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GILGAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Philemon is currently attending a Bible school in Peter Mauritzburg — the same one Pastor James attended several years ago. His congregation worships at another location while he studies to become an ordained pastor.

There is still some renovation to be done in the church building. A door broken down during a burglary needs to be fixed and a security feature added.

The classroom building that was sponsored by Warren Baptist Church in Augusta,

Georgia, is almost finished, see picture. A team from the church did a fantastic construction job in November last year.

The same team distributed 1,000 Bibles, see Ellie's story on the next page.



New classroom building almost finished

KAYALITSCHA

FUTURE EVENTS

- Orphanage vision may materialize!
- Outreach to squatter camp
- Mdantsane school building to be finished
- Bidding on Kayalitscha land

The shack must be relocated immediately! After twice expending the structure, it is quite a big job. The land owner is moving in to his house on the property (to the right in the picture) and does not want such a close neighbor. Pray!



Kayalitscha preschool and church building for > 100 people



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY WARREN BAPTIST CHURCH TEAM

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE



Packed sanctuary with kids

The Warren Baptist church team from Augusta, Georgia in the USA, not only accomplished major construction work, some members did a children's outreach for four days that attracted more kids than ever before. After the third day, see picture, the meeting had to be held outside to accommodate > 400 children.

During about 2 hours, the kids played and got a Bible lesson with team members

acting out the themes. Children used coloring and crafts to illustrate the lesson and they were given small gifts.

The public address system was stolen on the third night. Holding the meeting outdoors with weakened voices after several days seemed to be overwhelming, but God responded to prayers: The children were unusually quiet and attentive!

TESTIMONIES

"As we ministered there, one could sense the presence of God. "

"Wow, never in my life would I have thought I would be in South Africa sharing the love of Christ. ...On this trip God blessed me so much and it has been an amazing mission trip. I am so grateful to the Lord for giving me the opportunity to serve him in South Africa. " Amber Hopkins

"...As I have been ministering in South Africa,

God's call on my life has been confirmed. Just [having] been there with all of those children had a big impact on my life and God has changed me ..." Lacey Alise

"I have been on many mission trips. But this one is the most memorable one and had the greatest impact on my life. I have experienced far more than I expected . During the

trip God had taken me and put me in situations where I had to be completely dependent on Him...As we ministered there, one could sense the presence of God. Right through this trip God has shown me that it is with children that I am to minister to." Mandi Wilcox

ELLIE'S BIBLE OUTREACH



Ellie with her mother

Ellie, a 7 year old girl in Augusta, Georgia, USA, learned through her schooling about peoples in Africa and took an interest in the Xhosa. She told her mother that she wanted every Xhosa child to have a Bible, like she has her own Bible. Ellie wanted to earn money to buy Bibles for these chil-

dren and started to make crafts, selling them to family, friends and neighbors. She even opened her own booth at a local craft show and earned enough money (US \$200) to purchase about 40 Bibles. Other people started donating money, which increased the number of Xhosa Bi-

bles to 1000 (500 for kids). These were distributed by a team from her church in November last year to greatly excited Xhosas, genuinely hungry for God's word.

Ellie's obedience to the desire God placed in her heart is an example how He blesses!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

At Amalinda Forest, a big expansion is completed with two new classrooms. This means the school is doubling its size with regards to children and space.

A shack for a preschool in a "informal" settlement (squatter camp) is much needed to care for mal-nourished children. The Amalinda Forest ministry

is taking on the responsibility.

The Scenery Park preschool effective ministry continues.

The Mission now sponsors preschool activities for 150 to 180 children.

Gilgal Baptist Church now have a large school building for preschool and Sunday school



Amalinda Forest school lunch

classes nearly finished. Pastor Hoppy will get help from a Korean missionary to do the final touches.

PRAISE!

- Hospice for AIDS is in high demand and helped about 20 patients in 2009
- Many come to the hospice to die, but 90% survived and could lead healthy, meaningful lives.
- Monday night Bible School has nearly 20 students and all are making progress.
- For Pastors James Stofile (Scenery Park), Eric MpitiMpiti (Amalinda Forest), Nicholas (Kayalitscha) and Philemon (Mdantsane) and their families.
- Gilgal Baptist Church, Mdantsane, renovation almost finished.
- Team coming in 2010 from

Warren Baptist Church

- Bread bi-weekly donation for the children in the Mission outreach areas.
- Several tons of yoghurt donated during 2009.



Unloading yoghurt

PRAY FOR

- Support for pastors' and teachers' salaries
- Additional financial support for the AIDS hospice operation.
- Wisdom regarding orphanage
- Land for Kayalitscha church and school buildings
- Bible study group in Biko (near Mdantsane) to develop into a church plant.
- 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
- Pastor Eric's foster child

who has AIDS

- Outreach to squatters, see picture
- Places to live for AIDS patients being discharged
- Pray for the development of a business plan around the new orphanage structure, as well as the place for the first project



Proposed location for squatter camp preschool shack

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Non-profit account with Key Bank. Wire instructions on request

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



Reaching the Xhosas with God's Good News

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?

Will 2010 be the year when the XGM orphan-age(s) will be a reality? Plans are being drawn up for several buildings to be constructed in the township locations where the Mission is already established.

A major commitment by the Warren Baptist Church in Augusta, GA, could be the springboard. Mission friends around the world will be called upon to pray and contribute in ways that our Lord

will lay on their hearts.

Are there Mission friends as obedient as Ellie?

Yes, we believe there are. Then we know that our God will bless the undertaking, for surely He is deeply concerned by the plight of abandoned children. We are His arms to wrap around them, the feet to walk with them, His hands to build and care.

When the plans take shape, there will be a

need for construction teams, additional funding and of course staffing. We believe that many of the women who have been restored to health at the AIDS clinic would be good candidates to become “house” mothers. Several of them have a professional training, such as nurses.

Will you let us know in what way our Lord is leading you into this new work?

Check out the web site! It is updated on average once per month.