

Mark and Barbara Hugo
2023 ZEMA Annual Report

Ministry: What a year we had in 2023, as we finished off with wonderful graduation celebrations. This past year saw a reintroduction of our ZEBS in Worcester, a number of returning students who had not completed their ZEBS classes returned as well as recruiting a number of new ones, this does look like a school that will continue to grow and become self-sustaining which is encouraging. Our school up the west coast continues to struggle and we managed to help the remaining students, 5-7 in number, complete third year. We are considering an alternate or once a term visit, substituted with an online course or two. How we will exactly do that is still a mystery but we would love to see them complete their fourth year and this will push us to be creative in how we provide the additional classes because we cannot afford to attend in person. Khayalitsha continues to be a foundation school as to the sheer number of students that can be reached, we pray for a larger venue this year if we continue to grow.

Apart from helping oversee and teach at our three ZEBS schools, I have also made myself available to ZEMA in the capacity of Sunbury Working Committee chairperson. I recognise that I'm suited to helping both John and Paul as I have both resided and worked at Sunbury as well as having a good relationship with both. I have committed to this role for 2024, and am grateful for others who are on the Working Committee to help and assist. We pray God will help provide a wonderful year of stability and growth in numerous important areas so that the Field Director has clarity and confidence to enter into 2025 knowing just how Sunbury is to be utilised for future ministries.

I continue in the role of Pastor at our small church in Sybrand Park, and am grateful for their love and support towards myself and our family. We are considering starting an Alpha course as a form of outreach into and our community and also the next generation. There is also consideration of joining with another former student ministry, within the denomination, that is seeking a venue and a wider body of church believers for fellowship and spiritual growth.

I continue to assist SIM in the capacity of mentor to a number of missionaries and in other capacities where our senior status and experience can be of help.

Family: Our family feels finally settled in CT, and I thank God for allowing them to experience that. Kara will be studying at the Sports Science Institute, JJ is considering an internship, with the possibility of small jobs to get going as in his field of digital art. Hopefully JJ will pass his drivers licence soon and help his dad out with the driving. Prayers as we balance our Mary and Martha requirements this year.

Much love and appreciation to be included in the ZEMA family,

Mark and Barbara