

# News letter

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#### **Greetings from the Admin Office.**

2017 was a year of great challenges, but also a year that God again proved his faithfulness to us. He was faithful in every way and gave wisdom when required and finances when the need was high. **THE LORD SUPPLIED.** 

Pieter Niebuhr became involved with MFT as a coadministrator for the work in KZN. He is a man with a vision and a passion for the extension of the Kingdom. His forte is his competence to communicate with Zulu speakers in their own language. Since his involvement the work has livened up and because of his insistence on invitations at every service, many people have come to salvation. He is a real gain for the work and we wish him a blessed and fruitful service with MET. In a previous Newsletter we asked for prayers to trust the Lord for R26 000.00 that was needed to repair one of the tents. Well....the Lord did just that! A sponsor, who also has a passion for souls, had a brand new tent made for R105 000.00 which will be delivered in November! We are also thankful and really appreciate the contributions of others through out the year.

Change of address: Ria and Wessel Pretorius are relocating to Pretoria at the beginning of December which means that the Administration of MET will be transferred with them. We wish them strength and much blessing with their

move and trust that the change from the country to the big city will be manageable. We are thankful to the Lord that Sr. Ria is not lost to us as her diligent and

able service to MET over the years has been of great value to the Mission. "Thank you Ria!"!

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## From the Word;

In a few weeks' time we will again celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although the Bible does not so specify the giving of presents has become synonymous with Christmas. After all, Christ's arrival in the flesh was indeed a case of God giving His Son to us! "What a Gift!" To tell the truth, the Gospel is all about how God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit gave specific things to us. The following are a few examples that you can prayerfully look up in your Bible:

#### God gave

The Bible teaches us that Eternal Life is a Gift of Grace (a present) that God has given man (Rom 6:23). Before God could give this Gift of Grace, He first had to give His Son (Joh 3:16). He then gave His Son a body that could serve as a sin offering for the world (Heb. 10:5).

#### Christ also had a turn to give

#### **Christ gave His body:**

To be broken (1Cor. 11:24)

To be crushed (Isa. 53)

And so he bore God's wrath and punishment for your and my sin.

Also He gave His body as a sin offering so that we could die to sin. (1Pet. 2:24)

## **Christ gave His blood:**

For the purifying from our sins. (1Joh. 1:7)

For the forgiveness of our sins. (Heb. 9:22)

So that we could come closer to God. (Eph. 2:13).

So that we could approach God freely. (Heb. 10:19).

As a ransom. (1 Pet. 1:18, 19).

To purchase us for God. (Rev. 5: 9)

To reconcile us to God. (Col. 1: 20)

#### **Christ gave His life:**

Freely. (Joh 10:17, 18).

For His sheep. (Joh. 10: 14, 15)

#### Christ gave us the Holy Spirit:

(Joh. 15: 26; 16: 7)

#### The Holy Spirit gave us:

Assurance of salvation. (Rom 8: 16)

Knowledge. (Joh. 14: 26) Revelation. (Joh. 15: 26)

Guidance into the Truth. (Joh. 16: 13)

#### More thoughts around the giving of gifts:

A gift is something you receive because you have received favour in the eyes of the giver.

We received favour in God's eyes even before the foundations of the earth were laid, when He decided to give us eternal life. (Eph. 1: 4)

A gift is something you don't have to earn, it is free. So also the gift of righteousness was not given to us on the strength of our efforts. (Rom. 3: 24, 28.

For the receiver of a gift it is free but for the giver it costs a price.

After Christ worked out our salvation on the cross he exclaimed:

"IT IS FINISHED"! That means that the price has been paid in full, the account is settled. (Joh. 19: 30).

# Our Salvation cost us nothing, but

#### IT COST GOD HIS SON'S LIFE

# IT COST CHRIST HIS LIFE AND HIS BLOOD

AND HIS BODY

#### It was an expensive transaction:

1Pet 1: 18 – For you know that you were not purchased with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were delivered from your fruitless form of conduct received by tradition from your forefathers.

1Pet 1: 19 – But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

1Cor. 6: 20 – For you were bought at a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1Cor. 7: 23 – You are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

Furthermore God **gave** us a huge responsibility to go and give the Gospel of redemption to the world, so that they may also receive the grace of eternal life that God would like to give to them also.

Math. 28: 19 – Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, and baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

1Pet. 2: 9 – But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that you should shew forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

The Board and all our workers wish you and you loved ones a blessed Christmas Feast and a very Prosperous 2018.

#### Longridge Crusade - Mpontshane Reports

We were not very successful in this area in previous years. The predominance of the Shembe religion caused people be unreceptive to the true Gospel and shy of attending counselling sessions. This time it was quite different and the people arrived in their numbers, children, youths and the elderly! It was a sight to behold! The only explanation that we could give is that the Lord continued to work in the hearts of the people long after the previous campaign had ended.

A young man, Zolhani Simelane had been saved, but the fruit of his salvation was not yet clearly visible in his life. During the campaign the Lord touched him so, that he brought his Zionist clothing to burn and he then broke all bonds with the Zionist church.

Another woman had difficulty to walk. We prayed for her and she was healed.

Notwithstanding the fact that this had been an exhausting year in which we had experienced many opportunities and challenges, the Lord was ever faithful and gave relief and allowed us to break through.

A very treasured piece of equipment was stolen from our caravan. It is a voice recorder that I use to make recordings of the messages. This apparatus cost R2 500.00 a few years ago and was gifted by a donor. The loss makes our work very difficult and in some cases impossible. Please pray for the provision of this very important piece of apparatus.

## **WESTERN CAPE - Nico Reports**

We are thankful to the Lord for a year of fruitful service in His vineyard. Space constriction will not allow for a resume of all the wonders that we have experienced during this year but we wish to tell about the campaign on the farm Konstantia in Riebeeck Kasteel:

On the second evening of the campaign Maria asked for prayer for her unborn baby as she faced the probability of an abortion as the result of medication, which had caused the baby to be malformed. The following evening she arrived with tears of gratitude in her eyes and testified that the doctors were dumb struck when the sonar showed no defect whatsoever on the baby. She was so overawed at the grace of the Lord that she confessed her sins and accepted the Lord as her saviour.



Maryna shares in Maria's joy.



With sorrow and weeping Peter rededicated his life to the Lord. Two weeks later he passed away.

#### RADIO SERVICES - MPONTSHANE



Two young men heard WHO listened to our radio broadcast came to my home with a desperate need to be saved. They walked from 7am to 3pm to get to my house. They were under such conviction of their sin and surrendered their lives with weeping



After a broadcast we had an overwhelming response in that over a hundred people phoned into the radio station. The people are tired of the false prophets deceiving them.

# A Haunting Melody

## BY JENNIFER DANIEL

In the midst of all the clamour That a Christmas Season brings There is a haunting melody That in the chaos rings

It speaks of God's compassion
Of His boundless love and grace
A manger of a Baby small
To save the human race

It laughs that death was powerless To keep His prisoner Triumphant He rose on high Our mighty Conqueror

And thus amidst the turmoil Of the Christmas holiday There is a haunting melody That blesses me each day

It points to His perfection
As the chosen Lamb of God
As countless steps are chronicled
Upon the path He trod

It whispers of the price He paid While on the cross He hung Our sins upon His body laid He our forgiveness won