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Inter-Ethnic Evangelical Mission

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Nico van Zyl Ufollo.net and SAAWE 08/12/2016



1. African Pastors Conferences (APC)

Since August I have served as the Acting Conference Manager of African Pastors Conferences. APC is a ministry from Birchleigh Baptist Church and has been a ministry since 2006 of this church. I have prayed for this ministry for more than three years. Each year some conferences have grown. More than 50, mostly two-day conferences, are planned for 2017. This year there were about 45. We have a bookroom in Midrand with books we get from the USA and the U.K. from different publishers at huge discounted prices. The conferences aim to reach poor uneducated and untrained pastors around Africa and to give them good teaching and good Reformed books and Commentaries at low costs. I have read some of the books. They are really of good quality. We get books from well-known authors such as R.C Sproul, John Piper, Peter Masters, Stuart Olyott, Sinclair Ferguson, John Owen, John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards and many Puritan Publications.





Some books that we sell:

We usually get different speakers to lecture at the different conferences, many from Zambia, some from Kenya, some from South African and some from the UK and USA. Our theme for September 2016/2017 is the Biblical Pastor. Most of the Conferences are held in South Africa and others in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, Botswana, Lesotho and we hope to have a few in Tanzania and Ghana in 2017 as well. We always need a sales person to help with the books. We have a good system on a computer that a missionary (Roland Seiler) developed that helps with the sales. The job of the manager is to handle the money, liaise with the local organizers, do the driving, pack and unpack books, do some of the lectures, make announcements at the conferences and recommend books amongst other things. Please pray that God would supply enough funds to continue these much-needed conferences in Africa and that His Name be glorified. The past four months we had four conferences in Malawi as well as conferences in Bloemfontein, Queenstown, East London, Estcort, Soweto, Dayveton, Bhokhota, Empangeni, Mseleni and Maseru. The number of delegates the past four months at the conferences fluctuated between 18-60. At each conference, the delegates with Bible teaching positions receive three free books and a few tracts and/or a Reformation Today magazine. Our website with many of the audio lectures can be found at www.africanpastorsconferences.org. We need funds for this much-needed ministry, and if God so leads you to help sponsor a conference please contact me.



APC in Mzimba, Malawi



Delegates in Estcort

2. Welamlambo Baptist Mission

Because of financial constraints, we at Birchleigh Baptist Church have decided to close down the venue in Tembisa. The Kids Ministry KGM and the High School ministry will continue next year, God willing. Two of the full-time workers in Tembisa have decided to move from Kempton Park. Jenni Meyer who served God in Tembisa among the primary school children for eight years is going to serve God at Petra Ministries. Herman and his family moved to Port Shepstone and is busy ministering there in the schools and townships. See the full report on Tembisa: www.interethnicmissions.net/2016-newsletters/

I have made a video of the work in Tembisa. It can be viewed here: www.interethnicmissions.net/videos/



A Bible study at a High School in Tembisa.



Another Bible Study in Tembisa

I heard encouraging news from a teenager at Izithikeni High School a few months ago that God used a sermon I preached last year to convict him of his sins. Other teenagers asked me to pray for them. Others asked questions about the Bible e.g. "What happens to people who have never heard the gospel and die?" After I had prayed for two persons who didn't have jobs, Juliet and Thomas, God gave them jobs within days, and they came back the next meetings to say thanks!



A well attended Bible study in Tembisa



Two faithful Matrics coming to B. Study

3. Ministry at Baptist and Dutch Reformed and other churches

I have continued to preach several times at Birchleigh Baptist Church, the Afrikaanse Baptiste Kerk and Birchleigh NG Kerk the last four months. I have preached at an Evangelical church in Durban, at a Zionist church near Queenstown and twice in Malawi at the Reformation Bible Church in Lilongwe while we were on an APC run. In future on the APC runs, I will have many more opportunities to preach at different churches as God opens the door. May God use these times to edify and strengthen his church!

4. Internet Ministry with GMO and Truthstransform

I am still busy with Global Media Outreach. I have been working with them for over four years now on a part-time basis. Stacy Varghese from the USA came to South Africa to meet some of the online missionaries here, and we had a little ceremony in Centurion whereby we received acknowledgment and recognition for our work. Some of the questions and comments I have received from enquirers over the last few months on the GMO website were: "How do I know the call of God?"; "I want to come back to God." A man writes "I am still in Malaysia. Waiting for the interview to register as a refugee in the UNHCR. It's stressful. Only having God could me survive. He won't leave His children. Plz, pray for me to go somewhere to be used by the Lord. There are millions of Muslim refugees around the world hungry and thirsty for the gospel. I can communicate with them without language barriers. But first, I need to be able to leave Malaysia" "How can I pray earnestly without distractions from the inside?" A man from Kenya writes "Am a Christian but sometimes I backslide without knowing it; I don't feel like I have faith in my life what can I do plz?" A woman from South Africa writes: "Things are not going well in my life. I tried to pray, but I think God is not hearing my prayers. Please help me to reconnect with God. I really need him in my life. I believe that with him all things are possible." Someone in Botswana writes: "I need to grow in my faith and learn more about God." Another person in Botswana writes: "Help me I want to receive Jesus Christ?" A man (Brandon) asks: "What must I do to be saved?" Please continue to pray for these people seeking for God.

My friend Geoff from White Night Productions and his team kindly offered to shoot 11 more videos of my Discipleship book to put on my website www.truthstransform.net. We did the shootings in October in a field in Johannesburg and will a.s.a.p start advertising them in

Bangladesh and India together with the other videos that we have done. May God use them to reach the world. Jesus can save them!

I have recently finished a book for Bible Study on the Ten Commandments. To read it go here: www.interethnicmissions/books. To also read other books and sermons go here: www.interethnicmissions/books/ and www.interethnicmissions.net/articles-and-writtensermons/. To listen to Afrikaans and English sermons go to Wordstudies on www.interethnicmissions.net

5. Ufollo.net and SAAWE

The past four months we changed over to a new helpdesk at Ufollo.net, and since then we haven't had many inquirers. We haven't boosted that many videos as well. Over the past year, we have reached over 280 000 people on Facebook and posted 84 advertisements. We had about 5400 clicks from our Facebook ads to our website. We had around 574503 hits on our website and around 41 000 unique visitors. To see some of the results go to www.ufollo.net/support/





At the 40 year celebration at SAAWE

We had our 40-year birthday celebration the 19th of November at the SAAWE offices. About 100 people came. Many missionaries and leaders in different fields came. Each of the full-time staff and part-time staff gave short presentations of the work they do at SAAWE. Groups of 10-12 came to each worker and saw how SAAWE is impacting the world with the truth and love of the gospel. We thank God for the work SAAWE has done and is doing to mobilize the church for evangelism and discipleship among the least evangelized people groups of the world. May God build His kingdom through the Ministries of SAT-7, Global Relief, Ufollo.net, The Prayer Network, and the staff.

I plan to reach out to the Bengali and Urdu and Somali speaking Muslims in the next few weeks while I'm in Gauteng. I have many Jesus Film DVD's to hand out. I also plan to preach in the inner-cities and hand out many gospel booklets as God leads.

6. Prayer and Praise

Prayer:

- -- Pray for the ministry and the work we did in the high and primary schools in Tembisa this year and for all the people we reached. Pray that, all the Bibles we sold and gave out, all the booklets and tracts we handed out and all the Bible study material and books we gave out, will be read and bear fruit. Pray that God will build His church in Tembisa.
- -- For continued opportunities to preach in Dutch Reformed, Baptist, and other churches.
- -- Pray for enough finances for the work of African Pastors Conferences to continue and for churches and individuals to sponsor conferences.
- -- For the inner-city outreaches among the foreigners in Kempton Park, and the rest of Gauteng and at OT Airport. That many Muslims and other foreigners would hear the gospel and be transformed by the truth. Pray that the gospel literature and leaflets about our website (ufollo.net) would prove to be fruitful.
- -- Pray that more discussion groups will start among the Muslims that would eventually lead to discipleship groups.
- -- That the Jesus film DVD's in Bengali and Urdu will be wisely distributed and that those who receive them will watch them and be transformed by the truth and make contact with us at Ufollo.net or with other Christians.
- -- Pray for Muslims, who have made contact with us through our websites and Facebook Pages and through GMO to be converted to Christ.
- -- For the Ads on Facebook and Google and videos on the Truths Transform website to reach thousands and that many in the least reached communities will come to know the truth and be discipled.
- -- For the thousands of teenagers, kids and adults we have reached through assemblies, Bible Clubs and Bible Studies in Tembisa and at the train stations, to be truly converted and to know Jesus Christ as their Lord, Saviour, and Treasure.
- -- For enough time to enjoy God's presence and to be still and know that He is God.
- -- For my Discipleship book, and the new DVD with teachings to transform teenagers and adults for the glory of God.
- -- For opportunities to continue to minister the gospel in high and primary schools in South
- -- Pray for Eileen that she may get the sewing machine to sew pillows.

Praise:

- -- Praise God who is glorious in creation, in His perfections, in judgment and in His work of redeeming a people for Himself from every tribe, nation, and people group.
- -- Thank God that He will bring to completion the good work He has started in His children (Philippians 1:6; John 10:27-30).
- -- For us to always rejoice in God, be thankful, prayerful (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) and be wholehearted in everything we do.
- -- That God's purposes cannot fail, and that His Great Commission will be completed.
- -- God for using the Facebook and Google ads to bring many people to our websites.
- -- That God has provided White Knight Productions to help us shoot more videos for the Truth transforms website and that the first New Believers Guide DVD is completed.
- -- For the many enquirers from across the world asking questions through the ufollo.net website, our Facebook pages and through Global Media Outreach.
- -- For many African Pastors being equipped and helped throughout Africa and South Africa through the ministry of APC.
- -- For many opportunities to preach the glorious gospel in churches.

-- For the continuous opportunities to preach the gospel in High and Primary schools in South Africa



Herman and His family with Rebecca and I (Tembisa team farewell)



Delegate photo in Maseru. Not all the delegates were there while the photo was taken