

HEFSIBA NEWSLETTER

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'To invest in quality Christian education of native leaders that could impact their own community and country – I don't know of any better investment'

- Prof. Dr. Willem Saayman -

Dear Friends

Mphatso-Hefsiba Partnership Meeting:

We had a most enjoyable Mphatso-Hefsiba Partnership meeting at the Reformed Church of Centurion last weekend. We were overwhelmed at the continuous support and involvement of the attendees for Hefsiba and the IRM.

Rev. Corneil du Plessis from Alberton-South is the new Chairman, Magda Saayman continuous in her post as secretary, Alf Pieters also remains in his post as vice-Chairman. Attie van der Walt and Edwin Muller are the new alternative members – please pray for them.

I presented a slideshow about the history of the Church in Mozambique which elicited interesting conversations.

Prof. Willem Saayman from UNISA provided very interesting information on the need for quality education of native leaders in African countries. He pointed out that many 'evangelical' churches lead people to salvation without providing follow-up support; hence there is little depth in their faith. He therefore sees much need for proper training of missionaries and also that Hefsiba could play a leading role in the development of 'Mobile Training Centre'.

He also suggests that the Reformed churches open their doors to black students who could benefit from the facilities at the churches, such as computers and literature. He responded to a question: '... Apartheid was wrong, we should admit it and move forward – we have an important mission in Africa'

The New Hefsiba Website:

We are proud to announce the new Hefsiba website! Many thank to Attie & Anel van der Walt (and the support of his brother). Visit the website to see the latest on Courses, Lectures and Events. You will also find very interesting information on the History of Hefsiba. You will also find a link to the Newsletters (in both Afrikaans and English). The site is also now available in Portuguese.

We also would like to add the website link to other sites that support Hefsiba, i.e. Churches and organizations. We hope this could increase the exposure of Hefsiba on the internet.

Hefsiba continuous without us:

We are very impressed with the way in which the personnel at Hefsiba functions in our absence. They have just finished exams, which mean finalizing exam papers, marking the

papers, publishing results – and everything went smooth. All finances are still being handled with great care and responsibility.

Living in Parys

I am not making as much progress with my research as I have hoped, but I have come across some good books and publications which would definitely help.

We are grateful for all the family, including both Antoinette's and my mother, which could attend my 60th birthday at my daughter's house. What a privilege to be part of such a big family.

Thank you for all your prayers for our health. Kruger will be undergoing more tests next month when in Somerset-West.

We visited a number of congregations and received positive feedback on all occasions.

Kruger will lead the sermon on Sunday, June 28 at Alberton-South NG Kerk and then we are off to Strand for a month.

The testimony of the "old Gray one":

This does not refer to Antoinette or me, but to our new car....Our old bakkie 'blew a gasket' while we were in Mozambique and we had to fly back to South Africa. Here, our son-in-law kindly gave us his Mazda Drifter Bakkie. When that bakkie's gasket also blew, we were seriously looking for another, reliable vehicle. Kobus Botha informed us that his brother has a Nissan X-trailer that he wanted to sell. The amount required was exactly the same than the amount we would be turning out from an investment later this year.

The Lord provided that Gus had to come down with the vehicle exactly the same weekend that Kruger had to hold a sermon in Roodepoort and I met him at a filling station only a block from my children's home....We were very impressed with the vehicle especially the low fuel consumption. The only problem was that we still didn't have the money, but again the Lord provided and the 'Getuienisaksie Kantoor' in the Cape offered to lend us the money – interest free! But that's not all – Louis Geldenhuys, a missionary from Mozambique had to come to South Africa and brought the new vehicle to our doorstep.

We took the vehicle to Maputo and the Nissan is now registered on our name. Thanks for everybody's prayers!

Personnel matters:

1. Petria Theron is visiting South Africa DV next week. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the building fund for the extension to her home. We only require another R10'000.
2. Dirk and Marie Smit became grandparents! Marie will be attending an English course in July in South Africa and will then see her granddaughter for the first time.
3. Four of the Hefsiba lecturers and the Chairman of Hefsiba's Administrative affairs, Rev Samuel Bessitala will be attending a workshop of netACT regarding Curriculum development and HIV/AIDS in Stellenbosch at the end of July at which I will also be presenting. We are looking forward to have them here as well.
4. Antoinette's mother is turning 80 this year. We are looking for reasonable accommodation in an old-age home in Bloemfontein or maybe Potch for her. We will be much less concerned about her when we go back to Mozambique. We ask that you pray for this as well.

CRISTO ACIMA DE TUDO! CHRISTUS BO ALLES!