

Dear Friends , as Christmas draws closer everyday to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ we can look back at the year and truly say ,”Emmanuel” - God is with us!

#### **4 - 21 July 2019—KENYA, LODWAR**

Rob Booth and I flew to Nairobi on the 4th and waited for Don Stroud to land the next day at Jomo Kenyatta airport in Kenya. . We immediately went to the domestic terminal to catch our flight to Lodwar.

#### **7 - 11 August—KENYA, KOLOKOL**

On the morning of the 6th we left for Kolokol to start our first Leadership seminar ,where Don Stroud and Daniel Christian, from Memphis TN, were to be the speakers. Sunday the 7th the 4 of us split up and spoke in 4 different churches in Kolokol.

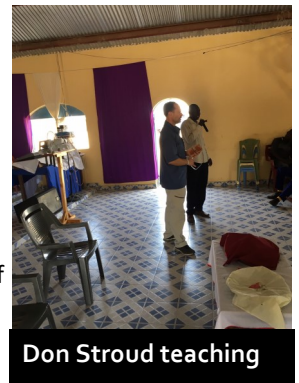
Pastor John Ewaar from the Pentecostal Assemblies Church (PAG) hosted the event. We waited long enough for Don and Daniel to settle before carrying on teaching from the ‘Building the Inner Man’ series on Stewardship.



**Leaders at Kolokol**

We left Don and Daniel in the capable hands of Peter Adir, overseer of PAG in the region, who would take Don and Daniel back to Lodwar to catch their flights home. Their report back on the teaching was very positive regarding the leaders reception of the Stewardship material.

The training with the men was interactive and opened their eyes to how broad Biblical Stewardship is. We explained that it was more than money and material things but included Stewardship of our Calling, the Word of God, the Gospel , Relationships with one another and even the handling of Suffering for the gospel.



**Don Stroud teaching**

#### **9 August—LOYENGALANI, LAKE TURKANA**

Rob Booth and I left on Tuesday the 9th by boat to Loyengalani, 200 kilometers away. The boat ride was long , but the scenery was very beautiful. Leaving at about 12pm we arrived well after dark and were taken to our lodgings.



**Church Service at PAG  
Loyengalani**

The next day we met with about 50 leaders from different denominations and shared on ‘Back to Basics’ for 4 days. The PAG Church hosted the event and pastor Charles was a great host.

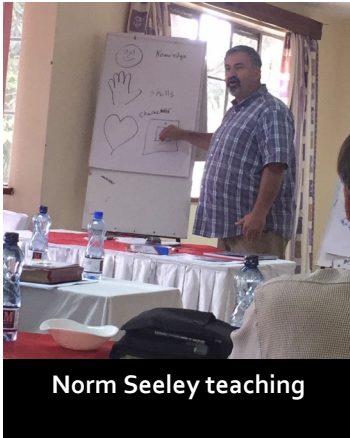
Loyengalani was an interesting place. Full of NGO’s coming and going, handing out food and money to various people. It sure created an expectancy that money and supplies were the order of the day. It is a tough land with drought and little rain but the lake provides a means of living by catching and selling fish. Trucks would come from Congo to buy fish. By trucks I mean 18 wheelers. Fishing is big business on Lake Turkana.



**Rob Booth with  
a local  
missionary from  
Elmolo village**

However the men were quite impressed with ‘Back to Basics’ and thought that we were sharing the Scriptures very deeply. It seemed that the messages, “How to know the Bible is the Word of God”, “How to know your saved”, “How to get right with God when your Down (Ps 51)” and “the chemistry of the Cross, (ROM 8:28)”, among others, were deeply appreciated.

Rob Booth, Nathan Onyango and I then flew to Nairobi with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and joined Norm Seeley (IMD Intl President), to help teach at the Ndugu Group of leaders that he had established. These men are true Timothy’s, faithfully passing on the teachings they have received.



Norm Seeley teaching



The Ndugu tribe with trainers



Norm and Phil handing out certificate

Here is a WhatsApp message I received from Nathan in response to the teachings that recently took place.

*"Hello Koos, Greetings to you and your family. I would like to request you if you can prepare certificates for the pastors and leaders in Siaya, we trained them on Building the Inner Man also we can consider other places that had trained before. We would really appreciate if you would include it in your programme of 2020 when you will be coming. I can pick you up at Kisumu International airport."*

Nathan was one of the men who heard of disciple making on some of our trips and he greatly helps us with ministry preparation and evening evangelism. He has taken the Building the Inner Man material and is sharing it with others. Awesome! Praise the Lord. He and Hosea Otiemo normally do ministry together

### **19-20 July—Dar Es Salaam**

Finally we flew to Dar Es Salaam to train the Timothy Training Network. We met with them for two days and shared from 'Building the Inner man' material.

We're excited by the fruit of the various ministries and men taking the entrustment from God and sharing it with other leaders.



Leaders at Marsabet



Training TTI Network

### **10-11 August—SA, Teachers Retreat with RaN**



RaN Team

This for me was an exciting week. A Raising a Nation (RaN Foundation) team of 4 ladies arrived to minister in three areas. They held a teachers retreat for the Maruda Christian School Staff which was a lot of fun, with mind bending material.

**Greta hosted this event and this is what she reports:**

*Worked with Lynne (and Jeni) to create overall schedule for retreat, making sure each person knew what their contribution would be. The theme of the retreat was 'thinking' and the goal was to present to the teachers alternative ways of thinking. Using the example of Nehemiah, they learned different ways of thinking about what it means to be a leader. We shared with them the DeBono Six Thinking Hats as a structured way to make decisions or problem solve. They heard how kids think at different ages so that they can better show them who God is. They also learned a way to think about their finances different.*



Teaching about deBono hats

*Having participated in all of this it was a lot of fun and gave insight to be more inclusive in the planning process.*

### **12 - 14 August SA, Kgati Ya Moshati High School with RaN**

While Greta spent most of her time at Maruda Christian School Lynne, Andrea and Sheryl spent nearly three days at Kgathi Ya Moshati. It was awesome that the head master shuffled the whole programme around so that we could share in each Life Orientation class during that week.

So the ladies had 3 sessions a day with 3 grade 10 Classes, 3 grade 11 classes and 3 grade 12 classes. Unfortunately a local municipal shut-down resulted in the whole of Mokopane and surrounds coming to a stand-still and classes were affected by this.



Sheryl teaching @

I am sending the reports from the ladies as attachment in a pdf format so you can see the hard work they put into their preparation to stay in lock step with that weeks particular life orientation lessons. You may find it interesting reading.

The ladies did amazingly well. Thanks Lynne, Andrea, Sheryl and Greta for the effort you put into this week.

The ladies also did a Girls Seminar entitled 'Kingdom Women', arranged by Joyce Chaba and Phyllis Mathebula and hosted @ the Word Ministry, overseen by Pst. Fanta and Ramsy Shika. See attached report as well for further info.



So this ended a very special week.

You may be thinking why all the attachments. Well best answer I can give is that this is a report and I'm trying to be thorough. It will give you a lot of clarity into the kind of ministry we want to do in the schools.

## **6 - 8 Sept—SA, Annual Woman's and Youth Conference**

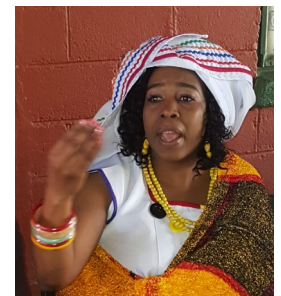
This was our annual conference and was special because instead of an external speaker from overseas we had Ramsy Shika address the women. She used the 'Building the Inner Man' material and also spoke about the words that we speak which can have negative or positive effects on our lives.



Combined session

I was struggling with a chest infection, but managed to speak to the Youth on Building the Inner man as well. Pst. Fanta Shika and Comfort Mathebula also addressed the youth.

Dr. Madelein Bester, from CBC Mokopane shared with the women on HIV, Diabetes.



Ramsy teaching

We believe the conference was a huge success.

## **23 October - 12 November—USA AND cancelled HAITI TRIP**

Well this trip turned out to be a little different as planned. Weather and politics affecting my trip to Haiti. Rob Booth from Sante Fe and Andy Human were supposed to meet me at Miami on the 29th October to fly to Port O' Prince the next day for a three day conference in Simonette village with Pastor Elysse Antoine. I get an email from Rob. *Our flights have been cancelled due to bad weather and winds at Denver International. We're not coming.*

Meanwhile in Haiti people were striking and apparently things were in a bit of an upheaval and Pastor Elysse was unsure of how to get us from Port o Prince to Simonette. So I cancelled the trip. Providentially refunds were given for flights for which we thank God. I flew back to Memphis and had an operation to remove three teeth that had broken off level with my gum which held the bridge I had in place.

I actually started in Memphis after I flew into Atlanta and stayed one night with different people and preached in two different churches; Evangel Baptist and Christ Community Church. Good seeing old friends and giving report back about the work in Africa. On the 5th I flew to Houston to visit friends and supporters in Lake Jackson. I was picked up by Dan Baugh a long time friend and fellowship was sweet.

I also met the new senior Pastor at Hope Fellowship, Brian Bish. Mark Swirsky is staying on for awhile while Brian gets to know the ropes. So we fellowshipped and two of the teaching elders want to come and do a trip to Africa in 2020.

I want to include an email report from Pastor Elysse Antoine. Although we didn't make it to Haiti God was building some much needed unity among some churches. Rom 8:28 really applies to this situation. God works all things to the good of those who love Him.



Pastor Elyse writes:

*"Hi Koos how are you doing?*

*I was invited last week in the oldest church of my village Simonette, the church where I was born spiritually.*

*I taught during 7 nights of conference about leadership based on my vision God Gift for my village and the whole Haiti.*

*Three other churches from Simonette attended this conference.*

*God talked to the leaders to work in unity and his presence was fully manifested.*

*Leaders confessed and decided to reconcile to others. It's a revival.*

*It's a fruit of your two conferences in Simonette, Haiti.*

*I understand why you were unable to come God needed to revive before you come the 3rd time .*

*Next year will be God time.*

*The situation is better now in Haiti.*

*Continue to pray for Haiti and my village Simonette.*

*Share those updates to the staff of IMD.*

*Past Elyse Antoine.*

*May God continue to bless you.*



That's good news. So We'll be back in Haiti in May next year God Willing.

## **MOKOPANE NEWS.**

The school continues to do well but we're in need of a Principal and possibly another teacher with a degree in education. We always welcome volunteers as well, whether it be for a short term trip or a longer period of time.

We ask for prayer in all these areas mentioned above. We ask that if any of you know of any foundations that help schools financially that we can apply to please let us know.

If you feel led we have an 'adopt our teacher program' to help fund our teachers and give them better salaries. Please inquire if you would like to help in this program.

The farm ministry continues to do well and has grown immensely since we started about 11 years ago. We thank God for Pastor Johannes and Comfort who faithfully evangelize and train the farm workers from the word of God.



At present I'm beautifying The Land. Planting trees and shrubs and will shortly put up a mesh fence to keep the goats out to stop them attacking the trees.

We trained 6 men and women, young adults to qualify for low ropes adventure training so that we can start using low ropes obstacles to teach leadership and team work with biblical principles and truth.

Keep praying for us as we slowly move ahead with this ministry.



Our youth are the leaders of tomorrow whether for good or for bad. Please keep praying.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS.**

- 1) For Maruda Christian School. For protection of negative influences from government.
- 2) people to buy into adopt a teacher programme so our teachers can receive better salaries.
- 3) for a new Principal and volunteers to help out at the school for a year or two.
- 4) our planning for 2020 to be Spirit led. Many open doors.
- 5) for health and strength to face the many challenges ahead.

Thank you for so faithfully loving us thru prayer, giving, hosting us when we see you and sticking with us over the years.

Have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous new year in every way but especially that thy souls may prosper in the Word of God and fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

Love from Koos and Jeni and the IMD Staff.

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