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News from the Field



Paul & Carrie Seelhammer

We are in full swing with our Zion Evangelical Bible Schools this month. We had **36 new students** in the three schools. We had a **record of 85 students present, with 30 new students, at Katlehong**. This is our largest class and we enjoyed meeting the new and returning students.

Please continue to **pray for the Trumpet of Zion project**. We are trusting in the Lord's provision for the new programs and for the partnerships to get them on the air and distributed to the amaZioni here in South Africa this year. We have completed the Pilot Project and are going to proceed with new program recordings in the next month. This is a very exciting project with the **potential to reach millions of amaZioni**.

The children are all doing well. Luke is a part of the **worship team** and the youth group at our local church. Joe is continuing his **judo classes** along with the local youth group. He is also on the quizzing team at our church. Josh just started **soccer** last week and is loving it. This is the first time he has wanted to do something out of his comfort zone and on his own. It is a sign of his maturing and that he is settling in here in Johannesburg. Abbie started **swimming lessons** this month and is thoroughly enjoying the training and is looking forward to a competition next month. Abbie "enjoys" being one of 5 children

We thank God for the blessing of his life today.

Luan & Susna Goosen Each Thursday at the weekly evangelism/discipleship class, **people arrive with great keenness and expectancy**. The hope can be felt in the air. People want to meet with God, people want to hear from God, and people want to encounter God. Their open Bibles and notebooks give evidence to this, and at most classes newcomers are present as those in class return to tell others the treasures found in God's Word. The **little tin Zion church building is crammed with people** and more tend to enter as the evening continues. They have encountered the powers of darkness in a tangible and fearful way, now they come to hear from and encounter God through His Word. This coming week we will be looking at the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and last time we looked at what the Bible teaches about Jesus.



We had a **jam packed Easter week-end** and a lot of planning goes into getting to as many Zion groups as possible over this long weekend. It was good to have evangelist B. Dennison with us for two full days, and the Lord used him greatly. This year my colleague Jon and I focused



on our immediate area and I preached primarily on 2 Corinthians 5:21.

I praise God for many meaningful conversations, new contacts with "unreached groups"

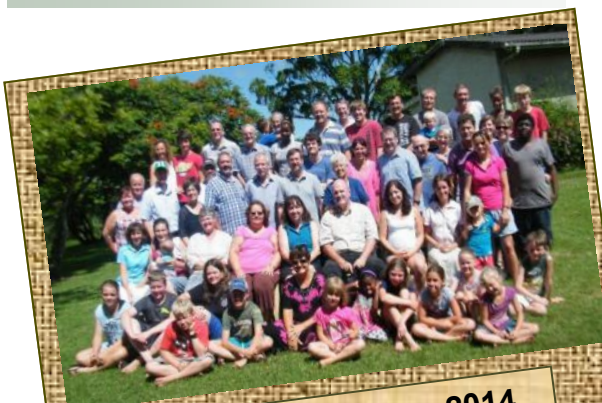
and opportunities to preach the Word. The **message was always very well received** each time, and numbers at each group vary in size (from 40-300). Praise God that one large Zion group that I visited has already booked me for next Easter to come and preach and spend time with them.

Jon & Lauren Emanuelson

A New 'This We Believe' class is running in Mdantsane, one of the largest townships in South Africa. Luan invited Jon to come and share at this class which he started in a small house near a rock quarry. Since Luan has another class currently running near the village of Cofimvaba, Jon will help finish the second half of the lessons in Mdantsane. Jon was first able to teach about the history of how the amaZioni movement started. After that, he taught that week's lesson about the problem of sin. We are always **amazed at the hunger for the Bible** on the part of those who attend the classes. It makes it such a privilege to work among the amaZioni. **A New Bible School**. Jon and his dad visited a new Zion Evangelical Bible School near the downtown area of East London. The **class was actually started by two ZEBS teachers**. About twenty people were in attendance and things went very smoothly. Reverend Mayikana has been working with the ministry among the amaZioni for about 9 years. Reverend Mabena has been pastoring for over 50 years and has great passion for teaching the Bible among the amaZioni.



Pray the Lord would raise up **more preachers and teachers** to reach the amaZioni.



ZEMA Conference 2014



The Baton Has Been Passed

At the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) on March 21, Tom Lex stepped down from the ZEMA board after serving for 20 years – 16 of them as Chairman. Tom cited personal health issues and growing family health needs as contributing factors in his decision to decline another term on the board. Significant events that occurred under his leadership were:

1. two name changes which **improved identity between the US and the field** sides of the ministry, 2. the **restructuring of financial requirements for missionaries** allowing personnel from Africa to more easily serve, 3. the **expansion of the ministry** by adding new ZEMA missionaries and missionary personnel from other missions – i.e. TEAM, SIM, DMG (Germany), 4. major financial expansion with the **purchase of**

Sondela and Rehoboth. Thank you, Tom for your years of dedicated service to the Lord's work through ZEMA. Blessings to you and Jean as you continue to serve Him in future years.

Lew Richards accepted the position of Chairman at the ABM. He was introduced to the work of ZEMA (Mahon Mission) as a teen while growing up in Zion. He served on the board several years in the mid-1990s and then again beginning in

2013. He and his wife Cheryl have actively supported ZEMA for over 20 years. At the Annual Business Meeting, Lew shared that though he did not seek the Chairman position, he felt God had impressed him to consider accepting it. He shared his commitment to **"do everything possible to support our missionaries in the task of sharing the redemptive, liberating Good News of Jesus to an 'enemy-captivated' people – the amaZioni."** Lew also shared his plans to spend significant time on the field and his desire to expand the vision of ZEMA to churches and individuals beyond our present borders. He acknowledged his ability to fill the position was made possible only thru God's help and asked for prayer for our missionaries, the board and himself.



- The Board

Contact ZEMA for more information on our Short Term Mission Trips!

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Short Term Trips 2014

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ZEMA Picnic!

July 27th

Watch for details!



But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31



Pray for Dan & Beth Hoffman on deputation.
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