



# News letter

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## THE BIG 'SWOP'

**Joh 1:29:** The next day he beheld Jesus coming towards him and he said: 'See, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'.

In Deut.:15: 21 specifications are given of the lamb that must be sacrificed as sin offering in place of the offender or sinner. The lamb had to be in good condition, healthy, without defect or blemish. When somebody has sinned he would take such a lamb to the priest where he would lay his hand upon the head of the lamb and confess his sin. The symbolism is clear! The sinner's transgressions were transferred to the lamb which was then killed. Thus the lamb carried the debt and the punishment in the place of the sinner!

The lamb pointed the way to Jesus Christ. (Isa.: 53:7).

The symbolism was however not completed through this action. The sinner's sin did not merely pass on to the lamb! The characteristics of the lamb passed back onto the sinner.

**Firstly**, the innocence of the lamb passed onto the transgressor and became an attribute to the sinner. In other words, since the

death of the sinless lamb, he was innocent and free of all sin....just like the lamb!

1Pet. 1:18, 19: 'Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversations received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot or blemish'

**Secondly**, not only our sins but also our suffering, passed onto the lamb. At the time of the healing by Jesus in Math. 8:16-17 and the healing of Peter's Mother-in-law, Isa.53:4-5 is quoted to justify His actions: 'Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.....and with His stripes we were healed.' Therefore we may freely go to His throne of grace to ask for healing. As far as sin is concerned we have the promise that, where there is repentance and a turning away and break with sin, that sin is ALWAYS forgiven! "His will is that all people will be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1Tim. 2:4)

### **Cyclone damage:**

During the Tropical cyclone that hit the East-coast of Africa in February our tent, just 3 years old, was torn into shreds. Tent poles and –pegs were buckled and bent and the fortified canvas sections and ropes were torn. The repairs which would amount to R26 000.00 have not been attended to due to a lack of funds.

**Tragedy in the midst of festivities:** Douglas Sibiya, one of our Evangelists, was married on the 6th July. The joy and festivities of the celebration was however marred by the death of his brother who had died tragically in a collision the previous night. He was a young man with great promise who had graduated last year.

Our worker group at MET was also traumatised by the event and are wrestling with many resultant questions. We ask for prayer in support of all affected by this tragedy and trust that the Lord will clearly show His guidance.

## **News from the MET Office.**

We stand in awe as we look back at the faithfulness of the Lord as He has supplied all our needs during the past months! We were able to pay all the salaries, accounts and even unexpected expenses, fully. We want to, again, say a big thank you to all who have faithfully contributed financially, in obedience to the call of the Lord

## **KwaZulu-Natal:**

### **June youth Conference;**

This Conference was attended by many young people and was a great success! The theme was: **“To stand perfectly before God”**.

The youth were, generally, touched by the insight which they received and made fresh commitments and undertook to walk in holiness before the Lord! We were able to identify the young people that we would encourage to go to Bible school for formal Bible teaching. Please pray for funds to enable them to do so.

### **Paul Pietersburg Campaign:**

This campaign was exceptionally well attended. The farmers of the district contributed freely with fuel and other provisions. The response for follow-up after the Campaign was overwhelming, so much so that the church of the local congregation that had invited us was too small to accommodate every one. We left the tent behind for use for the duration of the follow-up!



Paul Pietersburg  
Campaign



This Sangoma suffered many demonic problems. He was a member and prophet of the Zionist church. The Lord saved him and delivered him from his demonic problems. He attended the Campaign for the full two months duration which enabled us to invest further into his life.



This young man led an extraordinary lustful sexual life. He committed his life to the Lord after we had served him with the assistance of the 'Heart-Chart'!

## **Western-Cape:**

Sophia Lewies terminated her services with MET at the beginning of the year which leaves Maryna and I as the sole members of the team. Although this is quite a challenge we are depending on the Lord to send new and capable staff.

I recently met a young man (31) and discovered to my surprise that he had never heard of heaven or hell. At first I thought that he was pulling my leg but he was so serious about this that he persuaded me that he was totally ignorant about spiritual matters. He listened with rapt attention as I explained the Gospel to him. I left him with a DVD message and made an appointment to discuss the contents thereof further in the near future.

## **Great need among Lay Preachers and Christians in the Coloured community on the West Coast:**

We have discovered that there is a serious shortage of healthy Biblical teaching for the Christians in the Coloured community. With the exception of the VGK, the leaders of the respective churches or groups are not qualified to bring the Word!

Most of the sermons that I have encountered are based on allegoric or spiritualised preaching. Very few of the sermons are true to the text or attempt to explain the text in its true context. I can say, like Paul referring to the Israelites: “they have a zeal for God but without knowledge”.

Prov.: 19:2 says: that the soul should be without knowledge is not good”...not alone is it not good, it is dangerous for the church.

**Hos. 4:6 says:** “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge”.....This we see literally as we move among the believers.

This is why we have started with a series of Bible study sessions for a group of believers. It is clear from the outset that they are enjoying every minute thereof and that they marvel at the richness and power of scriptures as they discover more and more. There is a real need and urgency for them to experience healthy Bible study.

We have discovered ‘Precept Ministries’ who offer training on how to understand the Bible ‘in context’ and will look for an opportunity to go for training so that we can obtain and use their material in our work.

Please pray for this Bible study initiative!

### **Follow-up:**

We are thankful to be able to testify to the steadfastness of the converts in the district that have accepted the Lord over the past years. There are some who have been with us for the past 8 years and today we are able to clearly see the fruits of discipleship in their lives.

## **News from the Studio:**

We have, again, experienced how the multi-media mission has been used by the Lord to reach souls that would otherwise have been out of reach.

In Porterville district an elderly gentleman has taken it upon himself to go around to play the Message Series to those prepared to listen. He has testified of the salvation of those touched by these messages.

A pensioner from Adelaide in Eastern Cape purchased a few sets of the Xhosa Morning Service Series some time ago. He contacted us recently and said that the farmers who had received these Messages were faithfully using them for their labourers and that they were excited about the effect they had on them.

We are now planning to distribute the Messages to farmers in Lusikisiki. The pensioner has also requested the Messages in other languages. We are also starting soon with a new series of DVD Messages in Afrikaans.

## **Prayer requests:**

- 1. We still need a small truck for the cartage of our equipment.**
- 2. We urgently require funds for the repairs to our new tent.**
- 3. Pray for workers needed for the work in the Western Cape**
- 4. Pray for young Trustees to join.**

**Pray for funds for two promising young men who would like to attend Bible College.**

**We wish all who read this News Letter the Lord's richest blessings and with grateful thanks for your unstinting support.**

**Nico, the Trustees and all the workers.**



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