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From The Team Leader

Dear friends,
Spring has sprung, and new life is blooming!

As it is in the natural, may it also be in the spiritual, especially as we commence our Johannesburg Harvest Time mission (5-15 Sep).

2 Cor 5:17 says "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

We are trusting for a great harvest in our three main mission zones, being: Fourways, Diepsloot, and Soweto.

Please join in prayer for this mission, and if you are able to sow a financial seed towards the harvest (ref. Job & your name), that would be greatly appreciated!

Then, after the Johannesburg Harvest Time mission, I will be heading to Seoul, South Korea, for the Fourth Lausanne Congress on World Evangelisation. Our AE founder, Michael Cassidy is the honorary co-chair of the Lausanne Movement, and is so disappointed not to be able to travel to the congress due to doctor's orders...but he has managed to record a video greeting for the congress delegates. The Lausanne Movement, initiated by the late renowned evangelist Billy Graham 50 years ago, exists to accelerate global mission by connecting influencers and ideas, and Michael has been an integral part of the movement from the beginning. Michael also celebrates his 88th birthday this month, and we are so blessed to have him as our founder and example of how to finish our race strong!

So, like Michael, let us all keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Heb 12:2).

Question to ponder: How can you finish your race stronger?

Much love,

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Foxfire News

Greetings family across the globe.

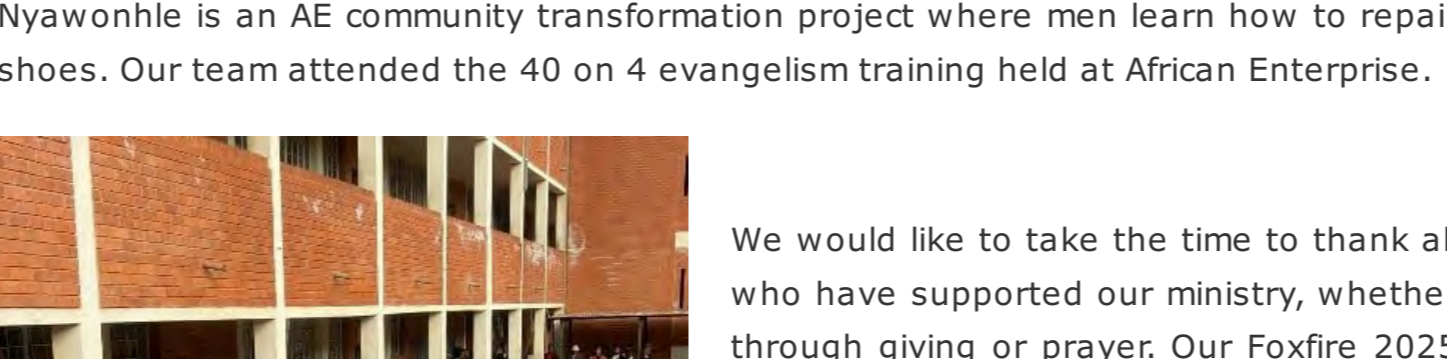
It always excites us to see what the Lord is doing among our young people. Indeed we see restoration taking place, identity being restored, healing from past hurts and trauma. The Lord is preparing his church for his return. We have had a wonderful time of ministry as the team ministered in Newcastle and Ladysmith; we also had some school ministry at Injoloza Secondary School; a return visit to Heritage Academy (which is always great to strengthen relationships); and Umuzo Secondary School, where the team had the opportunity of doing both life skills and assemblies. Our girls were blessed to go to a ladies' conference. Their tickets were sponsored, and we always appreciate such support. Our girls came back so revived and encouraged. We thank the Lord as two Foxfire's (Msizi and Ntuthuko) passed their learners driver's test. We sent them for their driver's test as we know that driving is a skill which everyone should possess.



Our Foxfires also had the privilege of ministering at the Ayawonile graduation. Ayawonile is an AE community transformation project where men learn how to repair shoes. Our team attended the 40 on 4 evangelism training held at African Enterprise.



We would like to take the time to thank all who have supported our ministry, whether through giving or prayer. Our Foxfire 2025 applications are still open, please click on the link <https://forms.gle/bVvCTAuDgou11HBYA>. We ask that you share the news with the youth teams from your church and through friends. Think of it as "preserving the remnant"; every young person needs a such life changing experience.



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Community Transformation News

The Lord has indeed been doing great things for men through our shoe repair community project 'Nyawonile' as we move the project to different communities around Pietermaritzburg. Recently we rolled the project out in Tumbleweed in Howick, recruiting 'disillusioned and desperate' men and collecting 'tired and worn' out shoes.



Mr Ngubane on the left with a student.

We considered it important to get a project funded from within the community of Tumbleweed and God led us to connect with Mr S. Ngubane, who has 20+ years of experience in the shoe industry.



In addition to empowering the ten recruits with a skill in shoe repairs, we shared the Gospel with them and conducted a team building exercise to promote interaction and communication. It was fun and empowering!

The Challenge: Using straws, build the tallest tower that is able to support the weight of an egg

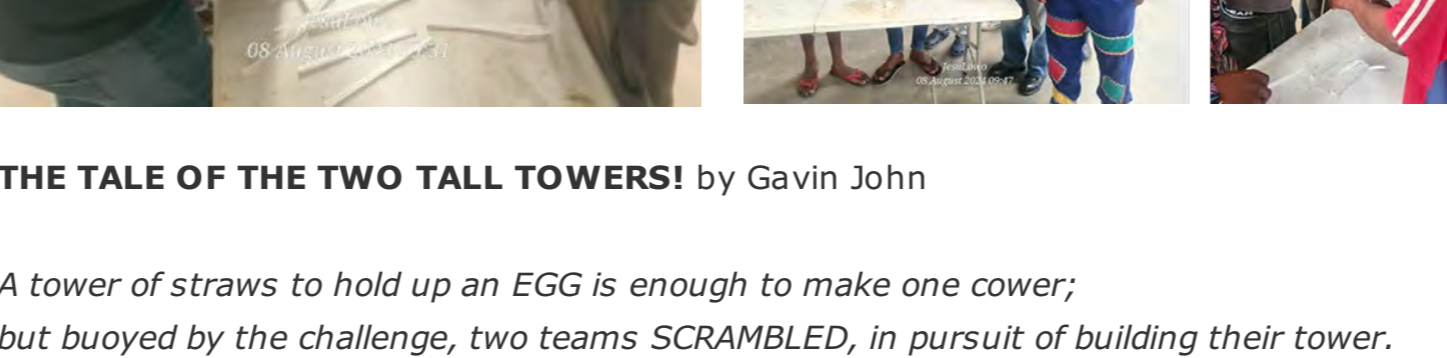
The Guidelines: Team-work; a firm foundation; compaction; embrace every idea; ignore negativity



THE TALE OF THE TWO TALL TOWERS! by Gavin John

A tower of straws to hold up an EGG is enough to make one cower; but buoyed by the challenge, two teams SCRAMBLED, in pursuit of building their tower. SUNNY SIDE UP team-work, and a BAKED foundation, were the focus of their will-power; though blood BOILED when ideas were PLOMCHED, threatening to turn things sour. The straws took bind as they entwined - OVER EASY their plans took flower; Tall-Towers were borne when the structures had grown, not long within the hour; The EGG took its 'seat when the WELL-DONE task was complete; and so was our task to empower!

The mission was accomplished, both in team-work and the course, when all TEN graduates enthusiastically received their certificates, with great pride and huge smiles!



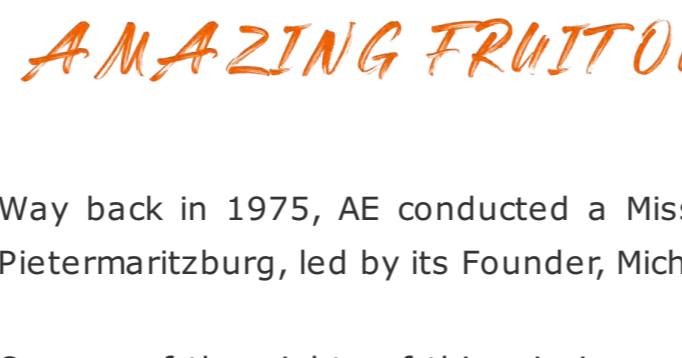
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AMAZING FRUIT OUT OF AE'S MINISTRY!

Way back in 1975, AE conducted a Mission in the Woodlands Coloured township of Pietermaritzburg, led by its Founder, Michael Cassidy.

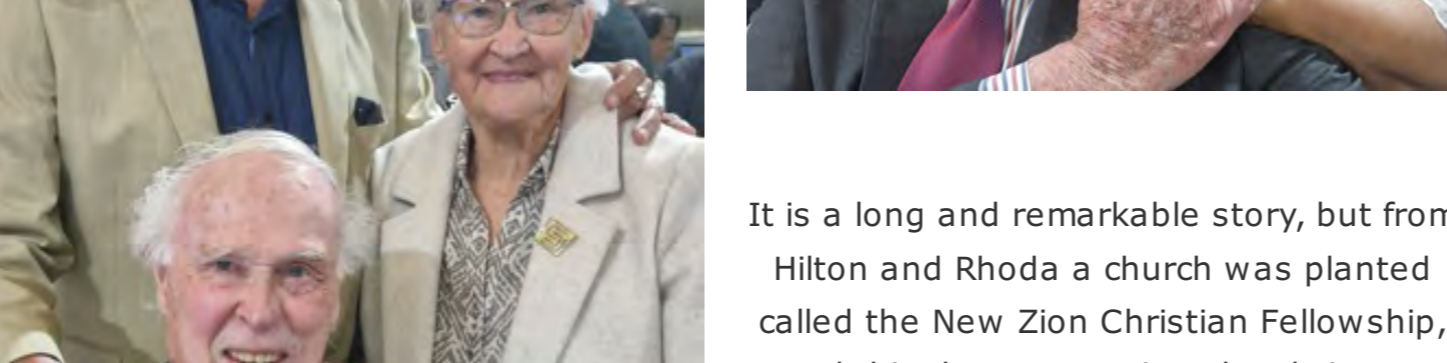
On one of the nights of this mission a tall good-looking fellow, called Hilton Toohey, came forward. The Lord did a wonderful work in his heart, and he was gloriously converted to Christ. The next night he brought his wife Rhoda, and the same thing happened to her.

Likewise, another young woman, Enrica (pictured with Michael) responded to God's calling, with a dramatic change in her life thereafter.



It is a long and remarkable story, but from Hilton and Rhoda a church was planted called the New Zion Christian Fellowship, and this then grew miraculously into a denomination called New Zion Ministries International, which now has many flourishing congregations around Southern Africa.

One of these is led by Enrica and her pastor husband in Inxopo near Pietermaritzburg. On Saturday, 17 August 2024, they had a 40th anniversary dinner celebration in Pietermaritzburg with all their leadership (see photo) at which Michael was invited to speak. It was a joyous occasion and demonstrated the amazing fruit that can come out of an AE Mission but, as Michael commented, "it is important to remember that the power is in the SEED, not the SOWER." Praise God!



As you support the ministry of African Enterprise, lots of good things can happen!

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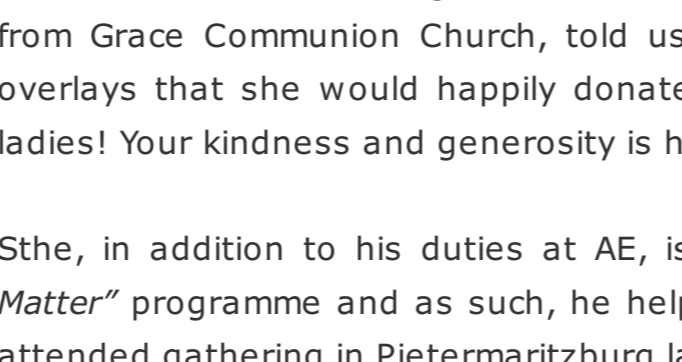
Centre News

Isn't this year just flying by? Though I saw a post on social media that said "It's been a long year this week" – funny on the surface, but it is how so many of us are feeling. Life is busy, but thankfully, so is The Centre!

We welcomed back some familiar faces with groups like Build Environment, SaveAct and the ladies from the NC kirk; made some new friends from Grace Communion Church and Hebron Christian Fellowship; and Groundwork will be back with us for two weeks in early September.

Bonnie Thompson has kindly sewn into the loveliest of table cloths some white material which we were given. Then we could not believe our ears when Lorraine, from Grace Communion Church, told us that she has a variety of table cloths and overlays that she would happily donate to The Centre. God is good!! Thank you, ladies! Your kindness and generosity is hugely appreciated.

She, in addition to his duties at AE, is an ambassador for the Heartlines "Fathers Matter" programme and as such, he helped to host an amazingly successful and well attended gathering in Pietermaritzburg last weekend. Great work Sthe!



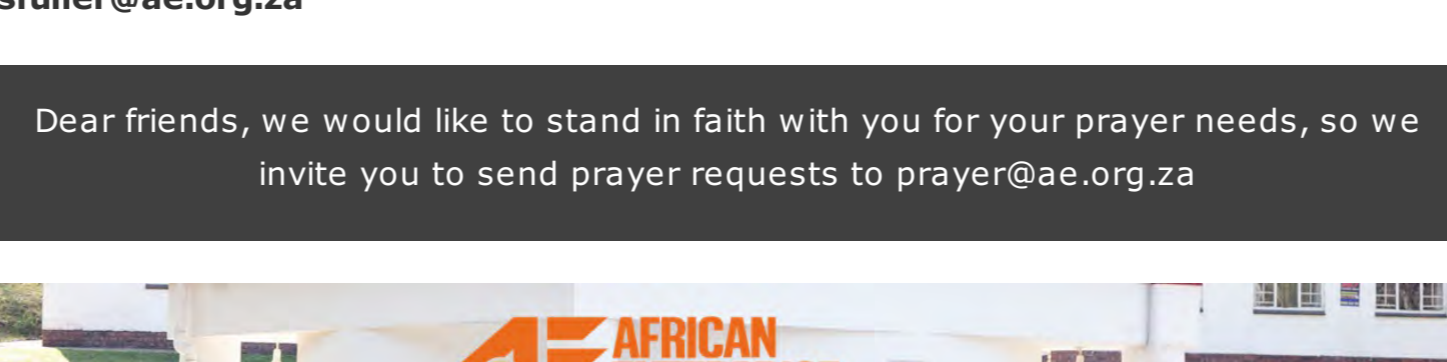
The terrible fire that started along the highway, and caused the pile-up, moved on down the hill towards The Centre.

For three nights in a row, Gary, Sthe, Lindelani and Lungelo barely slept as they were up most of the night fighting fires that kept re-igniting with the thick under-bush.

And, to end off, I am sad to say that this will be my last newsletter. After just short of seven years at The Centre, I have decided to move on. I feel like the Lord is calling me into a very different kind of ministry. Gavin John will be taking over from me. We would like to wish him all of the very best for the future. Thank you for your love and support over these past years.

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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



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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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