

AE IVANGELI

SEPTEMBER 2009



Greetings dear Partners in the Faith.

Please receive these words of appreciation for your longstanding partnership with African Enterprise in proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Recently I was challenged concerning the biblical accuracy of my prayer life. This self-evaluation was inspired by Andrew Wommack's book; "*A Better Way to Pray*". It suddenly dawned upon me that in my quest to be more like Jesus I have inaccurately prayed the prayer "*create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit in me*" without carefully considering that this was an Old Testament prayer, prayed prior to Calvary. New Testament believers are redeemed by Christ, in full, as illustrated by the Hebrews writer: "*Because by one sacrifice He has made perfect, forever those who are being made holy...*" (Heb 10:14). Thus, our longing to be more like Christ has been fully accomplished in our spirit being and we are on a faith journey towards aligning our soul and body with the finished work of Christ.

Perhaps the way we pray needs to be re-visited, and we could possibly pray in a manner such as: "*Thank you Lord for making me perfect, I ask that by the power of your Holy Spirit you enable me to walk in this transformed life*", as opposed to repeatedly asking Jesus to do what He has already done for us. With evangelism being AE's primary calling, my revisiting the way I pray has re-kindled my awareness of the awesome power available to every non-believer who finds himself overtaken by the sins of the world. Through repentance he or she can be radically transformed by entering into a relationship with the living Lord.

Your financial and prayer investment has provided the means for us to unleash this radical message with its incredible accompanying benefits of freedom from bondage to sin, emotional and physical healing, restored relationships, resources to live and to bless others and most importantly, eternal life! For this thank you, thank you a hundred times over, thank you!

Grace and peace in Christ's care

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg".

GREG SMERDON
AE SA TEAM LEADER

Background photo: AE entrance gates

Mission to Monrovia, Liberia



Top: Emmanuel Kopwe leads a session during the Training of Trainers workshop.

Above: The large group of pastors who gathered at the Lutheran church for the training workshop

The Pan African Mission Team and the AE Reconciliation department have been pouring their efforts and energies into preparation and training for the Pan African Mission to Liberia which takes place from 15th to 22nd November this year.

Songe Chibambo, Pan African Missions director, has made 3 visits to the city this year, where, along with Emmanuel Kopwe and others, the team has hosted a number of pre-mission workshops and training sessions, including two excellent workshops on **Spiritual Warfare** and on **Trauma, Healing and Reconciliation**. Songe's latest visit was to participate in a **Training of Trainers** workshop aimed at equipping local church leaders to train believers to evangelise and also disciple new converts.

A diverse group of 200 pastors with city-wide influence and leadership skills, representing many denominations and church organisations, gathered at the St Peter's Lutheran church for the training. The workshop was a great success and it is evident that God is at work in the city.

One of the major challenges facing the mission is the current world economic crisis which has meant that many donors are unable to continue their contributions to the cause of mission. Additionally, the cost of travelling to Liberia is extremely high. However, we at AE are trusting in the fact that kingdom work is not a part of the world economy, but a part of the Lord's economy. Please join us in prayer as we trust God to provide the finances for the mission.

AFM Leadership conference



Michael Cassidy was recently invited by Dr Isak Burger, President of the Apostolic Faith Mission, to address the church's National Leadership Forum during their meetings at Illovo Beach on 28 July 2009.

Michael was asked to speak on "**Living a holy life in a secular, materialistic, post-modern society**," and, judging by the response, his message, which focused on God's faithfulness and the leader's response, touched many of those present. In thanking Michael, Dr. Burger said that Michael's message was exactly what the leadership needed to hear at that time. Another delegate thanked Michael whose words he said: "...made a great impact on our meetings."

Michael was also delighted to re-establish contact with Rev. Frank Chikane, former Director General in the President's Office under President Mbeki, and whom Michael had not seen for several years.



Left above: Michael addresses the AFM National Leadership Forum.

Left below: Michael enjoys a renewed time of fellowship with Rev Frank Chikane.

Foxfires: Word & Deed

AE's mission is to evangelise the cities of Africa in both **WORD** and **DEED**, and the Foxfires' recent ministry in the Verulam area exemplifies our mission statement. In partnership with Crossroads ministry, one of the Foxfire teams spent time in the Madoni Tree informal settlement, where they laid aside their Bibles and took up picks, shovels and watering cans to show the love of Christ to the community in a practical way.

The first project they tackled was assisting with the preparation of a site for a church building. The ground needed levelling and foundation trenches needed to be

dug and the Foxfires were the men and women to do the job! The community is now awaiting the delivery of a load of bricks to complete the walls, and if these arrive within the next two weeks the Foxies will be back to help with the erection of the walls. The second project was to assist with clearing ground for a community vegetable garden, a backbreaking task, as there were many tree stumps which had to be uprooted. Team leader Aneil Manmohan led from the front, getting involved in digging and clearing, and also helped with watering seedlings in a section of the garden already planted.



*Top Left: Aneil helps water some seedlings
Bottom Left: Pupils respond to Thulani's preaching.*

*Top Right: Interior of church building
Centre right and bottom right: Foxfires get down to some hard levelling work
Centre: Clearing a tree stump*

Later in the same week, the Foxfires visited Nonhlevu Secondary School where they ministered the word of God to approximately 1400 pupils. Upon meeting the team, the school principle was initially sceptical about the abilities of such young men and women, but nevertheless allowed the Foxies to address the pupils. Foxfire Thulani spoke with boldness on the topic of HIV prevention and doing things the Jesus way, and his talk was met with an enormous and positive response from the many pupils. Afterwards, the school principle shared his amazement at the wisdom and boldness of such a young man, and he has invited the team to return to the school later in the year for another time of ministry.

Help us House our Foxies!



We would like to purchase a house for the Foxfires to use as office/home base in Cape Town. If you feel you would like to help fund the purchase, please contact Greg Smerdon .

Disability Sunday

30 August 2009

AE's ministry to people with disabilities (PWDs), **disAbility Connexion**, is promoting the celebration of a Disability Sunday in churches across South Africa. This year the day will be celebrated on 30 August and churches are being encouraged to include activities or teachings focused on the inclusion of people with disabilities in the life of the church.

With the help of the Leprosy Mission, Barbara Watt, coordinator of disAbility Connexion, has produced two pamphlets - one with Ideas and Suggestions for Churches to use as they participate in Disability Sunday, and the other with guidelines and tips related to making churches more accessible for those who have disabilities. Churches that would like copies of either of these brochures are encouraged to contact Barbara on 033 347 7005 or by email at bwatt@ae.org.za. We hope to make these available soon in pdf format for download from our website: www.africanenterprise.co.za

**disAbility
Connexion**

Connecting people with disabilities to themselves, to others and to the church.



Above: Barbara Watt shows the two pamphlets produced for churches participating in Disability Sunday on 30 August this

AE's Volunteer Intern Programme



Above: Australian intern Amy Webster had fun playing with some of the children at AE's Bonginkosi preschool ministry.

Did you know that AE has a **Volunteer Intern Programme**? The programme allows volunteers, both local and international, the opportunity to spend time serving God by working alongside the AESA team and also affords them the chance to learn about our beautiful country and what God is doing here. The programme is headed up by Tapfuma Musewe (Taps), who joined the AE team after a period as an intern himself. This year has seen interns from South Africa, USA and Australia spending between 1 week and 6 - 7 months getting involved in various aspects of the ministry. With the need to reduce administrative costs and steward our money wisely, AE works on a skeleton staff, so the efforts and involvement of volunteer interns are much needed and much appreciated. To find out more about the programme, contact Taps on 033 347 7025.

AE Bank Details

For Direct Deposits:

African Enterprise
First National Bank
Boom Street, PMB
Branch Code: 22 13 25
Account No: 509 5000 5121

CONTACT DETAILS



*"Evangelising the Cities of Africa
through word and deed in partnership
with the church"*

Address:
Box 13140, Cascades 3202,
Pietermaritzburg
Telephone: + 27 (0) 33 347 1911
Fax: +27 (0) 33 347 1915
E-mail: aesa@ae.org.za
Website:
www.africanenterprise.org.za

NB: Please remember to put your donor number or initial and surname on the deposit slip, and fax or post details to AESA.

NOTICE TO DONORS

Please Note: All donations to AE are acknowledged within 48 hours. However, occasionally we are unable to identify a direct deposit. If you have not received a "Thank you" for your donations, please let Sandra know on: spillay@ae.org.za
Thank you to any anonymous donors.