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IMM South Africa— Baptisms and Testimonies

We have recently received encouraging reports from two South African mine areas - firstly from Pastor Elijah Dube, serving in the West Rand Gold field and secondly from Pastor Moses Hlongwane, serving Christ in the platinum mines in and around Rustenburg.

Baptisms in the West Rand

Pastor Elijah Dube writes:

Greetings. Our Christian Fellowship in the mining estate of East Driefontein is the only group that has survived following the COVID 19 outbreak. Praise God, it is continuing well and almost every year, we have witnessed people coming to the Lord in repentance and faith. This year

the baptisms took place in the town of Carletonville and we baptised 8 candidates, five of which were young men of around 16 - 21 years of age. Then there were two teenagers and one adult, a miner about 56 years old. The young people are some of the children in our Fellowship group, who have grown up in Christian families. Most of them surrendered their lives to Christ during the Youth Conference which took place last June.



Brother Bulelani Ndlela

This is the adult miner, a married man from Eastern Cape in the Qumbu district. He comes up north to work in the mines, but his family are living back in Eastern Cape. Many men do this because of the employment and relatively good pay. Brother Bulelani got saved in 2024. This year after I started the Discipleship course, he faithfully attended the Bible Study every Thursday. Following his baptism, I spoke to him concerning finding a church that proclaims Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. During his annual leave he must take his family to a church near where he lives in Eastern Cape. Please pray for God's guidance, as they must join that church as a family.

Rustenburg - Testimonies

Evangelist Moses Hlongwane sends us the testimonies of two miners working in the platinum mines:

Johannes Mogosi



"I am Johannes Mogosi - my hometown is Mafikeng. I work as an operator in Karee Sibanye Still water platinum mine. I met Pastor Hlongwane this year March at the open-air where he was preaching. I listened carefully and invited him to my room at the miners' hostel where Pastor Hlongwane explained about Jesus. I understood and he prayed for me and I received Jesus in my life. I now live without fear - I had a problem of fear of evil spirits and I was living with warnings at work, but now I am free. I am happy with Pastor Hlongwane for what he did for me. I wanted to attend his church but unfortunately, they live far from here. Thank you so much for your prayers."

Laurence Sithole



"I'm Laurence Sithole. I stay in the Karee mine hostel, but my hometown is Tzaneen. *(Not far from Kruger National Park)* I am married to my wife Rachel and we have 4 children. I work here in Sibanye Still Water platinum mine as a locomotive operator. I work the night shift at the mine. Pastor Hlongwane prayed for me when we met his team at the mine hostel. He said I should accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, because Jesus loves me and He died for me. I accepted Jesus - and my life changed! Pastor Hlongwane is different from other pastors. He is friendly and always calls by and checks up on me! I have started to attend the church in Marikana west. Amen."

It is so encouraging to read these testimonies! Hallelujah!



Moses gives praise to the Lord for the successful outreach and open-air ministry at the Karee Mine complex. He thanks you for praying. Let's continue to uphold Maria, Moses and the family in prayer. They are such hard workers for the Miners Mission.

The photograph shows Moses on one of his weekly hospital visits when along with Maria, his wife they pray for the sick. Praise God for the testimonies of many healings.

Zambian Copperbelt- Outreach and Baptisms

Pastor Sam Ilunga sends greetings and news from Zambia:



"Calvary greetings in the most high name of Jesus Christ to all our friends and supporters in International Miners Mission. We continue to express our gratitude for the love you always show to us, in prayer, finances and encouragement. We always wish you more of God's blessings.

During the month of June we have been witnessing in 3 different townships in the large Nkana copper mining area. Firstly there was Luangwa township, an important suburb of Kitwe, the second largest city on the Copperbelt. Here some 20 people made a confession to follow Jesus Christ.

The second township was Wusakile, situated on the south side of Kitwe. Prayer was made to lead people to Christ.

Two days of witnessing took place in a third township called Misaka. Here we distributed many tracts for folk to read. Misaka was originally a large farm but now is a vast expanding community.

We have also been rejoicing that we have been able to baptise quite a nice number of converts. We praise God for this harvest of souls won for the Lord.



Snail Mail Postal costs are increasing and the Post Office has informed us that they are now stopping deliveries on Saturdays and will only deliver 2nd class mail every 2 or so days depending on the round. **If you would prefer** your mailing to be sent by email please

send Katherine—**katherine.rushen@hotmail.co.uk** your email address so we can guarantee you receive the Prayer Link by the beginning of the month. I will however continue to try and get the paper hard copy mailings to you before the 1st of the month for the Prayer Link. The Trustees really appreciate and value your support, both financially and prayerfully, for reaching the "lost" miners and their communities of the world. Love and blessings, K.

KENYA - Sharing the vision

One of our Trustees, Terry Garde has recently returned from a productive trip to Kenya, both on behalf of IMM and also Mining God's Way (MGW).

Dear IMM friends and supporters,

I have been able to during my trip to Kenya to share the vision for Mining God's Way with various Christian organisations, church leaders and bishops. I met the local Anglican Bishop, who has expressed enthusiasm for developing a regional church response.

I was able to visit Bishop Bernard Owuor, who was on his way back from Migori to Nairobi, spending an hour and a half with him .

Bishop Bernard is very enthusiastic as to how Mining God's Way might operate, not only in his area, but in 5 other dioceses round Lake Victoria where artisanal mining is taking place. He said that he would like to see such a regional approach and has volunteered to coordinate meetings with the other Bishops and possibly the Archbishop of Kenya as soon as he can!

This is good news because the church can provide continuity when Terry is not around. Within a week of my meeting with him, Bishop Bernard visited an artisanal gold mining site.



Terry Garde with Simon Okoyo (left) and the Vice-Chancellor, Rev, Dr. Nelson Maranda (right),



The Bishop is with a very colourful entourage!



The Bishop looking down a mine shaft!

Can you please pray for this exciting development. I believe that Rev Captain Simon Okoyo will probably have a key role to play in this project.

Terry Garde