



# IMD AFRICA UPDATE

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Dear Friends,

It is amazing to send out this newsletter because the Lord has given us such an amazing team. This newsletter is a team effort as each department is contributing a section where they have been labouring

Joyce, who works as our secretary, when realizing that her workload was less without teams this year, took the time to help organize ministry to the women at the farms through the (SOS), Support our Sisters outreaches, together with our school admin assistant, Phyllis.

Jeni and Pst. Fanta report for our school, Maruda Christian School.

I, Koos, report on what's happening at The L.A.N.D. (Leadership Academy for New Direction)

Nancy one of our L.A.N.D. team members, writes about what is happening in the high schools Life Orientation Lessons.

**It's just amazing what synergy can accomplish. As it says in Psalm 133 that *God commands a blessing when the brothers dwell together in unity.* Thank God for relationships and faithful men and women who can be trusted.**



Joe, Blessing, Phyllis, Comfort, Nancy, Florah, Pst. Johannes and Joyce (left to right)



## Support our Sisters

In partnership with RaN  
(Raising a Nation)

As reported by Joyce Chaba

It has been an awesome time for me and Phyllis Mathebula to find an opportunity to **bless the women** with the bras that were donated by the RaN team and to minister to the women on the farms and in some of the churches.

For those of you who don't know, Support our Sisters is **an initiative started by Raising a Nation (RaN Foundation in California) to support our sisters in South Africa with at least one good supporting bra, and taking this opportunity to share the love of God in a tangible way.**

We started at the Basson's residence to sort out the bra's according to the sizes. It took us about four hours to sort them. It really felt good, knowing that most women will appreciate the gift.

We started by giving to the Maruda Christian School Staff and grade 6 and 7 girls. They were so excited and give thanks to the hands that gave.

We then went to three churches that IMD Africa is working alongside. We started at Masodi Baptist on the 27 June and then went to Mahwelereng Baptist on the 5 September.

The last church we went to was The Word Ministry Church on the 26 September.

The women and young ladies in the churches were so happy.

On the 1 September 2021, Phyllis and I decided to distribute bras to the farm workers.

We were assisted by Nancy, Blessing, Florah Mongwe and Pst Johannes Mongwe.

Comfort was our driver, John was taking pictures and sanitising and Joe also came along with.

What an awesome team.





# MARUDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

As reported by Jeni Basson and Pst. Fanta Shika



One of the things that our **new principal, Pst. Fanta Shika commented on in his report this year, was how easy he found it to slot into the school because of a great staff team.** He was encouraged to see how the staff easily worked as a team and knew their responsibilities, and this was re-iterated by our new Grade 7 supervisor. The principal ended his annual report by stating that ***“It is easy for anyone new coming in to blend with the staff”.***

Despite many people losing their jobs and taking pay cuts, we have, by the grace of God been able to pay all our staff members every month so far, because of the contributions and sponsorships towards the Adopt a Teacher Fund and Child Sponsorship Fund. We are trusting that we will be able to do the same for December month and that we will also be able to pay out bonuses to our staff who have shown much resilience and dedication during this time. **If you would like to assist with bonuses this year, please feel free to contact us.**

Having said that, we are sad to share that one of our dear staff members, Salome Pila, lost her husband to Covid this year and we all share in her loss deeply. Our deepest condolences also go to Pst. Michael Molemela, who assisted in the grade 7 learning center for only a short while, until the tragic passing of his baby boy a very short while ago. Our deepest condolences go out to these precious families.

Since the beginning of 2020 we have been challenged with the curriculum distractions or breakdowns because of the pandemic. I am happy to say, that despite this, learners have completed more work during this year than other years, and our staff, amidst their own trauma and challenges, have reached out to encourage and inspire both learner and fellow staff members.

**We say good-bye to 5 of our graduates this year** and they were **blessed by words of encouragement and inspiration** from some of our **previous graduates** who are now in high school. What an encouragement it was to hear the ‘fruit of our labour’ rise to the challenge and address our graduates in such a fashion. Our exiting prefect encouraged the incoming prefects to take their responsibilities seriously as they would be an example for others to follow, and not to do it for the teachers or the Principal, but for the Lord.

....., a previous graduate, had the following to say: “I was not easy going to high school, I won’t lie, but the word of God that I was taught at Maruda Christian School, I am still living with it.... I go with it everywhere I go and I always tell myself I am going to remain unshaken because I know what the word of God says. Some teachers are telling us that God is not real, but my faith remains in Christ. Prayer has pulled me through these three years in high school. Remain in the Lord, and don’t change your ways as you go to high school. Remain in the faith.

What an encouragement and delight it was for us to be able to keep in relationship with our previous graduates to have them be part of pouring into the lives of those who are following behind them. Thank you to Ma’am Prizer and her team for the awesome job they did in organizing this event.



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## HIGH SCHOOLS—LIFE ORIENTATION CLASSES

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As reported by Nancy Mosebedi





## Kgathi Ya Moshate Secondary School

Pastor Koos Basson and Joe Malete started at this school towards the end of the first quarter 2021. They started with the grade 10,11 and 12 classes

Nancy and Comfort officially started at the school in the second quarter and the teachers and learners gave them a warm welcome.



Comfort, Nancy and Joe

We had to stop 12 classes early because they are preparing for their trial and final exams, so we asked to take the grade 9 classes instead. Nancy and Joe are doing grade 9 and 10 while Comfort is doing 11.

We received a report that they did well in their third quarter results, and the teachers really appreciate what we are doing. The learners are responding well to us and they are excited about the opportunity to go The LAND, which is our ultimate goal.

Every time we go to classes they always ask *'when are we going to The LAND ?'*. We are still having a challenge to get these learners there, because most of them are not from the same area as the school they attend. Some of them are using transport to get to school. We were planning to take them to The LAND after school hours, but due to distance and these transport issue, it has not yet been possible.

## Mmadikana High school-Life Orientation (LO)

We approached the school and after a few follow ups they allowed us in. We are with grade 9,10 and 11, as we could not get the grade 12s because they finished with their LO in the third quarter so we will start with the grade 12s in the new year.

Both the learners and teachers are responding to us positively and we have had a good start at this school. The school is not far from The LAND so we are hoping to get them to The LAND early next year for Adventure Based Leadership Training.

## Maruda Christian School (Life Skills)



We are doing Life Skills classes and Physical Education at Maruda Christian School with grades 4-7. We teach them using the outcomes prescribed by the Basic department of Education, but from a Christian perspective.

We also hosted the school staff at The LAND for their team building training. They hiked to the waterfall and we did team building activities with them at the top of the waterfall and they really enjoyed it. They also did the team building obstacles at The LAND.



Their response was really good because for some, it was their first time hiking and doing team building activities.

**The team will be doing First Aid 1 and 2 over December in preparation for receiving children at the LAND next year.**





The RaN Foundation raised some money for us to start building the Kitchen/Lecture/ Dining room block. So far the bricks and other material to take us part of the building journey has been paid for. We have poured the foundation for the block mentioned and for the ablution block and storeroom. We are starting to build the kitchen/ dining hall/ lecture hall to floor height after which we will pour the floor and commence building.

Please pray for the safety of the workers and for a speedy build. We still need funds to complete the initial building and the other two buildings. Lynne from RaN Foundation has done an amazing job in raising funds to build and we thank God for her zeal and commitment.

However we do need funds and teams to come and help build. Teams save a lot on labour and they are also a huge encouragement to us. With many people building, we move ahead very quickly. We also need to put up more obstacles for the Adventure Based activities and are excited to see this develop next year. **Please pray whether you should give and be part of a team in 2022.**

On the  
mountain  
overlooking  
Moshate.







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## KENYA

### REPORT ON ILLERET FROM TONY ONYANGO

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This report is given by Tony Onyango, the son of Nathan Onyango. I, Koos, have had a vision to go to Illeret for some time now, but covid and the chest infection has hindered my taking a team to this remote region in Northern Turkana. We paid for Nathan and Tony to pioneer this area on our behalf.

They set out, as you will read, on a long and arduous journey which was also dangerous because of bandits on certain parts of the route. They needed to pick up an armed police escort at one point to protect them on the journey. Praise God they arrived without incident.

*Tony writes: "Greetings from the team sent for Illeret Mission deep down the harsh climatic zone and far beyond Chalbi Desert via North Horr Kenya. We made a very long journey from Eldoret (Pastor Nathan Onyango and Tony Onyango) and Nairobi, (Pastor Maria) respectively.*

***Our mission was to teach and train pastors and church leaders using IMD Africa's Back to Basics curriculum and to teach on the importance of making Disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ and to ensure that salvation is properly understood. . Our methods were : Night cinema, (Gospel cinema), day seminar where we trained using the mentioned curriculum and during early evening hours we also visited homes, doing door to door praying for the sick and those who had different challenges. Some received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, some got to have their Faith in Christ restored.***

*Pastor Maria was the pastor who has faithfully labored in this area for several years. We found out that most ministries started there initially had not continued because of war, cattle rustling, political instability and hard terrain with transport being super expensive, and the roads unpredictability from attack, especially from the Gabra and Dassanite communities from Ethiopia.*

*There is a huge need of water here as you move further away from Lake Turkana. This is a low rainfall area making the growing of crops is difficult in the region. Lets continue in the prayers that the people in Illeret and those from Ethiopia that attended the training would continue to grow in their faith and leadership.*

*Please pray for those who received Christ to become part of the church and to grow in their new found faith, regardless of any challenges and temptations that they may face."*

All in all a successful mission to this outlying area. Thanks so much to Tony and his Father Nathan for taking up this challenge.

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# ZAMBIA

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As reported by Pst Henry Kantotoka



Henry Katontoka has helped make the 2nd food drop in the Muwele area and up in the Lua Pula Province of Zambia around Puta.

Each person will receive: 1 Bag of 25kg Meal mill, 2.5Ltrs of Cooking Oil, 2kg Sugar, 2kg Salt, 1galon Beans,. Tea leaves, and a Tin of Rice. Even families in the Congo were helped.

I was hoping to go , but this persistent bacteria in my lungs prevented me from traveling. But praise God for men like Henry, Boiler and Milan who could take up the slack and help finish the job.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this effort. The church in Puta in Northern Zambia, Congo and Muwele region are really grateful for how the body of Christ came together to help.







Our IMD Africa Board of Directors wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and may the new year bring you hope and peace, because of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Piet Berthold, Nico Venter, Jeni Bason, Koos Basson, Ramsy Shika and Fanta Shika

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