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Zion Evangelical Bible School (ZEBS)



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TESTIMONIES FROM THE MISSION FIELD



ON OUR WAY TO ZEBS CLASS

on February 11, we received a call from a recent graduate. He wanted to know if he and two other graduates could have a few minutes to speak with the students. By their own initiative, these three elderly men stood in front of the class and each shared their hearts with the students, encouraging them to persevere in studying. They also brought bottles of soda and cookies to share with the entire class. It was very evident that they love the school. Since then, I

heard that they would like to go to another ZEBS location to encourage the students there. Pray for such graduates to continue to grow in their knowledge of God's word and would remain zealous to encourage others as they study.

-Jon Emanuelson, King Williams Town

photo of him at one of our Annual Conferences at Maphumulo. Pastor **"You have brought the truth to us, now we must reach the rest of Africa."**

Sincwane has been a part of the ZEFA (Zion Evangelical Fellowship of Africa) community for many years.

Over those years he would hear truth as he came to our conferences and would on occasion invite ZEMA missionaries to preach at his church.

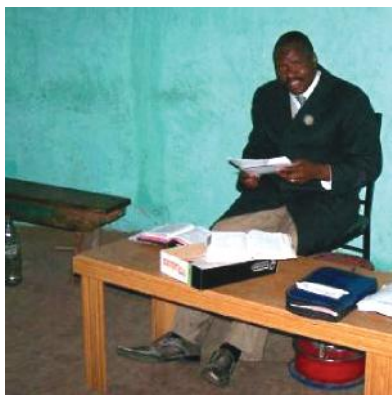


WE MET PASTOR SINCWANE in the first couple of years of our ministry. I recently stumbled across a

Two years ago Pastor Sincwane began to attend ZEBS at Sunbury. He is an encouragement to us as we can see he understands God's word and the truth of the gospel. He has a testimony and a message which is so different from the message of years ago. He recently said to Greg, "You have brought the truth to us, now we must reach the rest of Africa."

-Carlene Seghers, Durban

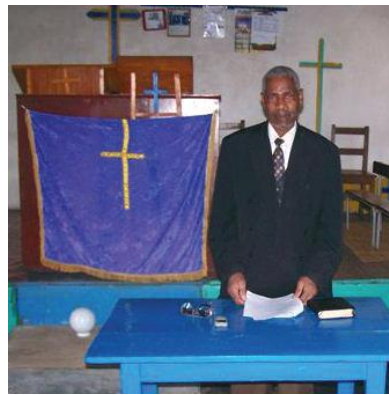
Sibongile Xholo



Robert Thunywashe



Reverend Khutchwa



Zion Evangelical Bible School in Transkei takes place in seven different venues. Barry Adkins is helped by three Xhosa men- Robert Thunywashe, Sibongile Xholo as well as Rev Khutchwa. These three men do an excellent job of teaching as well as doing the required administration for each of the schools. All three of these men are saved and not ashamed of the gospel. They teach salvation through Jesus Christ and

Him alone. It is a joy and an encouragement for Barry to have these men helping him in the work. ZEBS is not these men's full time occupation, they all pastor local churches, so the teaching that they do is over and above their church work. Rev Kutchwa is an older man, he has been sick a lot over the last year, we do not expect him to be able to teach for too much longer. Pray that God would raise a teacher to take his

place when we teach in Pondoland. Pray also for Robert and Sibongile as they pastor local churches and raise young families, that God would protect them, supply all their needs, as well as continue the work he is already doing through them to bring many more Amazioni to salvation and maturity in the Lord.

-Louise Adkins, Mthatha

BOXES, CAPS, GOWNS and an ironing board are decorating our living space ... it must be October and time to prepare for the annual ZEBs Graduation in the province of Gauteng. But, wait, it is FEBRUARY! Yes, the students that we have walked through these past four years of classes have requested that Graduation 2011 be put on hold until our return from USA Assignment. We are grateful to them for waiting as it will be our largest graduating class, yet. Almost 400 lectures, committing one full-day a month to sit and study God's Word, pages and pages of homework, over 70 pieces of fried chicken each, oo-



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dles of question and answer sessions, gallons of tea, freezing cold and boiling hot weather in rooms with no climate control, often giving up their only day off, sketchy transport, and deep soul searching as God challenged and lives were changed have led us all to

this moment. We will be filled with pride and joy as the students walk in about ten days to receive their Bible College Diplomas. We wish you could meet each and every student. They all have a story to tell. Some are young in their 20's, some are older than we are, some are pastors, some are pastor's wives, some hold high positions like bishop, some are Sunday School teachers or youth leaders but all have desired to know God better and to train themselves to do better in His service.

It is for this reason that we

spent several months in 2011 traveling the USA and sharing what God is doing here in South Africa. Thank you to the many of you who are part of the team reaching the amaZioni for Christ. ZEBs has become our primary tool in accomplishing this goal as the students and graduates return to their own churches and communities well disciplined and prepared for good works.

- Tim and Luann Kuehl, Johannesburg

NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Those God calls must wait...



If I have learned anything in my years of missionary service it is this...those God calls must wait. I've seen it in my own life and I have observed it in others who have been called to serve. I cannot say I really understand why this happens. It doesn't always happen but I had have to say it mostly happens. It goes like this. We present an urgent need, like the need we have for a Camp Director at Sunbury Christian Camp. We really need someone to fill that position immediately, it's urgent! Then the Lord places on the heart of someone to go. And now the waiting starts. There are mission orientation requirements to fulfill, support to raise, speaking in churches, field visits, passports, visas,

forms, lots of forms, and a host of other important but time consuming things. Sometimes I feel guilty about saying, "we have an urgent need" and I know it will be one maybe two years before a person will actually be ready to go. I have also learned another lesson in my years of missionary service..."that those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles wings, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." It usually takes a lot of waiting (and preparing) but at the right time God will let you soar!

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