

TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGHS

The past couple of days we had some personal breakthroughs: Saturday evening we managed to “Skype” with our son in Ireland en “wola!” we can see and hear him! As I’m writing this, I’m listening via internet to my brother Max on RSG, about the materialism, corruption and poor management of our government in SA. I also listened to the program of Johan Symington about God’s hand in Haiti – actually they say they don’t really know about God’s roll in everything but Adrio Konig confirms that we can know that God is not distant from all of this – He is there and after all He is a compassionate God – Hallelujah! He can affect breakthroughs even in catastrophic events.

PRAYERHOUSE BREAKTHROUGHS

Friday, I went with a couple of ladies to Chimwale with the purpose to establish a Woman Service in the “Prayerhouse”.

In the late 90’s Chimwale was full of traditional “Njaus” – an eccentric, heathen group of dancers with masks. At that stage I arrived from Petra College for Children Ministries to give training on Children evangelism at HEFSIBA. I was challenged to make a breakthrough after one missionary has suggested that we shake the dust from our shoes. By the grace of God and the help of the HEFSIBA students, a breakthrough came. Children came to belief in Christ and later their parents. Today the church council consist of ‘ex-Njaus’ and there is hundreds of believers in “Prayerhouses” around Chimwale. So much so that Ds Samuel Bessitale asked me to assist with the expansion of the place so that it can become an independent congregation with their own reverent at the end of this year, if it is the Lord’s will.

Please pray for Chimwale – for more breakthroughs and a stronger responsible and dynamic leadership. The woman is fairly strong but the problem is with the men.

And another breakthrough – I have eaten ants, for the first time in my life, and with the dry porridge without salt it was not too bad.

EXPECTED FINANCIAL BREAKTHROUGHS

All our meetings start again on Monday in all their glory. We start with a meeting of our Financial Committee which is followed by a meeting of our Academic Committee. Tarisai, our treasurer from Zimbabwe has arrived (without wife or child), so we need to face our financial position early in the year. The subsidies for our Theological students are coming in nicely – THANK YOU!

There is no breakthrough yet on the funding for our lecturers. We want to buy a new photo copier machine this week, total cost of R17500 and the Warmbaths – West NG Church income from “Potjieskos” evenings of R6000 will be used to cover some of those expenses. More funding for this is welcome!

WATER BREAKTHROUGH

We want to try to pump water from the borehole to the upper water tanks to see if we can get water to our lecturers and other personnel – it will definitely be a breakthrough if we have running water and if we can shower!

STUDENT BREAKTHROUGHS

We anticipate 70 new students for this year – a record to date. Among them we expect the new mayor, the Head and Permanent Secretary of the Frelimo Governing Party and the Head of the Safety Police. Can you imagine how our community will change if these men change.

Pray: Please pray for new students and all the preparation to get everything in order before the academic year starts. Antoinette is mainly responsible and involved in the administration.

PERSONEL MATTERS

Dirk and Marie Smit are on their way back from Roodepoort. Please pray for their safe return and border post crossings. Pascoal, is with them in the car.

Pascoal, our computer lecturer, starts his studies with us this year. Andrade, our community development worker, also starts his studies with us, if he can get the necessary funds. Our neighbour's garden worker, Xadrique starts his diploma in Theology. We are excited for these people in the way God will use them in their different ministry fields.