

Luaan and Susanne Goosen

2024 ZEMA Annual Report

We are thankful to the Lord for carrying us through another year and extending his mercy, grace and steadfast love to us. Luaan was blessed to join a team from Community Bible Church when they did a ministry outreach trip to Uganda from Jan 31-Feb 11th. He co-taught a Bible doctrine course there for the first time. The “This We Believe” curriculum has been so effective in our area of South Africa when introducing people to the core beliefs of the Christian faith. Later in the year (June 14-19), he was invited to the country of Malawi to teach a Bible conference to 80 pastors along with Greg Akers and Ron Eardly. The response was so overwhelming that they were invited back to begin the Zion Evangelical Bible School Program from Oct 24-28. They had 30 lessons translated into the vernacular language, Chechewa, months before they arrived and then taught those lessons to the pastors. In March 2025 they plan to return and teach 30 more lessons and even branch out into other rural areas in Malawi where public transportation is limited.

It’s such good news to receive updates from one of the ZEBS graduates who serves as an evangelist. This person loves traveling to towns and farms to preach. Every few weeks or months, he phones to share how things are going. A recurring challenge he mentions is that many people don’t know the truth, and he often faces opposition to both the truth and the preaching of it. On the other hand, there are also those in desperate need of prayer—people without jobs, struggling with depression, and dealing with serious family issues.

This creates two extremes: some outright reject the truths while others are seeking help and hope. Luaan encourages the evangelist to move on from those who reject the message and focus on places where the gospel is wanted. It’s a joy to witness the power of God’s Word at work, transforming lives and proving that the teaching and training is not in vain. What a blessing to see healing taking place! Please pray that God will raise up more workers like this.

There are still many unreached areas so Luaan periodically visits AmaZioni churches on Sundays to show them support and help them to be more effective. He teaches at Dumisani Theological College bi-annually with their preaching and spiritual growth courses, and thoroughly enjoys interacting with the students.

On Saturday, Feb 24th Susanne and Luaan Kuehl co-taught the annual Sunday School teacher training class at Dumisani Theological College located in King Williams Town. The theme was Jesus’ parables, and a record number of sixty-one people arrived – most for the first time ever. The response was extremely positive as they had many questions and needed resources for their churches. Then, on Saturday, Sept 7th they travelled to Port Elizabeth to teach another seminar that was hosted and coordinated by Timon and Anni Steiner. We praise God for these opportunities to reach many people from diverse backgrounds with the gospel. The participants enjoyed learning how to reach children in their community with the gospel in creative, practical ways.

Susanne taught Scripture Union on Fridays at KHS in King Williams Town to grades 1-3. An average of 80-100 girls attended each week. She systematically taught the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth and the students learned memory verses to correspond to each lesson. Sarah Akers and Maribel Gottsch taught the Grade 1 class during the second half of the year, which was a tremendous blessing as well. It’s so encouraging to see the girls interact with the Bible passages and ask questions on how to apply new truths to their daily lives. The excitement and enthusiasm for learning scripture is refreshing! God is at work in these young lives, and we pray that the seeds that

were sown will grow deep roots and bear fruit for the eternal kingdom – despite the enticing temptations of this world.

Luaan held monthly Zion Evangelical Bible Schools (ZEBS) in Grahamstown, King Williams Town, Queenstown, Port Alfred, Mdantsane, Mthatha and Willowvale. Seymour was added as a new class this year. Luaan was responsible for co-ordinating the curriculum of the ZEBS teacher's conference in August at Sunbury near Durban, and many teachers remarked how helpful it was to sharpen their skills in the ministry. ZEBS graduation took place on November 23rd with fourteen graduates. The "This We Believe" weekly class was taught in Mdantsane & Lesseyton. The annual well-supported African Pastor's Conference was held at Dumisani again this year from November 15-16. This ministry provides many resources and significantly helps pastors to lead their local churches to maturity.

This Christmas was extra special since our two overseas children were able to fly to visit us over the holidays. What a privilege to spend time together in one location!! We praise God for his kindness and his provision. For the last two years, we were usually on three different continents. **Pieter** is on-leave from the Navy and is finishing up his contract. Please pray for him as he receives treatment & heals from a shoulder injury that happened during intense training. **Sarah** is in her last semester at Liberty University and is looking forward to a summer internship with an interior design firm. Please pray for her to find the company that the Lord would have for her. **Katelyn** finished eleventh grade at Stirling High School and did very well after dedicated effort. Next year, she will be moving to the Home of Modern Learning School to complete an American high school equivalent (GED) in order to enroll in an American university in the future. Please pray for her during this transition and that she studies diligently and passes her exams in time for deputation. Lord-willing, we will return to the States for home assignment mid-September 2025.

Prayer Requests

As we look ahead to the upcoming year, we have several specific prayer requests:

1. Wisdom in Ministry: We seek wisdom to be as effective as possible and to make sound decisions.
2. More Workers: Pray that God would provide more workers for the harvest.
3. Godly Leaders and Churches: Pray that God would raise up godly leaders and churches that will reach not only their local communities but also the wider world in need of Christ.
4. Guidance for New Areas: We need wisdom regarding new teaching opportunities in Malawi, as there are requests for us to teach in several places.
5. Safety in Travel: Please pray for our safety while traveling and at home, especially from those who violently resist the truth.
6. Church Leaders: Pray for church leaders who are reluctant to forsake idols and who are caught up in false teachings such as African Traditional religion and the prosperity Gospel.
7. Family and Children: We ask for prayer for our family, especially as we take Katelyn back during our upcoming furlough and report to churches after many years apart.