

XHOSA GOSPEL MISSION

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MISSION HOUSE IN FLORIDA, USA

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A donor couple in Florida, USA, decided to give all the profit made to build and sell a house on their property to our Mission. When the Contractors learned about the purpose for the building, many donated materials and a large portion of their time. Therefore, the profit became substantial when the house was finally sold.

The money was transferred to the local South African mission account with some additional fund a while ago. It is hoped that the contribution may be used to construct a new church and a

school, see the next article. Pastor hoppy has a dream to acquire a farm property for an AIDS orphanage home. This would require a very large donation, of course. However, having experi-

enced how our Lord touched the hearts of the Florida couple and their contractors, it is easier to believe that something like that may happen again!



Florida (USA) "Mission House"

KAYALITSCHA CHURCH

FUTURE EVENTS

- Orphanage vision
- Outreach to squatters
- Mdantsane church building repair
- Hoppy to the USA in April, 2008

The Kayalitscha congregation is still thriving despite the cramped quarters in the shack, which is fairly large, but not nearly enough for the growth. Pastor Nicholas and his wife, Nontobeko Jenny, recently blessed with

a baby son, are leading the church. The son is named Masibulele, which means "let us give thanks".

Although the local authorities were positive about the establishment of the church, they have to balance the

huge need for more housing and the need for a Christian lighthouse for the spiritual darkness in the area. Land prices are escalating and we need a budget for at least \$6,000. Pray that something will become available soon.

HOUSE OF MERCY—NTUTHUZELO



Pauline between two patients on the beds and a care giver

Pauline Mxinwa is the Sister In Charge for the AIDS hospice. She is assisted by seven volunteer care givers.

The two patients seen in the picture were so weak

when they arrived that they had to be carried. After a relatively short time under

loving care and having nutritious food, they gained strength enough to be discharged. However, they have no place to go! This is another great need that we must do something about.

Pray for the hospice Board members: Pastors James (General Manager) and Nicholas (Chairman), Hoppy, Sybil, Chicks and a couple more that they will

find a solution to this problem. Also pray for the night duty demand, which is difficult to fill.

Many are on the waiting list, languishing in hospitals until a place can be opened up. In addition to coming to a healthy place, their spiritual health is of the highest priority. Indeed, several are coming to Christ.

REAP CONFERENCE AND OUTREACH

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REAP: Revival, Evangelism And Prayer. A team from three churches in Florida, USA, held a well attended conference in Queenstown, about 2 hours drive from East London. The team continued with outreaches to churches and public schools, reaching over 16,000 students with the Gospel. The schools are wide open for ministry, and the Mission pastors are often

invited to counsel teachers and students.



CLI SEMINAR AND BIBLE SCHOOL

Christian Leadership Institute teachers held lectures for local ministers and lay people in September, see the picture. This has become a bi-annual event and pastors from several churches and others involved in Christian work are attending. One of the East London Bible Insti-

tute (ELBI) students also attended.

The ELBI now has 12 students meeting on Monday nights.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

The three Mission pre-schools have about 120 children. Many will graduate on November 24, which is at the end of the South African school year. The graduates will go on to public schools better equipped to start learning in earnest than if they had been left unattended in the townships and villages. Their parents are usually busy trying to find

jobs or they may work low-paying ones during long days. Six teachers are supported by the Mission and Amalinda Baptist Church. A solid meal each day is provided either by additional support staff of members from Pastor Hoppy's church.

Three children's outreaches were held this year with about 200 kids attending in

each. It is another of Pastor Hoppy's dreams to get sponsors for the much needy children, so we can reach more of them and their parents with the Gospel. This would require a whole different level of administration than what we have now.

Pray for wisdom and if the Lord leads us in this direction, for resources.



Kayalitscha kids

PRAISE!

- Hospice for AIDS patients in full operation
- Successful continued education of pastors and lay leaders
- Eight bikes donated by Multi Ministries to rural ministry workers.
- For Pastors James Stofile (Scenery Park), Eric MpitiMpiti (Amalinda Forest), "Precious" Pendila Ngcangisa

(Reeston), Nicholas (Kayalitscha) and the new Xhosa pastors team member Philemon Diaman (Mdantsane) and their families.

- Baptism of seven Kayalitscha people recently.
- Literacy classes in Xhosa started by Lindiwe, James wife
- The growing church in Khayalitsha

- Teams from North Carolina, Florida and Georgia doing great work
- Development of vegetable gardens and chicken coops.
- Successful REAP conference and outreaches
- Strong CLI teachings and good group of students—all glory to God!



Happy bike recipients

PRAY FOR

- Support for pastors' and teachers' salaries
- Additional financial support for the AIDS hospice operation.
- Wisdom regarding AIDS orphanage
- Land for church and school buildings
- Bible study groups in Zephunzane and Mdant-

- sane to develop into a church plants
- Authorities to realize the need for Christian ministry locations
- Continued spiritual growth at all church plants
- The church plants to become financially self supporting
- Sponsors for preschool children

- Cottage industry development
- Mdantsane church building repairs
- Outreach to garbage dump people and squatters
- Places to live for AIDS patients being discharged



New squatter settlement



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Checks made out to Xhosa Gospel Mission can be mailed to the Arvidson address. Receipts will be sent upon request and in January.



Pastor Dennis (affectionately known as “Hoppy”) Pohlmann has reached out to the poor townships near his South African pastorates since 1980. Although the government is making strenuous efforts to lift the living standards, many squatters are moving to the more densely populated areas in the hope of finding jobs, overwhelming the local municipal resources. Hoppy’s current outreach is in the East London, Eastern Cape, area in South Africa. He is the pastor of Amalinda Baptist Church, which has a growing attendance of multicultural people, while mentoring several Xhosa pastors. **Our mission is to reach the Xhosa population with the Gospel, by making church and school facilities available in township settlements, and proclaiming the Gospel.**

Dr. Bo Arvidson is the US coordinator of this mission support and can be reached as seen on top left. Kurt Mälzer is active in Georgia, coordinating local support efforts there.

WHAT’S NEXT?

Squatters are still coming to the East London surrounding areas. One new settlement is only about 1.5 miles from the Amalinda Baptist Church. Pastor Hoppy wishes to establish a ministry there, although it appears that there is no space available.

With at least 20,000 children orphaned last year in the Eastern Cape Province alone, the need to care for these kids is overwhelming. With so many families and relatives dying out, there are nobody to care for them.

The AIDS epidemic is the worst in all of Africa and the government bear a huge portion of the responsibility for the disastrous situation. Cultural changes must be part of the solution, and we know that our Mission can cause the needed positive transformation. We see that in some spots and our goal is to get the effect multiplied. The first “daughter” congregation in Kayalitscha and several Bible study cell groups demonstrates what can happen.

There is a vegetable farm available for purchase that

Pastor Hoppy envisions would be ideal for an orphanage. Pray!

Philemon Diaman is a new member of the Xhosa pastors team. He leads a church in Mdantsane, a township with about 3.5 million people. He is self-supporting by working a secular job. When he accepted the call to pastor the church two years ago, there were less than 15 members and now there are about 60. The 20 year old building is in great need of repairs.

**NEEDED: WEB SITE
MANAGER**

