

# IMD Africa

## Overview of 2022...so far

JANUARY - OCTOBER 2022

Greetings in the Wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

The momentum has definitely picked up again in 2022, and we are excited to report on what has happened in 2022 so far. Jeni and I spent six weeks in the USA during the months of April and May. We recruited a number of teams to come help in 2023 and a limited amount of funds for some of the projects. As the teams come and help we will keep you informed.

### **11—19 March 2022: ZANZIBAR— STONE TOWN**

In February we started training local churches in Zanzibar, which is 98% Muslim and the evangelical church is a small minority in Zanzibar. Most Christians are from the mainland Tanzania and very few are Zanzibarians. The local churches we started training are mostly Pentecostal, but the grace we experience in this is that we were able to share from our foundational doctrinal beliefs.

Jeni and I were joined by a two pastors from Fellowship of Oakbrook in Summerville, South Carolina. We were also joined by Stef Deck from Memphis TN and a friend of hers, Julie Hogue, from Nashville.

The men taught through the book of 1 John, Stef took the ladies through a Bible overview Chronologically, Jeni taught on All to Maturity, and Julie shared her testimony and lessons learned from living in Cambodia as a missionary.



The team contributed greatly to the cost of this project, which was also greatly appreciated.

### **6-17 June 2022: MOZAMBIQUE—CHIVANNE VILLAGE**

In June, Rob Booth and I went to Mozambique to pick up on the leaders who we had trained over the years to find them continuing faithfully in the Lord. This is in the Sabie area. We showed the Jesus Film at two different churches.

One evening at pastor Obisi's church about 50 people rocked up to watch. This was on the outskirts of the Chavanne village. The next night at Pastor Armando Massingue's church, which was very close to the centre of Chavanne village, we met in the building. It was packed with people - almost 200.



People were hanging off the door trying to see inside.

It was exciting to minister in this environment. Many responded to the gospel.

We will return in November with our local staff team to follow up on church plants by pastor Noah Mabunda, who has planted three churches over the years. We will also hold a leadership conference and show the Jesus Film, do evangelism and preaching in the evenings. We plan to go from 15 -25th November, so please keep us in prayer.



## MARUDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE

A note from the Principal, Pst. Fanta Shika: *“God has been unbelievably amazing, especially in the 2022 academic year. Remembering how the year begun with doubtful sentiments regarding Covid 19, not really sure as to the outcomes from the office of the President and Health Department. I must say, despite the intimidating situation, we as Maruda Christian School saw improvement.*

*On the 22 June 2022, the Health Minister, Joe Phaahla, announced that we could stop the wearing of face masks in public places and borders were opened. We saw this as a great achievement and as a school we looked forward to strengthen each other and fulfil our goal for the year to ‘build intentionally’.*

*We were privileged to receive visitors again from the USA.*

*Towards the end of the second term we welcomed Ma’m Elizabeth from Kentucky, USA, as one of our supporters at Maruda Christian School. We really appreciate her interventions on how she presents her lessons to the learners and I also loved how she simply presents and demonstrate mathematics practically. She is so amazing! Such a blessing to us.”*

Her theme for the reunion group with year was ‘Shining your light in a dark world’. We had blue-lights and glo-in-the-dark props and a great time of discussing the challenges that this group face as most of them are now at college, university or working.



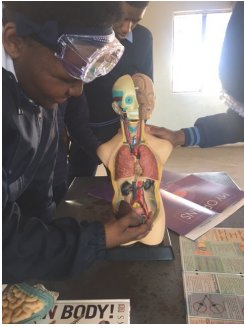
In the third term we also welcomed the two ladies from California, Lynne Shelton from RaN, and Doralynn, a newcomer to SA. These ladies did such an outstanding work.

They focused on 2 Timothy 3:16-19 *“All scripture is given for reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness and being complete in Him and equipped for every work good work”*. They taught the learners a new song based on the scripture above and each learner was provided with a Bible as gift.

The look on their faces was priceless as they interacted with the new materials and were reminded that God gave us His manual, the Bible to instruct us how to live, just as a manual comes with each piece of equipment.

Lynne gave lessons on the principles for starting a business and ended the sessions with a practical Entrepreneurship Day.





This year was indeed a year of unexpected gifts. We were donated a new Science kit to aid our learners in learning practically and this takes our school to another level.

We were offered some funds to buy sports equipment such as netball vests, pole nets(netball), whistles, soccer posts, and the bags of lime needed to mark out netball and soccer fields. We really treasure your love for the kids. It was them easy for us to host a friendly match with Carpe Diem Christian School. We thank Morwaswi’s family for lending us two tents for our visitors for shade. The Lord has been gracious to us. We really appreciate the good work done by the

teachers who are always ready and willingly to serve.



Other improvements are that we also managed to instal window blinds in the office and also installed electricity in the two wooden cabins. We received a donation that we could use to purchase the learners workbooks for one whole term for the whole school. This is a real need as we continuously seek sponsorships for the school learning materials (paces) .



We have recently employed three new qualified staff members, by God’s grace and the school managed to send four staff members for inhouse training to better equip them to use the ACE system.

A note from the Administrator, Jeni Basson: “Our new headmaster, an ex-teacher in government schools is very able and capable steering the students and staff in a very competent manner.



We recently spent a few days at the Administrators Seminar with Accelerated Christian Education to better equip us to fulfil our God-given mandate of reaching the nation for Christ one child at a time, through Christian Education.

We were convinced, more than ever, how vital this ministry is.

One area for prayer is the monthly cost of learner’s books which we trust to provide for each learner, outside of the government subsidy and parent monthly fees. Part of the reason is that we keep the fees low to help economically disadvantaged families provide their



children with quality education at an affordable cost.

So many things to be excited about this year, but it is always the spiritual growth of these children that excite us the most. Please continue to pray for the school, for the staff and for the graduates that as they learn more about our Lord and Saviour, and come to know Him personally, that they would never loose the joy and wonder of knowing Him and sharing Him with others.

**18-19 August 2022 ANNUAL TEACHER’S RETREAT**

We also welcomed again, Candy Colson and Andrea Camden. These ladies have come alongside the school numerous times and come back to work alongside the ministry. We really appreciate their love and support they grant to our school. It was such an amazing time to have the four ladies supporting the staff at Tivheka Lodge, where they hosted our annual Teacher’s Retreat. We had an awesome time of inspiration, motivation and excitement.



### **23-31 August LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN MOKOPANE AND MALAMULELE**

Norm and Christie Seeley, from IMD International joined us later in August and we had two Leadership Conferences using Building the Inner Man material. This was presented by Norm and myself in Mokopane at Pastor Fanta Shika's church and about 25 leaders attended from various churches around Mokopane. The teaching focused on keeping our hearts pure and strong as leaders.

Then we travelled up to Malamulele, Gazankulu where delegates from Venda and Gazankulu attended the conference at Muchipisi Baptist church. About 30 delegates attended this meeting. Alongside this, we had a Ladies conference which handled the same topic. Christie Seeley, Candy Colson and Andrea Camden did the teaching and training. 30 ladies attended the meeting. Most of them were pastor's wives.



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS AND OTHER EVENTS AS REPORTED BY OUR STAFF.**

#### **The L.A.N.D. Report March-August 2022 (Leadership Academy for New Direction)**

*"In March we had our first two VBS 's for the year with the theme "The good Samaritan". The total number of children who attended the two VBS's was 150. This is due to COVID-19 restrictions that were in place. The kids were excited to experience what they hadn't been experiencing for the past two years.*



*We spent most of our days in high schools teaching L.O. (Life Orientation) to grade 10 and 11 during the month of April & May. We are currently working with 3 high schools in Moshate Village. We are really grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to teach the learners at the public schools, which gives us an opportunity to also minister the word of God to them.*

*We had the first group of learners at the L.A.N.D. for the team building activities. The learners were 37 from three different schools. It was a very exciting day to finally have the learners at the L.A.N.D. for the first time since we started with the L.O. classes.*



Elizabeth, from Kentucky, USA came to S.A for the June/July holidays, it was very exciting to see her again after we could not see her for two years due to COVID-19. We had three VBS's in total, two were in Moshate and one in Masodi Village .



The first day we had more than 150 children because it was the first VBS we had after the COVID-19 restrictions were no longer in place, everybody was excited to have Ma'am Elizabeth back because most of the children were able to remember her.



We then had an overflow of children the following two days, our target was 300 children in Kgabetli Primary School, we ended up with 350 children inside so we had to close the gate since well we could only accommodate a certain number. The last day was at Jakameni Primary School, we closed the gate when we had 300 children, but many children came and they were crying and asking to get



in, we ended up with 400 children, we had to improvise and give them the hotdogs that were for the helpers.



We had a thanksgiving braai for the VBS helping team and Koos Basson gave a teaching and we did the team building activities with the group. We are trusting the LORD that the team we worked with for the past VBS's will be the team we work with on other VBS's to come. The exciting part was that most of the helpers were ex-learners from Maruda Christian School, who used to also attend the VBS's when they were in primary school.

Just recently in the October holidays in did another two VBS's. About 150 kids were at the Masodi Baptist Church venue and another another 250 attended at the Jakameni Junior School in Moshate. We are very encouraged in the Lord.

The schools re-opened for the second term and we continued with the L.O lessons, Lynne and Doralyn came and we had them teaching in the three high schools. We then had a CAREER AND ENTERPRENURESHIP DAY at THE L.A.N.D. and Lynne did vocational testing with the learners. We had a total number of 120 learners who attended. The day was successful because most of the learners were able to finish the test and understand which possible career path they can follow. One learner said "I thank you guys for this day because I finally got to understand what path I should follow as far as my studies are concerned".



Candy and Christi taught grade 10 class in Tetema Secondary School, they could not do more classes because the week they visited we had 2 days of National Shutdown.

The last weekend of August we travelled with the IMD International Team to Gazankulu for the Pastor Conference. The team was teaching on "Building the Inner man". The pastors and the women in Gazankulu were very much blessed with the teachings and we are trusting the Lord that they will teach others as the Lord leads them.



As the team that is working at The LAND, we really thank God for this opportunity to join Him in what He is doing in the lives of the young people in the villages. Our lives have been greatly impacted and we get to see God working in our lives and the lives of the learners. This has really been a life changing opportunity and we give all the praise to the Almighty God" (Comfort Mathebula, Joe Malete and Nancy Mosebedi)

**19-22 September: IMD INT MASTER TEACHER CONFERENCE IN INDIA**

IMD International held an Asia partners Master Teacher Conference in Kathmandu. We had Master Teachers from various provinces in India, Nepal and from Bangladesh attend. It was a time of teaching on servant leadership and prayer. We sat down in groups to discuss needs and get to know individual attendees. It was a time of great edification for all involved. Many of the Master Teachers are adept at using material such the Inner Man and other IMD International material to train groups of leaders. It was very encouraging to see their zeal in seeing others equipped especially in areas of the heart. A leader or any Christian fails first in the heart before we see the outward manifestation of that failure in their walk with God.

**22-30 September: NEPAL OUTREACH TO JAJARKOT MOUNTAIN REGION**

After the training event, many of the IMD Master teachers reached out with local leaders to minister and encourage leadership groups.

I travelled with Harihar to Nepalgunj where we waited for Don Stroud to arrive from Memphis TN to make our 9 hour journey to Damdala village in the Jajarkot District in the mountains. About 30 pastors from different churches in that area attended the meeting plus a whole bunch of teenagers and young adults. The atmosphere was one of hunger for the word of God. Everybody was extremely attentive as Don and I taught through Building the Inner Man. The young people were taking notes and were often the first at reading any Scriptures we needed reading. It was refreshing for Don and I to work with such people. We challenged them to take it back to their churches and to share it with their congregations and others.



We took the bumpy 200 kilometre, 9 hour journey back to Nepalgunj. It was well worth the discomfort of hard travels.

From there we tried to cross the border and take a taxi from Nepalgunj to Lucknow India but the border was closed. Although we walked across the border looking for an immigration office which when finally found was closed and had been for months. So I called Jeni. Thank God for an able wife. Now, not being able to fly from Lucknow, we had to fly from Kathmandu.

Jen organised the tickets and we ended up in Hyderabad to do another Building the Inner Man training session. About 19 leaders attended. Many more should have come but leadership issues of disunity and pride stopped many leaders from coming. Very sad. But we had a great time with the leaders who attended.

We're grateful to our hosts in Nepal and India for organising and hosting us and giving us the opportunity to minister in their circles of influence.



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