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From The Team Leader

Dear friends,

I hope you are all doing exceptionally well!

I am back at the office and well rested, after my sabbatical leave!

My sabbatical goals were indeed simply to Rest, Reconnect (with family and friends), Read and Reflect...and I feel like I accomplished those.

As evangelists we emphasise and focus on the "Go" of Matt 28:19, but there is also a time where we must "Come" to Jesus...

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

There needs to be an exchange...laying down of our yokes, and then yoking with the Lord. Oftentimes we are exhausted because we are carrying yokes that we are not meant to be carrying, or we are not yoked with the Lord!

Too many people in ministry (but also other vocations), burn out, because they are carrying loads (or aspects thereof) that the Lord didn't specifically ask them to carry. The popular saying comes to mind, "a good idea, is not always a God idea", and then the timing is also vital, "the right thing at the wrong time, is the wrong thing!"

I once saw a statistic, that in the USA, the average "lifespans" in ministry is only 12 years, due to burnout. This is why an extended time of rest (before burnout) can really be a lifesaver, because you have time and breathing space to reflect on your yoke and what adjustments need to be made so that you can finish the race (stronger)!

My sabbatical was such a lifesaver, and Michael Cassidy (our Founder), testifies of the same experience with his sabbaticals. So, I encourage each of you, to also consider your yokes, and be intentional about scheduling extended times of rest, and also to challenge your spiritual leaders to do likewise!
I am so grateful to all of our financial partners, prayer warriors and co-workers for the continued support of the ministry during my absence and also now as we journey through 2025...we couldn't do it without you!

Much love,

Theuns Pauw

CEO | AE South Africa

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30 MAY 2025

10:00 - 11:30

 **Cape Town location**
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To all our Friends and long-standing Supporters in Cape Town...you are officially invited to a meet and greet, and an appreciation tea, with our Founder, Dr Michael Cassidy, and CEO, Theuns Pauw.

Don't miss this chance to connect and partner with us as we take the Gospel of Good News to the cities of Africa!

To RSVP (no later than 26th May) or for further information contact **DANICA** danica@ae.org.za / 033-3471911 (Option 0)

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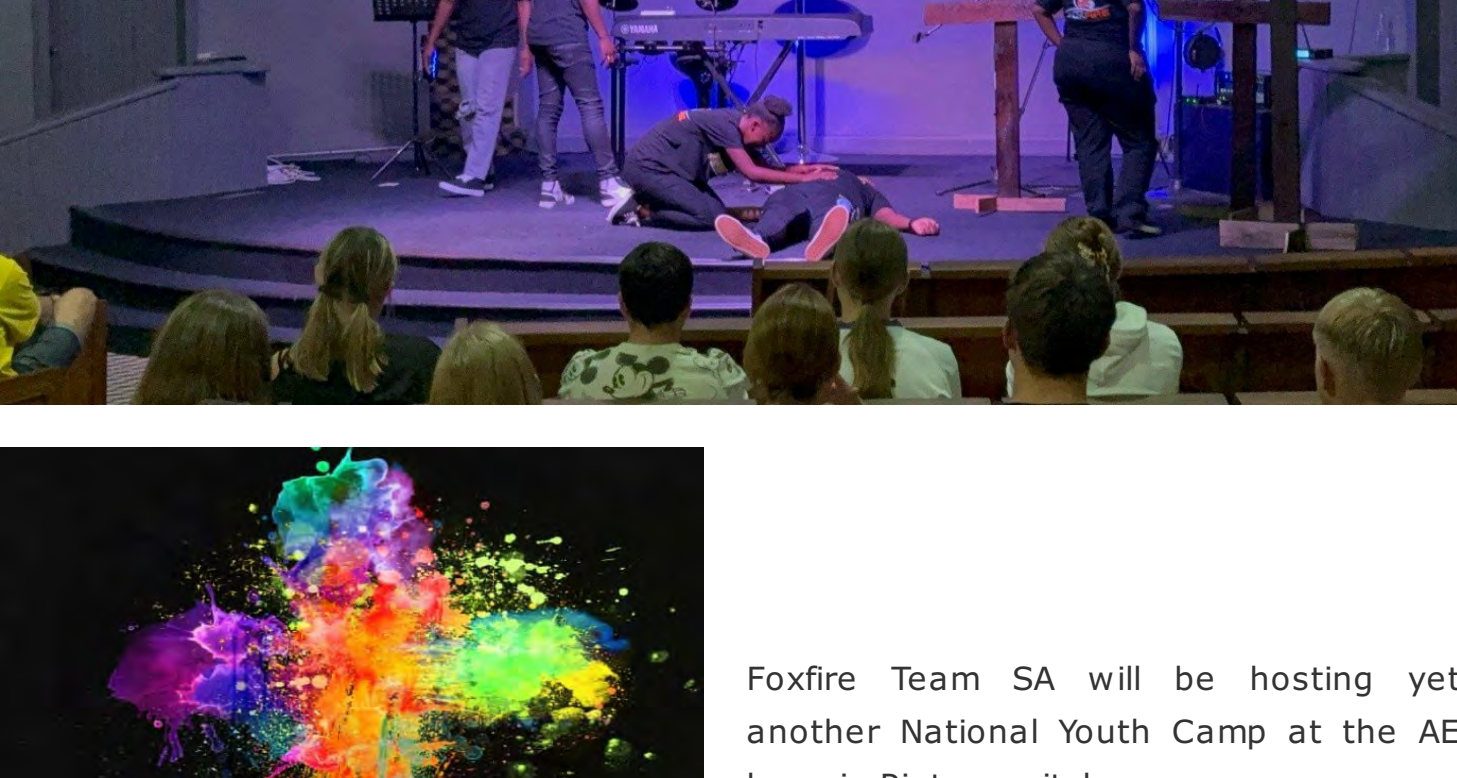
Foxfire News

Dear AE Family,

We are so excited to announce that our Foxfire 2025 team has now been commissioned. Our Commissioning ceremony took place on Saturday, 12th April 2025 at African Enterprise (AE) and we were so honoured to have our Founder (Dr Michael Cassidy), our Team Leader (Theuns Pauw) and our Foxfire Manager (Zwell Sokhela) commission the team.



Our team is currently in Limpopo at Jabulani Africa Ministries (JAM) until the end of April, where they will be ministering as well as receiving Pointman Leadership training.





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FREE (R1000) Transport from your nearest SDA Chapter/Church/Your school

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL DR DAN GRAY


Foxfire Team SA will be hosting yet another National Youth Camp at the AE base in Pietermaritzburg.

We invite churches to send their youth leaders for a time of refreshing and rejuvenating; gathering with likeminded leaders for the sake of advancing the Kingdom and reaching more young people.

Check out the details on our poster!

Applications for our 2026 Foxfire program are now open!!!

For more information, please contact me on 033 795 3746 or email: zsokhela@ae.org.za



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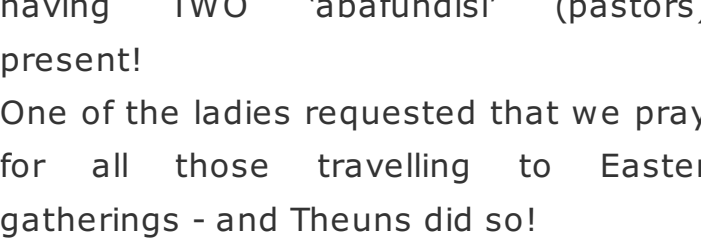
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Community Transformation News

BONGINKOSI NEWS

A generous donation of Easter eggs for Bonginkosi from Maritzburg College Boys prompted us to visit our friends in Sweetwaters yesterday and share some Easter treats. It was the happiest of mornings as we took the opportunity to wish our Bonginkosi community a very blessed Easter and share the unparalleled love of the Risen Christ with them as Easter approached.



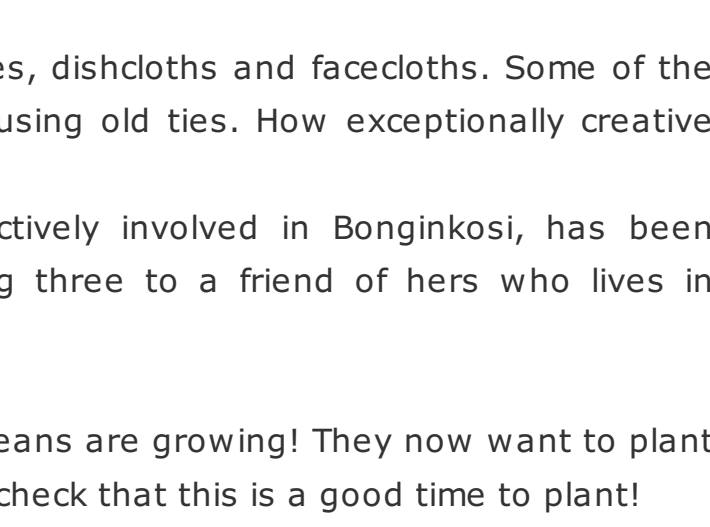
Bandile Ngubo (AE Evangelist) was an able and effective translator, adding his drama to it all.

He modelled an apron too!

The Bonginkosi folk felt very important having TWO 'abafundisi' (pastors) present!

One of the ladies requested that we pray for all those travelling to Easter gatherings - and Theuns did so!

AE Team leader, Theuns Pauw, freshly back from Sabbatical, shared a powerful message, whilst getting some of the folk up to participate and role play as he spoke! It was wonderful and the response, GREAT!



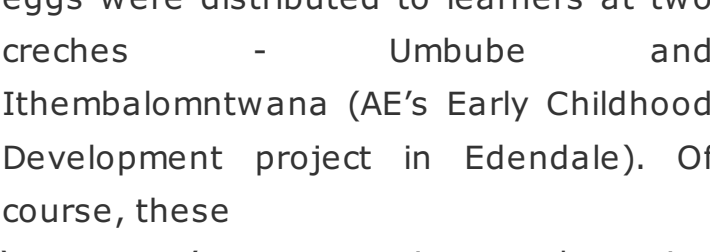
The craft work continues - aprons, pinaforns, dishcloths and facecloths. Some of the aprons are reversible and one was made using old ties. How exceptionally creative these ladies are!

Linda Grant, AE Board member who is actively involved in Bonginkosi, has been marketing the aprons far and wide, selling three to a friend of hers who lives in Australia.

The garden champions assure us that the beans are growing! They now want to plant cabbage and potato seeds. We will have to check that this is a good time to plant!

The Easter eggs went down VERY well, particularly as there were lots of toddlers and children accompanying their mums and grandmothers! We also gave everyone a packet of nutritious yellow Truda mealie meal. Old newspapers donated by Carol Cassidy and the Church of Ascension were very gratefully received. These are always welcome and are used for multiple purposes as are discarded spice bottles. A couple of ladies have a thriving business decanting basic spices into spice bottles and selling at a profit.

The extra packets of porridge and Easter eggs were distributed to learners at two crèches - Umhlabu and Thembalomtwana (AE's Early Childhood Development project in Edendale). Of course, these 'younguns' were ecstatic to each receive several Easter eggs.



The Church of Ascension (Hilton) donated altar candles to the Sweetwaters Church, much to the delight of the members.

We remain so grateful for all your support and for your prayers. We know our Lord hears them and goes before and with us - know that we pray for you too, regularly.

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Partnership Development News

Grateful for You, Especially in This Sacred Season

As we've just come out of the Passover season - a time of deep reflection and remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us - we are reminded not only of His immeasurable love, but also of the blessings He continues to pour into our lives through faithful hearts like yours.

We recently witnessed a beautiful example of sacrificial giving and God's provision. When the AE Conference Centre's tumble dryer 'packed up' and there was urgent need for an industrial dryer, Gavin, our Centre Manager, felt the Lord prompting him to send out a simple appeal in our monthly Newsletter. In obedience, he did, trusting that God would make a way. Within a day of the circulation of our April Newsletter, one of our long-standing prayer and financial supporters, and one fairly new supporter, responded with financial assistance significant enough for us to purchase a brand-new machine. It was a timely answer to prayer, and a powerful reminder of how God moves through willing hearts.



Our brand spanking new Speed Queen dryer has been installed and our staff are all trained and oh, so grateful to our donors for their generosity.

This is just one of many moments that reflect the incredible impact of your faithfulness. Because of your ongoing support, we are able to continue the work God has entrusted to us sharing the Gospel, discipling believers, and being a light in our communities.

We do not take your partnership lightly. Every prayer, every gift, every act of generosity is seen, valued, and deeply appreciated. Thank you for walking with us in faith and in purpose.

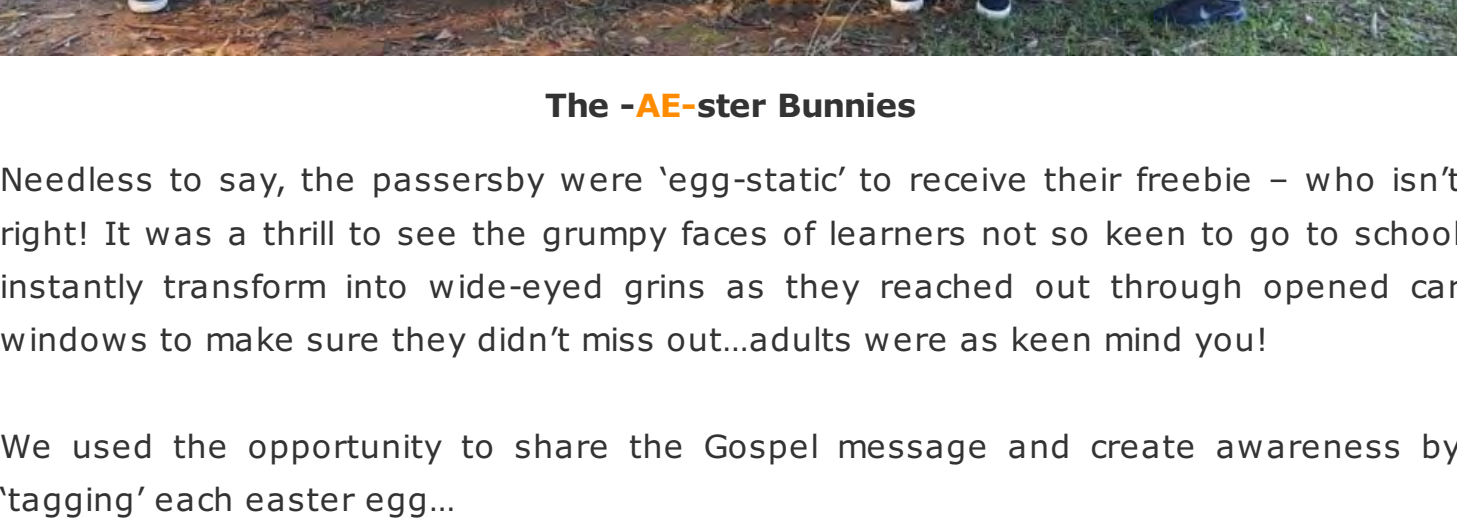
With heartfelt thanks,

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Team News

AE-STER-EGGING' AROUND!

In the spirit of sharing Easter love, our team braved the chilly morning of Monday, 17th April to swarm the intersection of Town-bush Road and Montgomery Drive (Pietermaritzburg) during peak hours of morning traffic, armed with marshmallow easter eggs to share with the passersby.



The -AE-ster Bunnies

Needless to say, the passersby were 'egg-static' to receive their freebie - who isn't right! It was a thrill to see the grumpy faces of learners not so keen to go to school instantly transform into wide-eyed grins as they reached out through opened car windows to make sure they didn't miss out...adults were as keen mind you!

We used the opportunity to share the Gospel message and create awareness by 'tagging' each easter egg...



JOHN 3:16
For God so Loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER
REDEEMED BY THE CROSS
ALIVE IN HIS LOVE



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whilst our Foxies ministered in dance and drama, to the encore of honking horns and waving hands.

It was indeed a beautiful morning of reminding everyone that the Cross is not the end of the story, but the beginning of Redemption!...click to watch vid!

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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



Thankful

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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