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## From The Founder

Our very dear Friends and Supporters in Christ,

I am privileged to have been asked to do this end-of-year letter to you, and I do so with joy and thanksgiving for what has been an excellent year for the AESA Ministry. Although this ministry has focused mainly on Johannesburg this year, nevertheless our amazing Foxfire team has ministered around the country in KZN, Mpumalanga and Limpopo, and beyond our borders in Eswatini (Swaziland) and Botswana. They reached, engaged with and addressed over 40 000 youngsters, and over 11 000 professed commitment to Christ. This is really wonderful, and my dream is to see a Foxfire Team in every major city of South Africa. It really could and should happen. But there is expansion next year insofar as we are starting a Foxfire team in Eswatini (Swaziland). I am very excited about this. There are chances too that next year the groundwork will be laid for a team in Johannesburg.

I only share all this because I am excited about the South African ministry, and I long to see it expand significantly if the Lord would give us resources. Maybe one of you out there receiving this letter might find yourself saying, "you know what, I would really love to put up the seed money for a new Foxfire team". What a rich and fruitful investment that would be!

I am also very excited that our Bonginkosi ministry has really taken off in a new way under the shared leadership of Londeka Gasa and Linda Grant. They are two real champions and I praise the Lord for them.

Some good ministry still carries on at the AE Centre, although this is more of a struggle and needs lots of prayer and help. But I was greatly encouraged when I was there the other day and a lady, there for a conference, said to me, "this place is absolutely amazing and we have scores of testimonies of marvelous things God has done for people here."

I am very thankful that our great SA Team Leader, Theuns Pauw, has been able, after 7 very demanding years in the ministry, to take a few months of sabbatical break. He, Charlene and their family are away traveling with their camping trailer and having what I know is a very restoring time. I am personally very thankful for Theuns' extensive gifts of preaching, teaching, admin, and finance. He is also immensely motivated and committed, and he works like a Trojan to keep the ministry on the road and advancing on many fronts. He will be back in April next year, and we wish all the Lord's blessings on him and his family during this time.

Friends, I must say a word about finances. Our testimony of the Lord's faithfulness in this arena is really great, and our God has not let us down. Nor have you. But we sail very close to the wind, and sometimes it is really nerve-wracking trying to meet all our obligations. I think we are down at the moment quite a bit. So won't you please consider an extra-special Christmas gift of thanksgiving for the past year and investment into the new year. We need this and we surely need you as the Lord's servants to help us meet this need. And the beauty of investing into a work like ours is that the consequences are not merely temporal for the here and now, but eternal for all that's to come after we all go to be with the Lord. Indeed there is no greater privilege, and certainly nothing of greater importance, than bringing people, thousands of them, young and old, to the Lord.

So now with Christmas upon us, we remind ourselves that part of the *Good Tidings* is that God is in charge of history and is sovereign as he moves this tired, old, and troubled planet towards its consummation in the Second Coming of Christ our Lord and Saviour; All of that made the angels sing at that first Christmas. No wonder it makes all of us who trust Christ also sing.

So may you go singing and praising Him from now, through Christmas, and until the end of your days.

Much love in Christ,

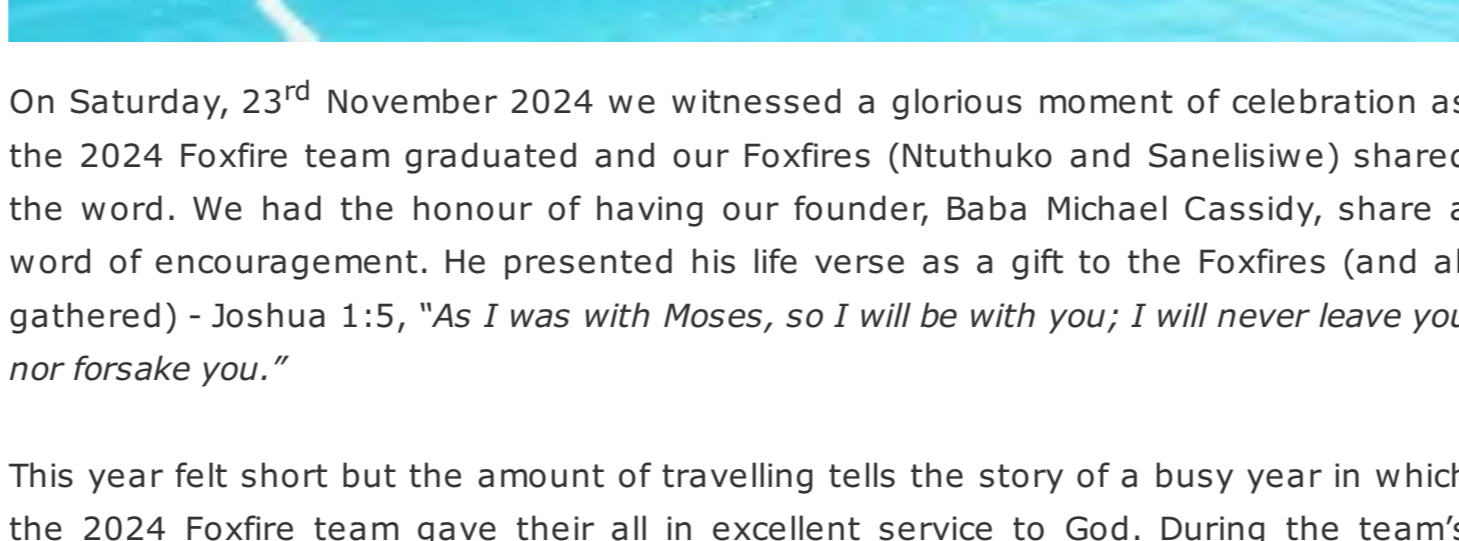
**Michael, Carol, the Pauws, and all of us at AE**

Word

## Foxfire News

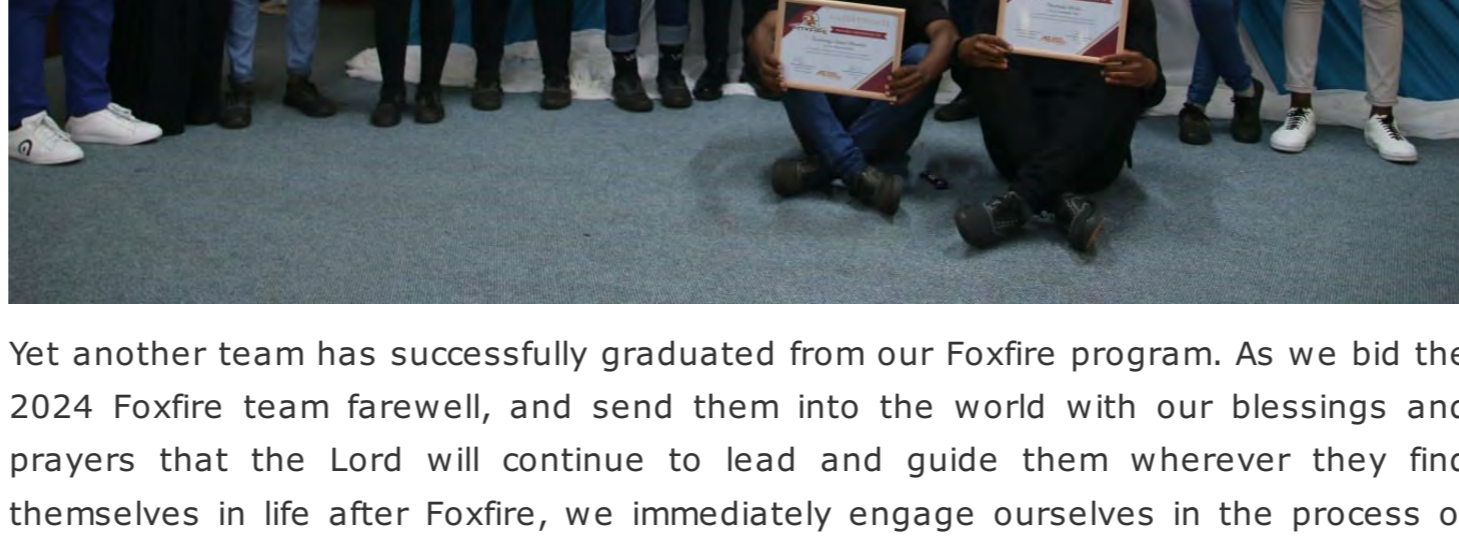
Greetings AE Family

What a privilege it has been to witness growth and impact in the lives of our Foxfire youth team. Some reflection taken from the time away during retreat told a story of restoration, and purpose driven thinking, and total forgiveness that needed to take place in their lives. Giving a year of their lives transformed their way of life and thinking – it set them apart for life.



On Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 we witnessed a glorious moment of celebration as the 2024 Foxfire team graduated and our Foxfires (Nuthuko and Saneliswe) shared the word. We had the honour of having our founder, Baba Michael Cassidy, share a word of encouragement. He presented his life verse as a gift to the Foxfires (and all gathered) - Joshua 1:5, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."

This year felt short but the amount of travelling tells the story of a busy year in which the 2024 Foxfire team gave their all in excellent service to God. During the team's presentation on Foxfire activities for the year, they shared the year's statistics on their ministry engagements. The total number of people reached through Foxfire ministry in 2024 is 41 878, and total decisions are 11 432. We take time to bless each and every one who stood by our side and prayed, gave support in all different forms or shares, and the ministry partners who continuously trust our Foxfire's with opportunities to share the word.



Yet another team has successfully graduated from our Foxfire program. As we bid the 2024 Foxfire team farewell, and send them into the world with our blessings and prayers that the Lord will continue to lead and guide them wherever they find themselves in life after Foxfire, we immediately engage ourselves in the process of recruitment for the 2025 Foxfire team. Applicants are officially closed and we are currently conducting interviews. Please keep us in your prayers for discernment from the Holy Spirit to select those whom God has already chosen for Foxfire ministry next year.

As we get ready for Christmas and all the celebration that takes place during this time, Christmas doesn't exist without Christ. Christ is a gift for us all. Share the good news of the gift that comes with Christmas. God loved us so much that he gave. Remember to give yourself to a good course.

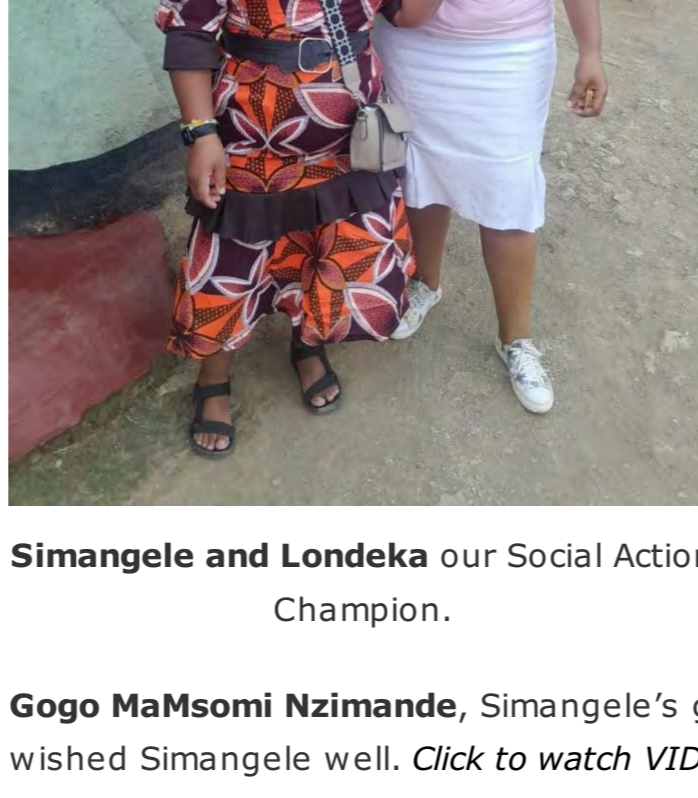
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## Community Transformation News

We've done it again! Brought hope and showed love to our superwoman who is eager to share the skill and bring hope in her community.

**Simangele Nzimande**, originally from Bulwer, came to the city Pietermaritzburg for better opportunities in terms of work, while she was struggling to find work, she found Ngezandazethu, our sewing and fashion design community transformation project. One amongst 30 learners in the Class of 2023, Simangele applied herself diligently to learn the arts of sewing and fashion design and excelled in the course and won the Best Designer award at the 2023 Graduation. Such is her passion to learn and improve, that she volunteered to assist the Project Administrator this year, seizing the opportunity to learn even more as she aspires to become a trainer herself and to take this skills development idea and 'plant it in her community' back in Bulwer.



**Simangele and Londeka** our Social Action Champion.

**Gogo MaMsomi Nzimande**, Simangele's grandmother, expressed her gratefulness and wished Simangele well. Click to watch VIDI!  
"My Name is MaMsomi Nzimande, I would like to say thank you for all these gifts that Simangele has washed for. Now that everything is here, she can start to do the work she loves the most. Thank you to everyone who made this possible."

We are proud of Simangele's achievements and support this courageous and progressive woman, praying that she will be successful and that she will make a positive impact on others in turn.

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## Partnership Development News

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing and generous support to African Enterprise through your monthly donations. Your commitment to this cause is not only a blessing to us, but it is also making an incredible difference in the lives of countless individuals across Africa. Through your partnership, we are able to share the love of Christ, offer hope, and build lasting change in communities that need it most. The impact of your gift ripples far beyond what you can see, helping to transform lives and create a future of hope for many.

As we continue to move forward in this important mission, we are reminded of the beautiful truth from 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Your cheerful and faithful giving is a true reflection of your love for God and for those in need, and we are so grateful for your heart to serve.

Please know that every donation you make is an integral part of our shared journey to bring change to Africa, and to spread the Gospel to the remotest regions of the continent. Your partnership enables us to be the hands and feet of Christ in ways that are truly life-changing, and we could not do this without you.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity. We are praying for you, and we thank God for you every day.

With deep gratitude and blessing,

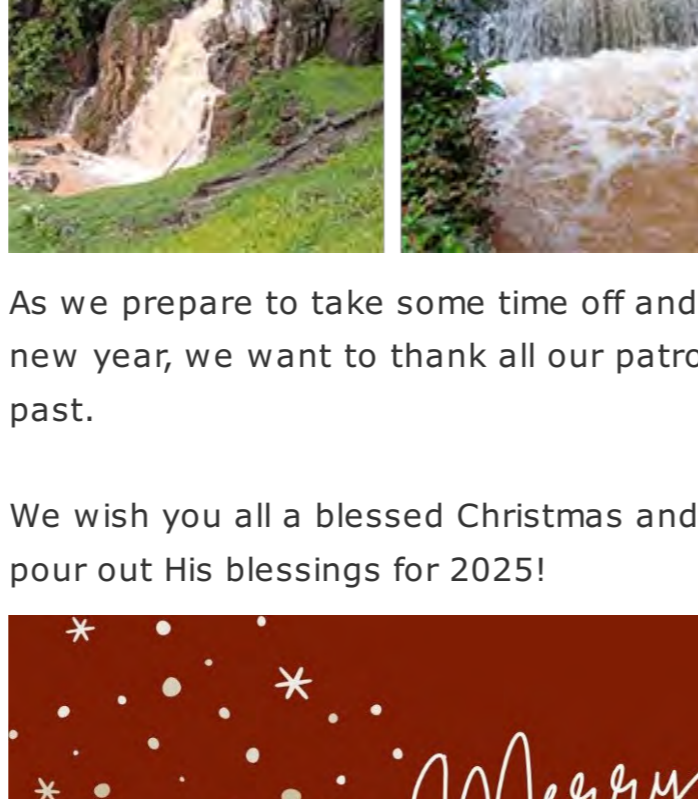
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## Centre News

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Goodbye 2024...wherever has this year gone?

It has been another financially challenging year for The Centre but we continue to trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and He will make your paths straight.' PROVERBS 3:5-6. For it is only by his grace that we have been able to see the year through.



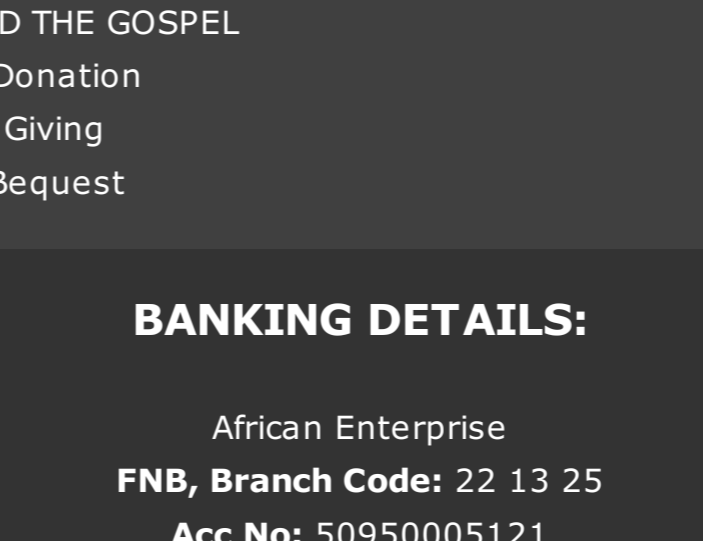
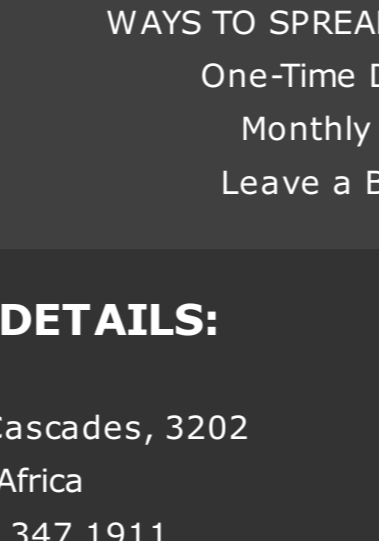
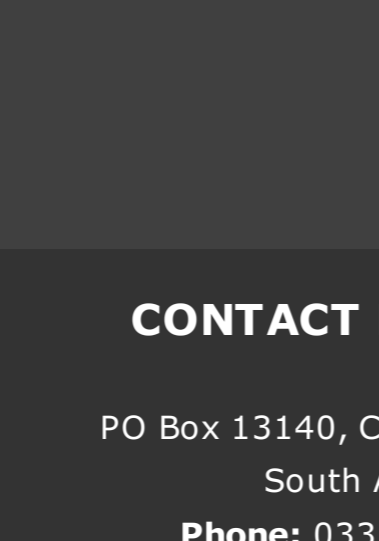
We rode out the recent challenges of ten days of power outage after a tree in the valley crashed to the ground snapping all three powerlines off their respective connections to the transformer on our property; then again, a three-day outage a week ago when another branch caused similar damage.



It is only in these circumstances that we realise how much we take for granted. Our amazing maintenance team worked tirelessly to clear away the thicket across the valley, creating a pathway for easy access to relay cables, then assisted with the relaying of all three cables. Well done team! Our grateful thanks to those of our patrons who shared these 'powerless' periods with us. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

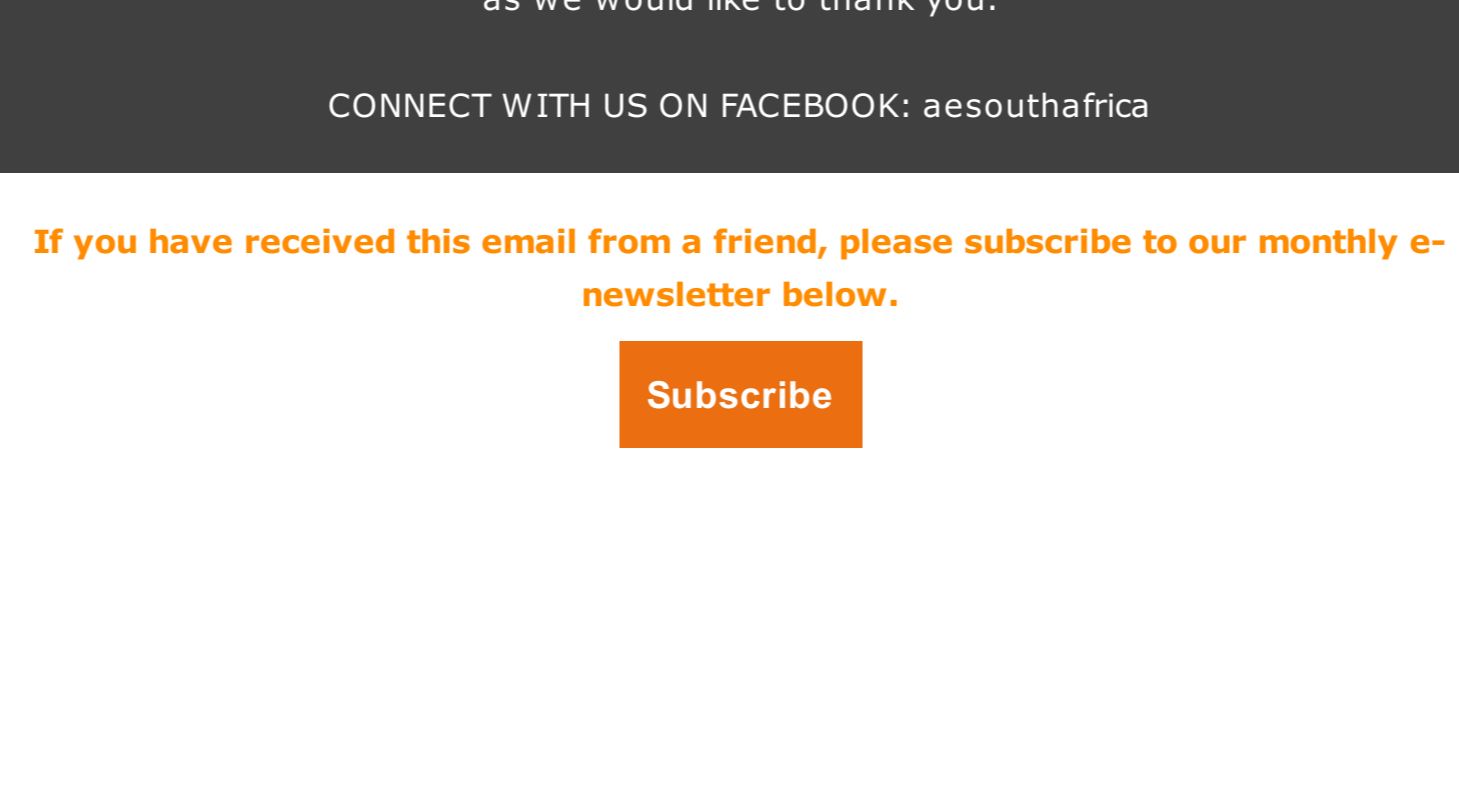
Whilst storms wreaked havoc with our power supply, the rains descended the waterfalls to follow, the river to rev with renewed energy, and our gardens and grounds to spring into rejuvenated life.

For the beauty of the Earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies, Lord of all to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise



As we prepare to take some time off and refresh ourselves so that we can take on the new year, we want to thank all our patrons for supporting us through 2024 and years past.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas and may the Lord grant you renewed energy and pour out His blessings for 2025!



**Merry Christmas**  
From our family to yours  
AFRICAN ENTERPRISE

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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](mailto: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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