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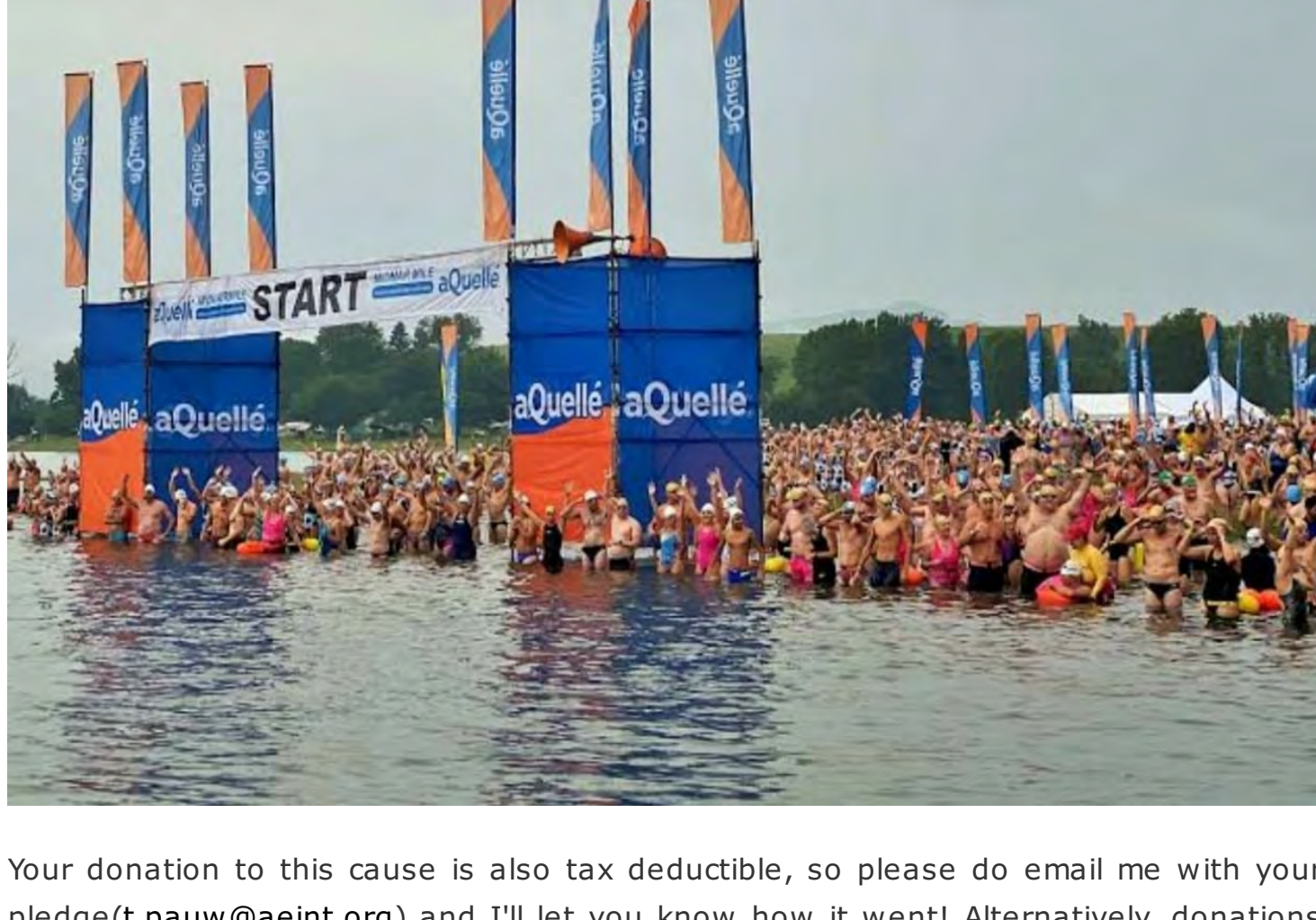
From The Team Leader

Dear friends,

We have just arrived in the second month of 2024, and we hope that you have had a blessed start to the year!

Firstly, on behalf of all at African Enterprise South Africa, I would like to express our deep gratitude to all our special friends who partnered with us last year through prayer and sowing financially into the ministry, particularly also those that were able to respond to our Founder's SOS in December. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to close the year with a positive balance and start this new year on a stronger footing! Therefore, I would like to echo St Paul's words in 2 Cor 9:10-11 (NIV): "Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God."

Then, on the 11th of February, I will be participating in the Midmar Mile...the world's largest open water swimming event, and it's just up the road from us! I am attempting it in an effort to raise funds for our Foxfire Youth Program for this year. Our new Foxfire team has a jam-packed year of training and missions ahead, and need all the help they can get towards their budget. Please consider supporting this drive with a donation, if I complete the 1.6km swim. I am actually not a swimmer and could only start training 3 weeks ago due to a broken arm in the latter part of last year, but I'm looking forward to this challenge!



Your donation to this cause is also tax deductible, so please do email me with your pledge (L.pauw@aent.org) and I'll let you know how it went! Alternatively, donations can be paid into our AE account (details at the end of the newsletter) with reference "swim & your name". Hopefully together, we can give our Foxies a big boost for the year...let's go for it!

Finally, thank you for being on this life-changing Kingdom Journey with us.

Much love,

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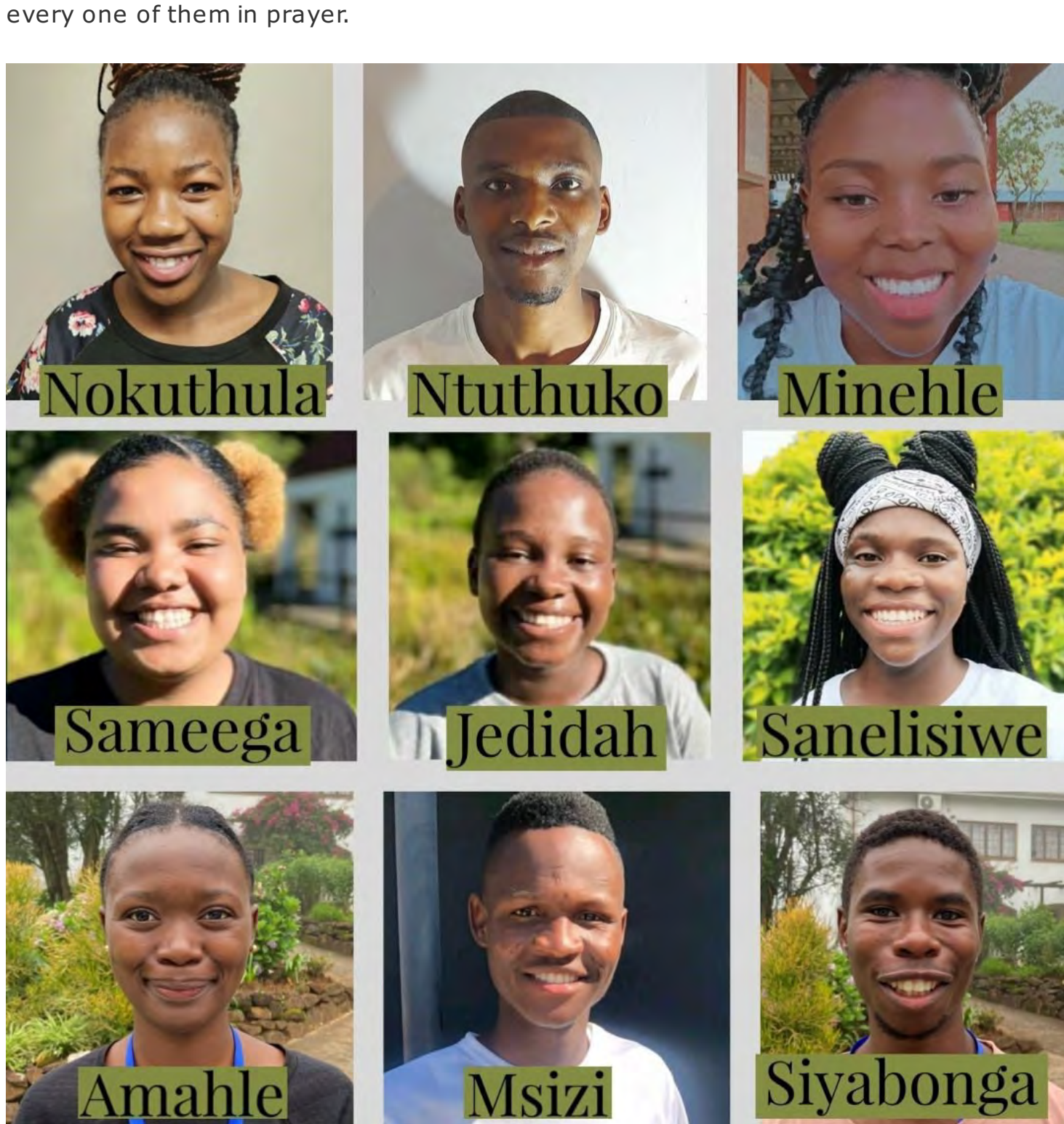


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Foxfire News

Greetings AE family,

We trust that you are well and that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We have received our new Foxfire members in Team 2024 and their training has begun. We are grateful to the Lord for each team member and we have faith that God will do a great thing through their lives. It is very exciting to see the skills and abilities already demonstrated during training time. We ask that you would keep each and every one of them in prayer.



Our theme for 2024 is 'Chosen Generation'; based on 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." The scripture emphasises the importance of having our young people being set apart for Christ so that we can win the lost and allow the transformative power of God to change them to be who He desires them to be.

Botswana, Eswatini, Johannesburg, Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Mpumalanga and Limpopo are the ministry places we have identified for this year and so we trust that God will make a way for us. We look forward to conducting school missions and life skill activities, particularly in our home town, Pietermaritzburg.



If you would like to sow into our youth ministry through financial contribution, please see our banking details below:

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Community Transformation News

I do hope 2024 has started well for each of you. Very best wishes for a healthy and fulfilling year ahead.

Bonginkosi - We started the year with another marvellous time of fellowship in Sweetwaters. The Church was packed and they were all ready and waiting for us to arrive (some standing outside too), Linda Grant, AESA Board member who works in close liaison with our Community Worker Londeka Gasa, thanked community members for their example of patience. We indeed have much to learn from them - they never seem flustered, hurried, irritable or impatient!



Linda Grant (on the right) and Zwellihle Sokhela the Foxfire leader.

Several of the Bonginkosi folk showed us the lovely items they had made from the fabric and ties we'd brought last month (see pics). One lady brought us some of the beans she had harvested (see pic) from the seeds we'd given them previously and they all voiced gratitude for these and were keen on receiving more seeds so we will follow up on this. Advancing food security is one of our goals. Londeka is also keen to do some training in a couple of fields - possibly home-based care and housekeeping with younger family members of the Bonginkosi folk - they're very enthusiastic about this too. Another goal for us to follow through with. The folk were very thankful too for the food items of porridge, powdered milk and fruit and as well as fabric for the sewing ladies.



Our work is a drop in the vast ocean of need but we are so grateful for your funds, hearts and prayers which afford us the opportunity and privilege to do our bit and I believe, make a difference on many levels. It blesses us too. MUCH, MUCH gratitude to you all who support us with gifts and prayers.



Sleeveless jersey hand made by Gogo Zuma in the photo.



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Partnership Development News

"The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry"
Psalm 34:15

As we begin a new year we are full of hope and expectation for a better year than the last. We are intentional about seeking God's face and spending time in his word. Somehow though, we almost always get caught up in the busyness of life and limit (if not stop altogether) spending quality time with the Lord. Yet the Lord never stops keeping his eyes on us or being attentive to our cries. So the challenge this year is to be consistent in spending quality time with the Lord.

As an organisation we experienced the most difficult year financially last year and we are so grateful to those that responded so generously to our year-end appeal. Whilst this has given us much welcome relief, we continue to rely heavily on the generosity of our donors in order for us to continue our calling to this ministry that is African Enterprise - financial resources are required for both our ministry activities and for the upkeep of the Centre. We are grateful to all our donors and continue to trust God for his provision for all our needs in this new year. Great is thy faithfulness.

On a personal note I am happy to have returned from maternity leave, though in all honesty it is a bitter-sweet return with my having to leave my 5-month old baby girl, Tirzah Grace. Motherhood is a new and challenging phase in my life but by the grace of God I am blessed for the gift of life and I must say I am enjoying every stage of being a mum.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you our faithful donors all the best for 2024. I trust you will be blessed in abundance for your heed to the call to support AE's ministry and for your faithful giving.

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Team News

Evangelism is simply "those who know Jesus telling those who don't"
AESA is excited to second the services of Reverend Ngabo 'David' Bandle, who joins the team to assist with ministry activities. He is a dynamic, energetic and enthusiastic preacher of God's word and never misses an opportunity to share the love of Christ and pass on the message of Good News.



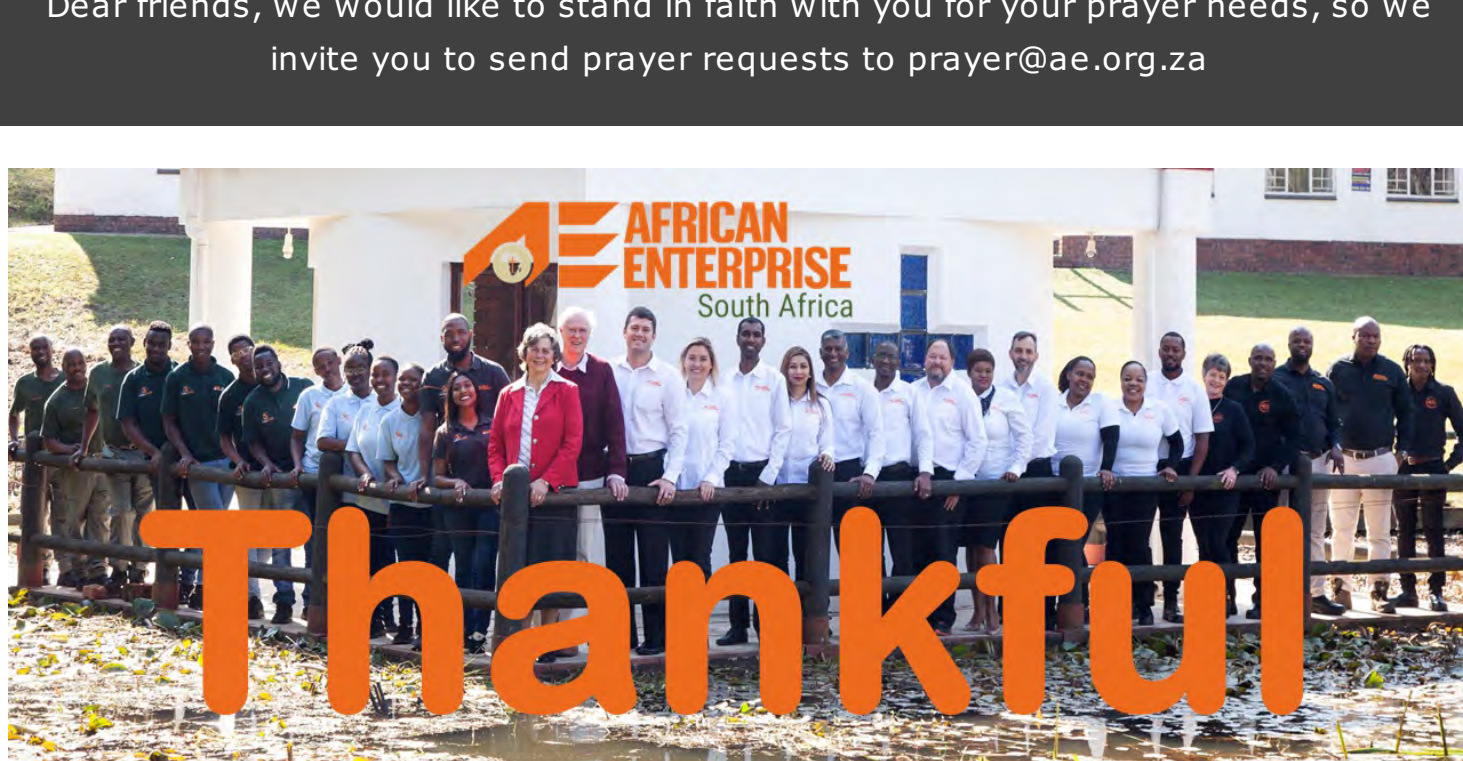
In addition to his preaching and teaching, Rev Bandle has been involved in prison ministry, facilitating in a program called 'victim offender dialogue'. He is also actively involved in youth ministry throughout the country.

Of his calling to join the AE team says David (as he prefers to be called):
"It has been in my prayer to be in the AE a long long [time] ago. It really touch[es] my heart and soul what the AE do in sharing the love of God and winning souls for God all over Africa. Since it is my calling and my passion to win souls for God all over the world and sharing the love of God, so my love for AE is strong because they do what I am called for and what I love. And I will be forever grateful for a chance to be a part of AE and God helping me."

Welcome to the team David!

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Dear Friends, we would like to stand in faith with you for your prayer needs, so we invite you to send prayer requests to prayer@ae.org.za



In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you
1 Thessalonians 5:18

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