

Mark and Barb Hugo
2024 ZEMA Annual Report

Ministry: 2024 saw a combined graduation for our three schools at one location just outside Khayelitsha, which was very well attended. Worcester and Khayelitsha schools continue to remain stable between 16-24 students, and Michael made a very big push to help the West Coast School finish their final year, we had 9 graduating from the WC school, and they made the effort to come to Cape Town for the graduation which was special. This year, 2025, we will have the two schools of Khayelitsha and Worcester, and presently we're still in touch with those in the Strand looking for a school. We have requested they send a delegation to the Khayelitsha school to observe and for us to meet with them, we pray this happens early in the year.

We have managed to secure both venues again for this year which is a blessing, as they do not cost us too much and are central to the community. We have our calendars out for 2025, and begin on the first and second weekend of February. Our graduation this year will be on the 22 November. Dumeseni returned to help MC the graduation, and my prayer is that he will be available to teach this year. We do have enough teachers as I have included a fellow missionary at our church and Marcus Grohmann will once again take one Xhosa lesson in Khayelitsha to continue his language studies.

In the middle of last year I handed over my duties as chairman of the Sunbury committee to Andy as I was carrying too much. I have also been encouraged to see Stephen stepping up to assist with Sunbury matters at Field Council level, and going forward would propose that the Sunbury committee might lose the chairperson for a Council member instead. I was always of the opinion that there be a Sunbury rep on council, as there is always much to discuss and deliberate around the running and staffing of Sunbury. My proposal would be to not step back onto council, rather to allow Stephen to represent Sunbury at Field Council. I will remain in touch with John and Janice, purely as an SIM colleague they can access for advice and support.

Family: This year has started out differently, JJ has found a place to stay as he is employed now and looking for a little more independence. He is in the granny flat at my parent's house, which affords us peace of mind on both fronts, for JJ and my parents. Kara is starting another year of college, and we should see her quite often when she needs to sleep and eat. My parents are definitely requiring more of us now, and already we have admitted dad twice to hospital this year. Again we thought we were losing him this last time, but he has managed to overcome his illness and is again back at home. We don't quite know how this year will play out as we are also overdue on a furlough. Thanks again to ZEMA for the opportunity of serving the amaZioni of the Western Cape, may God's Kingdom come, His will be done, here in 2025. Amen.