

# African Horizons

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Greetings dear partners in the faith,

Recently, American voters showed their frustration with the Bush regime when they voted Barack Obama into power, but can a politician transform the moral essence of humanity? In spite of an estimated Christian population of 80%, our nation does not reflect the characteristics of Kingdom people and if we want to see a brighter future for our nation, we need to invest substantially into the equipping of future generations for the work of the ministry in order to evangelise and disciple the youth, in our goal to become a godly nation. (Ephesians 4:12) If this does not happen, we could find ourselves in the atmosphere prevalent in the season of the Judges of the Old Testament “*in those days Israel had no king and everyone did as he saw fit...*” (Judges 21:25).

I was so enthused by Arch Bishop Henry Orombi's recent discourse on the East African Revival, which had four major consequences for Ugandan national life:

- It brought multi tribal, multi cultural and multi lingual unity and reconciliation
- It elevated the status of women
- It improved economic productivity as people worked harder and more cooperatively.
- It united church leaders who became a testimony.

I believe God can do the same for our nation if we, His People, would only yield completely to Him and believe that little becomes much when placed in the hands of the Master. If God were to initiate a revival geared towards youth and young adults, they could in turn have a great impact on children and older adults. I believe God is calling for more Kingdom financiers so that organisations like AE can continue expanding and upgrading the effectiveness of youth and young adult ministry through programmes such as the Foxfires, and University and Citywide Missions.

I trust that the reports and testimonies of the Foxfire ministry in this month's publication will encourage and inspire you to continue and expand your partnership with us towards the goal of building a righteous nation. I pray this passage for your personal and family life, the church you are connected to and for ministries like AE: “*Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left...*” (Isa 54:2-3a).

Grace and Peace,

Greg Smerdon  
(AE Team Leader)

Cover Picture: Chapel dam at AE Centre, Pietermaritzburg

*Foxfires • DSE workshop • Renewal Conference • India*

## Youth Day with the Foxfires

The KZN Foxfire team had a busy Youth day, participating in two events in two different cities. They were first invited to join the Chatsworth Christian fellowship Youth day event in Durban, where they joined in the celebrations, performed some of their high energy dances and had an opportunity to interact one-on-one with many of the young people who attended the event.



Later in the day, the team headed back to Pietermaritzburg where they took part in a Youth Day celebration at the Gathering Grounds in Northdale. This gathering was aimed at uniting the churches of Northdale, and surrounding areas and having a day of fellowship, fun, games and ministry. The crowd of approximately 1000, heard Foxfire Sinokuhle share a very relevant word for Youth Day. Then Alisia shared her testimony and the team did two dances. Many were touched by the presentation and came afterwards to speak to the team.



All the Foxfire teams then headed for Joburg to take part in the Confederations Cup Sports ministry conference

and outreach. They ministered at Leeukop Prison, Akani children's home and the Ebenezer Bible church, as well as taking part in some Sports ministry in Pimville, Soweto. In each of these places, the Foxfires danced or performed a drama, shared the Word and some of their testimonies. And in each place the work of the Holy Spirit was in evidence as young people were touched and came forward to receive Jesus.

The Foxfires prayed for one young woman who had been struggling with great anger towards a family member. She said when they prayed, she felt the power of the Holy Spirit come upon her and experienced an instant release. A member of the TUG team also testified to the wonderful servant heart and humble but enthusiastic attitude displayed by the Foxfires as they assisted with various aspects of the conference.



AE is in urgent need of housing for the 4 Foxfire teams in Joburg, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Pietermaritzburg. If you know of a house in any of these cities that is for sale or rent, please contact us.

## Birthday Blessings for AE

Long-standing friend and supporter of AE, Peggy White, (pictured right), recently celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family. Peggy came up with a creative and generous way to celebrate this landmark day in her life, by asking all her friends and family members to give a donation towards African Enterprise in lieu of a birthday gift. Her generous request resulted in a gift of R2060 towards the work of the ministry. Thank you so much, Peggy and from all of us here at AE, CONGRATULATIONS on your 90th birthday. May God continue to bless you for many years to come.



# DSE Programme Workshop



Mbulelo Hina explains a point

Mbulelo Hina, Director of AE's Diploma in Social Empowerment Programme, recently facilitated a morning workshop at the SLOT (School Leaver's Opportunity Training) centre in Edendale.

An enthusiastic group of young people came together to listen and to learn, and it was encouraging to see their passion and interest.

Group discussion time allowed them to consider their own roles in their communities as well as their ideas of what a community leader should look like. This resulted in many questions and comments, all adding to the interactive atmosphere of the workshop.

One participant, Mandla, shared afterwards how encouraged and motivated he felt by the workshop, and said he would definitely be contacting African Enterprise to find out more about participating in the

programme. He is presently involved in Lifeskills training with Grade 7 learners and said he could see that the skills he would gain on the DSE course would expand his vision and abilities in the work he is passionate about.

The workshop was set up at the invitation of Siyabonga Msomi, who is currently participating in the DSE programme, and who also works at SLOT as an area coordinator and camp manager.

Siyabonga grew up in Durban, where he lived with his grandmother. He has a passion for young people and orphans in particular, and on moving to Pietermaritzburg a few years ago, wanted to study Social Development at UKZN, but discovered that he was too late to enrol at the university.

He heard about the DSE course while working at SLOT and decided to enrol in the programme.

Siyabonga has completed 7 of the 11 modules and has found them enormously beneficial in the work he is currently doing at SLOT. He feels that he particularly benefitted from the modules on Community Research and Surveying, as well as the module on Introduction to Community Development.

These have helped him to engage well with the community he works in, to understand their needs and to convey these to donors. He also feels the DSE programme has given him greater self-confidence. Siyabonga's vision for the future is to head up an organisation working to improve the lives of young people and the skills he has learned on the DSE programme will surely help him to achieve this goal.



Siyabonga Msomi



A participant asks a question



Discussion Group

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Pray for the Missions team as they complete the set up for the Emalaheni/Witbank citywide mission (25 Oct - 1 Nov) and for financial provision for the mission.

Thank you to all who donated generously to our University Missions Appeal. If you would still like to donate to the appeal, please call Pinky on 033 347 7023.

Please pray that the Lord will still continue his faithful provision for the kingdom work of African Enterprise during these times of economic recession.

Please pray for: Durban University of Technology, Pretoria University & UKZN (Westville campus) as each one considers hosting a mission.

# Renewal, Revival & Moral Regeneration Conference



The AE Leadership Training Centre recently held a conference on Renewal, Revival and Moral Regeneration. Conference speakers were Archbishop Henry Orombi of Uganda (*pictured right*), Revd Nigel Jukes of Kloof Anglican Church, and Michael Cassidy, Founder of AE (*above left*).

had an influence in Uganda, in particular on society and national life; about the person and work of the Holy Spirit in bringing about revival, both personally and nationally; and how revival can transform the moral life of a nation. One delegate, Samuel Boesak from PE, said that what he learned had really stirred his inner being and would be of great value to his church, his community and society in general.



Delegates learned about the East African Revival; how that has



Michael, Bongani and Melisachew (above) welcomed by leaders of Mission India, Drs Chiri and Kamela Chiranjeevi, Hyderabad; and at the Indian Gate in New Delhi (below)



## Christian growth research trip to India

Michael Cassidy, Bongani Dlomo (AELTC Programme team) and Melisachew Mesfin (AEE Ethiopia Team Leader and a wonderful discipler of over 14000 young people in 100 cities and towns in Ethiopia), recently returned from India, where they investigated how it is that the Indian church has managed to grow from 15 million to 75 million in 12 - 15 years. The two-week tour resulted in hundreds of pages of notes and many hours of recorded interviews and dictation. It is hoped that this large volume of material can be put into DVD's and Powerpoints summarising what they learned, so that this in turn can be taught to "faithful persons (in the AE ministry and beyond), *who can teach others also.*" (Cf. 2 Tim 2:2)

Commenting on the tour, Michael said: "***The secrets of the Indian church lie in the prayerful, faithful, courageous, and purposeful proclamation of a supernatural Christ and the biblical Gospel in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. The church undertakes intensive training of Master Trainers and Trainers, for maximum multiplication, and guided, tracked and evaluated chain reaction. Every prayer cell is a church in the making, every church is growing, holistically committed, well-administered and itself a Bible school. And every believer is an effective, Spirit-empowered witness.***" A fuller report on the Indian tour soon available on: [www.africanenterprise.org.za](http://www.africanenterprise.org.za)

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