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From The Team Leader

Dear friends,

Thank you for your support and partnership in the gospel! We couldn't fulfil our mission and mandate without our loyal friends' prayers and financial support.

A successful and I believe significant mission was conducted in the Fourways, Diepsloot and Soweto areas of Johannesburg last month! We also visited Wits campus with our friend and associate, Afrika Mhlophe, and reached out to the poor at Yellow Mountain near Turffontein with the gospel and skills training. Through the mission 4,222 people made decisions to receive Christ, and the local churches were greatlyimpacted! Snippets of testimonials from a few local leaders that were involved…

"My experience in working with African Enterprise this past year in preparing for the Jhb city wide mission 5-15 September 2024 has been a watershed moment in my ministry career." – **Willem Lindeque (Fourways mission coordinator)**

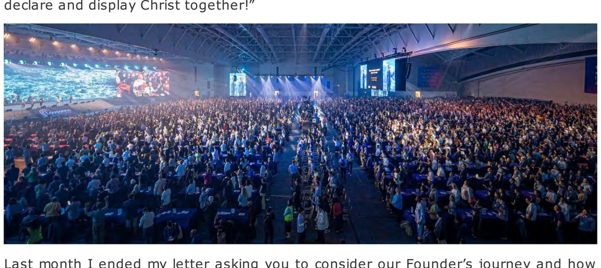
"Not only did they help bring more souls to the Kingdom, but they also strengthened the bonds of unity within our churches. The messages of salvation, healing, and hope they delivered have inspired and encouraged us all to continue the work of evangelism with even greater fervour." – **Diepsloot churches forum**

"Inspiration you gave to the churches was enormous" – **Stuart Silcock (Lamp Lighters Church)**

"Thank you sooooo very much to Theuns and all your colleagues for coming all this way to help us have a wonderful impact on thousands of people in our community. You made a huge contribution for which we are deeply and forever appreciative." – **Lawrence McCrystal (Fourways leader)**

More on the mission in the newsletter below.

I am writing this letter from the Fourth Lausanne Congress (L4) in Seoul, South Korea, where we are being edified in our walk with God, encouraged in our missional callings, and engaging with Christian leaders from around the world…over 5000 delegates from 222 countries - the largest and most globally representative gathering of Evangelical leaders and influencers ever! The theme and challenge of L4 is "Let the Church declare and display Christ together!"



Last month I ended my letter asking you to consider our Founder's journey and how you can emulate him and finish your race stronger. For me, at this point in my ministry life, I will be taking a sabbatical so that I too can go further in the long run. This is a principle and practice that Michael honoured and testifies about. I am grateful to Michael, my board at AE, and co-workers for affording me this opportunity to rest, recharge, reconnect with family, read, and reflect, and to come back stronger. I will be away for six months, my role being covered by my more than able deputies, Darryl and Zweli. I will be back from the 1st of April 2025. Of course, all of AE's ministries will continue as normal, and you will still receive monthly news, albeit without my insert.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." - **Matthew 11:28 NIV**

So, I would like to conclude by wishing you every blessing for the remainder of this year, a wonderful Christmas, and see you again in 2025!

Grace and peace,

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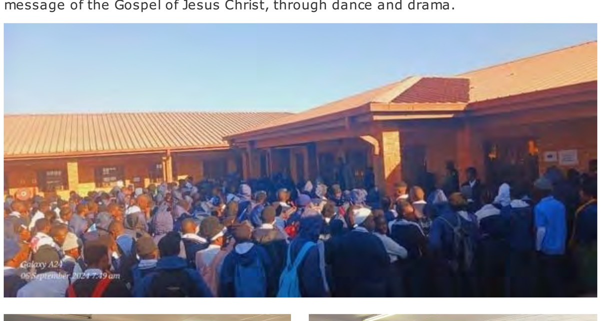
Word

Mission News

It was time to set off for mission to Johannesburg, not because we know the way, but because we know Him who is the Way!

SCHOOL MINISTRY
Our Foxfire team visited a number of schools during the mission to share the powerful message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through dance and drama.



One of these was Enkanyezini Primary where the teachers were as engaged as the learners and appreciated the seed that was planted. A number of students received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour for the first time. The Foxies were also blessed to conduct a life-skills program (which was not part of the original arrangement with the school) but the school leadership felt the learners needed this opportunity to gain a deeper understanding.

Mission teams also visited schools and after one team's ministry at Diepsloot's Rabasotho Combined School, the school Secretary shared that she is hopeful that the children will tell their parents about the missioners who came to school and preached the gospel and maybe, through this sharing of the children with their parents, these parents will themselves find Christ. Hallelujah!

STREET MINISTRY
Ministry teams in various zones pounded the streets of Johannesburg reaching out to people in shopping malls, street corners, businesses, community service facilities such as clinics and SAPS, and more!

Mzwandile Mlangeni told us that he has been unemployed for a long time, despite all his efforts to find a job. "I was losing hope, it was like God is not with me," he said but with the picture of Jesus knocking on the door of his heart, with which we were ministering to him, he realised that even though 'the load is heavy' he must not separate himself from God. He realises that God will never leave him nor forsake him. 'It is bringing me hope to continue to be with Jesus.' We praise God for the opportunity to minister to Mzwandile.

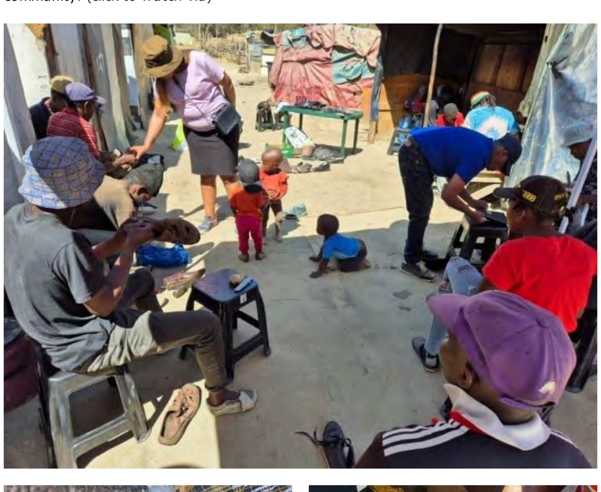
Soweto was amazing as our young mission partners from the Salvation Army (click to view vid) and our Foxies (click to view vid) danced in the street amidst the busyness of the Centre and its patrons.

Diepsloot took our ministry to another level as the team boarded a truck on which they set up sound equipment to make sure that everyone in the area 'heard the good news'!

It is an incredible joy to witness the transforming power of the gospel at work in the lives of even those who may have distanced themselves from the church. It is a moment of profound grace when we encounter those who feel disconnected from faith but, through heartfelt conversations, are led to open their hearts to Jesus.

One such instance was with a young man who, despite his family's Christian background, said that church simply 'wasn't for him.' As one of our mission teams shared the message of Christ and spoke about the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus, they saw his perspective begin to shift. They explained how Jesus longs to be a part of his life, not just through religion, but through a deep, meaningful connection. To their delight, when they extended an invitation for him to accept Jesus into his heart, he eagerly accepted and prayed the sinner's prayer with them.

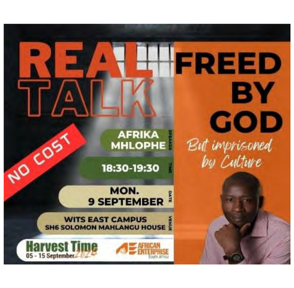
COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION
As part of the 'DEED' component of Harvest Time 2024, we have brought our Nyawonhle ('Beautiful Feet') shoe repair training project to the Turfontein mining community! (click to watch vid)



EVENTS
Our Foxfire team ministered to young people in Eldorado Park, Johannesburg at a youth event which was part of the Harvest Time 2024 mission program.

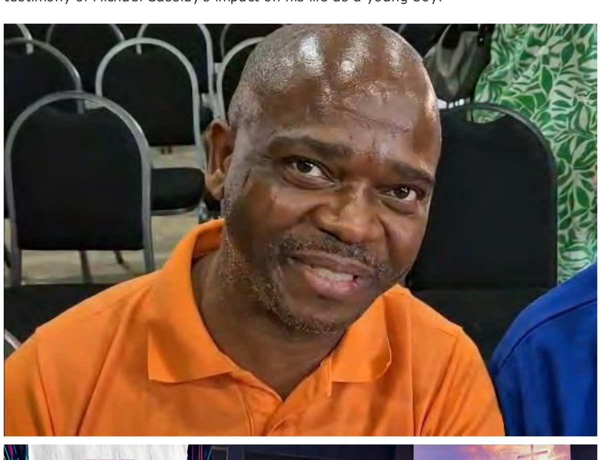
Foxfire, Sameega, shared her powerful testimony (click to watch vid) at the youth service.
Jesus takes your mess and turns it into a message, He takes your test and turns it into a testimony, and He takes your pain and turns it into His purpose!

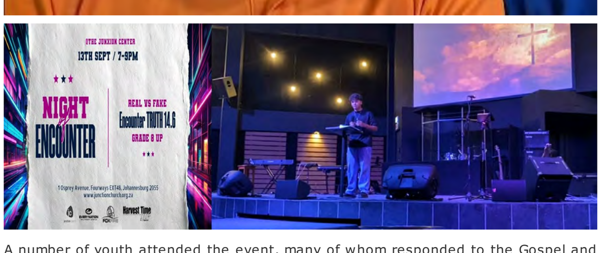
Afrika Mhlophe teaching at WITS campus. Our value is defined by our Creator, not our culture.



Our Founder, Michael, addressed and sought to encourage and bless a group of pastors, lay-leaders and mission workers in Diepsloot, as part of the Harvest Time 2024 mission program.
It all *"went most wonderfully"* says Michael, *"Theirs is a labour among the poorest of the poor. Very tough. But hunger is huge. I was deeply moved & made joyfully happy in spirit to minister to these beloved ones, and lay hands on each minister."* Michael and the team members present were led out of the township with a police escort at the end of the event (a first for him says Michael) – but, say the locals, Friday night in Diepsloot is notorious. We give praise to God for powerful ministry and for safety too!

"Meeting him is a revival to me"
Bishop Zondi (who pastors a church in Diepsloot and Fourways) shares a precious testimony of Michael Cassidy's impact on his life as a young boy!

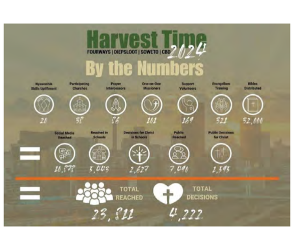




A number of youth attended the event, many of whom responded to the Gospel and the invitation to give their lives to Jesus. Teenager, Christian, bravely shared his testimony and encouraged other young people to turn to Jesus for help with their challenges in life. "I cannot continue to serve God and the world at the same time" he told them. Of his experience sharing his testimony, Christian said that it still feels a bit surreal. "I'm so grateful for the power of the Holy Spirit. And I'm so grateful for all of the prayers the Harvest Team prayed over last night, the praying power of the team made way for God to move last night. And I'm so grateful to the Harvest Time team, and Junction Church, that gave me the opportunity to speak last night. God is so good."

MISSIONERS SHARE

- Some of our missioners share (click to watch) their experience of HARVEST TIME 2024…the Proclamation!
- Remi, a missioner from Eswatini who has joined us on Harvest Time 2024, shares a testimony of God's healing upon a young girl who could not 'stand or walk'.
- Our brother Zonke Mzebele travelled from Eswatini to join Harvest Time 2024. He shares a personal testimony!
- AE Tanzania's team leader, Robert Charles Lyimo, joined our mission and he shared a testimony. Click to watch



Thank you to all those who have dedicated their time and service during the Preparation, and in the ten days of Proclamation. We have tilled the soil and planted the seed: our partnering churches will do the watering and weeding (Preservation). We entrust everyone we have encountered, everyone we have worked with, and everyone who has yet to hear the Gospel, into the hands of the Lord of the Harvest!

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