

## **Jon and Lauren Emanuelson** **2025 ZEMA Annual Report**

The overall objective of this ministry is to see God raise up strong churches and leaders among the amaZioni of southern Africa. The following are necessary steps taken for this objective to be accomplished:

- The preaching of the gospel to the lost.
- Baptism of believers
- Regular gathering of believers.
- Training of leadership.

To begin, it has been encouraging to see the opportunities God has given for preaching and teaching at various Zion Evangelical Bible School locations. Working in cooperation with Luaan Goosen, Greg Akers, and a team of qualified African pastors, I (Jon) have ministered at various Bible school locations including East London, Mthatha, Grahamstown, and Mdantsane.

Second, it was a great blessing to assist in officiating at a baptism service in Mthatha on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May where two believers were baptized. Furthermore, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, it was an honor to baptize two young people who are believers from Bhisho. Our ministry team in East London and Bhisho is continuing to promote the necessity of believer's baptism.

Regarding the promotion of Biblical church services, I have been blessed to visit and preach at a Zion church near Bhisho. It is really encouraging to see how Biblical practices are being implemented and we are looking forward to seeing how God is going to continue leading in that ministry opportunity. This group is very keen to reach out to others in evangelism and church planting.

Finally, the training of leaders and other church workers has continued at the Mukhanyo Theological College local learning site of East London. It was a blessing to have two students graduate this past March and two additional students graduate in September. I was informed that there are graduates of the Mthatha ZEBS currently enrolled at a MTC local learning site in their area. I am looking forward to working with them in utilizing the ministry partnership between ZEBS and MTC. The recognition of prior learning credits regarding their participation in ZEBS will be a great benefit to them.

The above-mentioned ministry details are all in line with the great commission according to Matthew chapter 28. As we are carefully following this commission, we expect to see God continue to raise up strong leaders and churches among the amaZioni. We are seeing definite momentum growing in places like Mthatha, Bhisho, Grahamstown, and East London.

God continues to bless my family in many ways. Lauren and I are so thankful to see how each of our children are growing in their knowledge and love of the Lord. We acknowledge that all of the good things happening in ministry and family are by the grace and goodness of God.