation. Amidst the vibrant tapestry of nature, a diverse group of volunteers from this congregation in KwaZulu Natal stood shoulder to shoulder, embodying the profound truth of his words.

These volunteers are united by a common purpose and bound by a shared love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

They embrace the power of standing together. In the face of scorching heat and the relentless elements of nature, they toiled tirelessly, their spirits undaunted by the challenges ahead. With sleeves rolled up and hearts full of determination, they cleaned the plantation, preparing it for the sacred act of replanting.

The congregation took a step in faith in 2008 to establish ten-hectare Eucalyptus trees as a fundraising project. Through the years they discovered that this project not only generates a good income but also fosters unity by working together toward a common goal. Amidst their labour, they found a profound sense of harmony.

In the hearts of these volunteers, they experience the true power of standing together - a power capable of moving mountains and transforming the world. They know that their strength lies in their solidarity with each other and in the Lord Jesus Christ.



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