

## Lewin's Annual Report - 2023

### 1 Samuel 7:12 - NLT

*<sup>12</sup> Samuel then took a large stone and placed it between the towns of Mizpah and Jeshanah.<sup>[a]</sup> He named it Ebenezer (which means "the stone of help"), for he said, "Up to this point the LORD has helped us!"*

What was supposed to be 6 months, is going in for three years.

We wish to thank everyone of the ZEMA family including Sunbury Staff, Partners and Service providers as each one played a role/part in our adjustment to life at Sunbury Christian Camp.

A BIG thank you to the Seghers' whose spiritual input formed the foundation of life at Sunbury for us.

A BIG thank you to the Hoffman's, Dan, Beth and Tucker who set a high standard of managing Sunbury in all its different facets.

2023 was a year to reset at Sunbury. The Seghers and Hoffman's was leaving, our training wheels was taken off. Immediately we prayed and said, "LORD this is too big for us. If You are not in it, we will surely fail." The verse comes to mind, "Peter, do you love me, feed my sheep.

What is our purpose at Sunbury? Simply, serve the Lord.

How? Serving His people whether at Sunbury, San Souci, Superb, and Shell. We represent Christ based at Sunbury,

By end February 2023, our Calendar was fully booked. Only GOD! With these camps God has allowed us to strengthen old relationships and establish new partnerships.

We also had some staff transitions. The face of Sunbury, Mrs Monica Kunene retired after 29 years. Incidentally Mrs Kunene was born on Sunbury farm. Patricia Ngobese is the new staff member. Nonhlanhla (Nono) Cele, and Martha Gumede are the standby contract staff. Even in this God had His way for Sunbury, as Nono is the LOCAL Sans Souci chef!!!

Our other staff members are, Mrs Khumalo who in 2022 was hospitalised in Duban, diagnosed with cancer (bone marrow). In October 2023 Mrs Khumalo was declared cancer free!!! Glory to God!

Our other staff members are, Mrs Ellen Mahlaba, Mrs Maria Sithole, Bongani Sibiya and Sanele Nxumalo.

We thank GOD for this committed and dedicated staff compliment, as Campers without fail, pay compliments on the neatness and beauty of Sunbury, and the

efficiency of the hospitality staff. Together we have faced many difficult challenges, but this has helped us to grow closer and stronger together.

A BIG thank you to all the missionaries that so unselfishly gave of their time and families to serve at Sunbury. (BIG thank you to Jeeves and Moxi). A Big thank you to the Langley's, Sullivans, Barry Adkins, Lee's, Althaus', and the Swanks (who will be at Sunbury early April). We know that everything happens at God's appointed time.

We thank Greg Seghers who at the time filled the role of Field Director, and the then Filed Council Members for their faith in us at the time when we were newcomers to, ZEMA and Sunbury. Taking this moment, we wish to assure everyone our focus was, and still is JESUS CHRIST, and we, His servants.

Another BIG thank you to Mark Hugo who has been a constant source of support and encouragement from the beginning. Thank you Mark for your patience.

The faithfulness of God, through the work of His Son Jesus Christ is so tangible at Sunbury, and its surrounding. One can feel the presence of God everywhere on the Sunbury property, watching a sunrise, sunset, or thunderstorm, listening to the Campers worshipping, (sometimes till the early hours of the morning), children playing, in baptism, and also through their shared testimonies. We have experienced the love of Jesus Christ through the continued growth of so many, who time after time visit Sunbury and share of the goodness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sunbury is well known by its neighbored communities. It is a joy to drive through the community and receive greetings from adults, children, farmers, and farming hands.

The greatest love-experience has been the witness of growth of Sunbury Staff. What a joy to see them carry out their duties with diligence and excellence. What a privilege it is to see how gratified they are of the work they accomplish at the end of each day.

**Greetings from the NO DAY IS THE SAME at Sunbury Christian Camp**