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Hope, faithfulness and joy

comes when sharing the Gospel in communities.

Last month, I travelled to Africa to be with six of our twelve teams on the ground. The goal of the trip was to learn, listen, encourage and monitor our Aid & Development projects and to strengthen our Gospel partnership.

I was overwhelmed by what God was doing through the teams. I was impacted by their boldness, faithfulness and their joy in serving Jesus and proclaiming the Gospel. I had the opportunity to witness and share the Gospel in many communities. The openness to the message of Jesus and the hope we have in Him was extremely evident.

Meeting and spending time with the founder of African Enterprise, Michael Cassidy, in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, was a definite highlight. Michael's infectious smile, laughter and tendency to share gripping stories of sharing the Gospel and seeing lives transformed captivated my heart and mind during our time together. I'm always challenged by his heart for the work of AE and how he personally prays for every AE Office and supporter each week and that he remains passionate about preaching the Gospel. Whilst he no longer has the energy he once had, he continues preaching from his living room through social media platforms and encourages evangelists whenever possible. Michael is still very engaged with the South African AE Team and lights up when discussing their work in reaching the lost.

Just before I left for Africa, I met with David Hewetson - a founding board member of African Enterprise Australia. He has written a small letter (page 6) that I hope will be of encouragement to you as he reminisces his call to serve with African Enterprise. There are also some links to documentaries which show the impact of the Gospel and the extraordinary work of African Enterprise in



the peace negotiations that prevented civil war in South Africa in 1994. Only Jesus could make this happen, and the church was steadfastly praying.

I pray that you will be blessed by the stories shared in this newsletter. From all of us at African Enterprise, we would like to say thank you for your prayers and generosity..

Blessings in Christ,
Simba Musvamhiri, Chief Executive Officer

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Out of Africa

The Gospel is spreading in many ways.

South Africa



The South African Youth Foxfires are nearing the end of their training. They have been trained and equipped to share the Gospel through dance, drama, preaching, and life skills for teaching school children.

Following training, the Foxfires will be commissioned for a year of mission on the road – they are a vital part of AE South Africa’s mission strategy. A number of the Foxfires this year come from challenging backgrounds, but all have a deep and living faith, a firm grasp of the bible, and a passionate desire to share their hope in Jesus with everyone they meet.

Simba had the opportunity to spend time with the Foxfires during their training session and shared stories of his life as an evangelist.

The Foxfires ministry is renowned for leading many people to Christ, and it was inspiring to meet this team of incredibly bold young evangelists. Please keep them in prayer as they embark on this ministry.

Simba also spent time with the SA Team Leader, Theuns Pauw and the office staff. He encouraged them in the work that they do. Currently, they are planning a mission to Durban and are partnering with a significant number of local churches. Seeing the prayer, coordination and training that goes into an AE mission was beautiful.

Simba also visited the Edendale Sewing Project in KwaZulu-Natal, which equips women, some from as young as 15 to the oldest, who was 58, with professional tailoring skills and design. This project is not only a place for economic transformation but for

social engagement providing the women with the opportunity to have a purpose and value, and to feel safe and connected which gives them joy, love and acceptance.



Gary Almeida explaining how to teach the bible to the new Foxfire team.

Zimbabwe



Brian Mugwidi, the AE National Coordinator in Zimbabwe, is rebuilding AE Zimbabwe following considerable economic challenges and insecurity.

AE Zimbabwe remains well known for its Foxfires Ministry and coordinating the last national prayer breakfast in parliament several years ago.

Brian has re-engaged many local churches to partner with AE in the Mutare mission (a border town with Mozambique in the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe). Although the economic and



political challenges continue in Zimbabwe and make it hard to share the Gospel, God has given Brian favour with local churches and the community.

Brian has not lost hope; he is well-known in the NGO community, and his integrous character will enable new and much-needed aid and development projects to take place soon. Brian is recruiting youth from local churches to form a Foxfires Team.



Please keep AE Zimbabwe in your prayers.

Zambia



AE Southern Africa Regional Team Leader Lutungu Lubasi and the Zambian team are coordinating the follow-up of new believers from the international mission held last year during the 60th Anniversary of African Enterprise celebrations.

The local churches have been encouraged, with many people still discussing the mission. In fact, pastors are reporting that the spiritual climate in the city of Lusaka has noticeably changed. The prosperity Gospel, the most common message preached in the city, has been challenged by the training provided by African Enterprise. There has been a marked change in people's conversations – with many starting to see the importance of evangelism and discipleship rather than running after miracles.

After the National Prayer Breakfast in Aug/Sept, where Michael Cassidy shared – a parliamentary prayer movement commenced, with more than 30 elected members of parliament gathering regularly to pray for their country and godliness in all arms of government. All praise be to God, who navigates what seems impossible to be possible.

Simba was able to meet Julius, a man he had witnessed to during the Lusaka mission. Like many people who responded to the Gospel, Julius is



Fruits of the 60th Anniversary Lusaka Mission. Discipleship in a bible study group at BIGOKA Church, Mandevu, Lusaka.



Lutungu Lubasi & his wife Foster

being disciplined at a local church. Julius was beaming with joy with the hope he found in Jesus – he was excited to see Simba, took him to his home and asked Simba to pray for his family. Lutungu and the AE Office are coordinating with the church to ensure Julius receives a bible in his local language and more focused one on one discipleship to address his complex needs and challenges.



South Sudan

Alex Billal, National Coordinator for AE South Sudan (left) with Fatima (centre) and Janet Mwendwa – International Social Action Manager.



Alex Billal is the National Coordinator for the AE South Sudan Office based in Juba. Juba became an independent office (no longer under the direction of AE Kenya) in 2022. South Sudan is coming out of a civil war, with many global aid agencies still present. Civil war marks can still be seen in the local infrastructure, traumatised people and insecurity.

Alex, Mufti, Clement and John are working tirelessly to coordinate and run the Trauma and Healing Clubs in 30 schools in Juba. The clubs are open to students affected by a traumatic experience and provide counselling and spiritual and social support.

Fatima's* story is narrated by Simba.

I met Fatima, a 20-year-old student; she is small in stature and has just finished her Year 8 exams. Fatima's mother and brother were killed ten years ago in front of her, and she was traumatised by this. The person who killed her family was arrested within a few weeks but released back into her community shortly after. Fatima contemplated revenge killing as she often saw this person and was angry and bitter. Fatima was raised by a relative who treats her as a slave – as a result, Fatima's trauma is very complex. When the Trauma and Healing Club started at Fatima's school, she joined. Initially, it was a struggle for Fatima to open up about her trauma, but gradually she did.

Today, she is no longer the child that never smiled but one who has been truly transformed. The joy in Fatima is clearly seen by all who meet her, and whilst she has a long way to go, she dreams of becoming a medical doctor.

** Fatima is not her real name*

The work that Alex and the team are doing is significant. They are bringing joy to a traumatized nation and impacting the people in the clubs in a positive way. Despite the trauma and instability all around, Alex loves what he does, and the impact it is having and finds great fulfilment through the work.

Each member had been transformed by the economic and social engagement of the CTG. The CTG provides emotional and

professional support plus fellowship, care and encouragement. The group provides avenues of learning which included purchasing coal or peanut butter wholesale as a group and then selling it in smaller retail-sized portions, allowing them to learn about weekly savings, the importance of accountability, honesty and punctuality. Each member shared that their social and physical well-being has improved considerably as they have a stable income and no longer work long hours in physically demanding and unsafe conditions for little profit.

Alex and the AE Team invest considerable time and effort into each CTG. This involves selecting the right people to lead groups, building relationships and nurturing existing relationships.

Please keep them in prayer...

as they continue to build on the CTG model in an effort to continue this great work into the future.



Clement & John (field staff who work with Alex. They coordinate the trauma and healing clubs in Juba).

Kenya

During Simba's time in Kenya, he visited the AE Soweto Kayole primary health care clinic, Soweto Kayole, one of the largest slums in Nairobi.

The clinic and its care are well respected by the community as it does not turn people away. Most people who work or volunteer at the clinic are Christians and see their work as a ministry to the community. The clinic cares for children with malnutrition, mothers being taught to nurse their babies, basic health needs (GP) and pathology, HIV treatment, counselling, and injuries/accident treatment. Simba met with a woman who had been diagnosed with HIV, and whilst faith healers had convinced her to not take her medication – it was the intervention of AE through this clinic that helped her to understand the importance of medication. She now serves at the clinic in a voluntary capacity to counsel those who receive an HIV-positive diagnosis, helping them through their shock and fears, helping them understand that treatment is no longer a death sentence and walking this new journey.

The newly recruited Kenyan Foxfires had just commenced their training when Simba arrived. They look forward to a fruitful year of sharing the Gospel across Nairobi, in the slums, the schools, prisons, open markets and universities. Being a Foxfire gives you the privilege to share the Gospel with someone or a group of people daily.



Benson Omondi is the national team leader. He is leading a dedicated team of Christians who are passionate about seeing the church proclaim the good news of Jesus and to disciple them in the word. The Kenyan team is planning a major mission to reach Nairobi with the Gospel later on this year in September.

Malawi

Simba had a lovely experience visiting Dr Cornelius Hua, the leader of AE Malawi. Cornelius is a trained paediatric palliative care specialist, and he is a man with strong Christian convictions. His wife, Jacqueline, is also a doctor who specialises in immunology and research.

Several years ago, Cornelius left his medical profession to lead the AE Team and share the Gospel in Malawi. They are planning a major mission to reach the capital, Lilongwe and will employ stratified evangelism. AE last held a mission in Lilongwe in 2007. The team is engaging like-minded evangelical churches to partner with AE for this mission, allowing for the associated follow-up and discipleship.

When Simba visited, the Malawi Foxfires Team were in their second week of training and feeling slightly overwhelmed by the task ahead. He prayed with them, encouraged them to rely on the Lord and not their own strength and assured them that they had the support of AE Australia/NZ. We look forward to hearing testimonies of their work on the mission field in the coming months.

As part of AE Aus/NZ Aid & Development monitoring, Simba visited a local school supported by AE with a water pump, feminine hygiene products and some school equipment. The water pump services the school and the community surrounding the school. Having clean flowing water is a source of joy for the children, and it is well looked after, and the children have been able to focus on their education

instead of fetching water 5km away twice a day for their family. The school's principal showed Simba charts and documentation demonstrating a marked improvement in student performance following the installation of the water pump.



A Letter from *David Hewetson*



On the verge of returning from missionary service in Tanzania, I heard of a group in South Africa planning a mission to Pietermaritzburg. This then seemed relatively remote to me, but on my return to parish ministry, I discovered that African Enterprise had begun in Sydney and that I was asked to join its board and, in due course, become its chairman.

This association eventually led me back to Africa to meet AE's Founder, Michael Cassidy. My wife and I tasted city-wide ministry in Malawi's Lilongwe, the ups and downs of meeting with the international partnership, and the challenging collaboration work with people from different cultures and political backgrounds.

AE's unique appeal involves being indigenous to Africa but international in its wider membership. It is holistic in its outreach through Word and Deed, but whatever it does, it never ceases to be passionate in its evangelistic mission to Africa's great cities.

Did you know?

There are many stories to tell in the journey of African Enterprise. Scan the QR Codes below to view two documentaries. Catch up on other videos on our YouTube channel – youtube.com/@AfricanEnterprise

The Threatened Miracle of South Africa's Democracy



is a highly educational and inspirational historical documentary based on the book 'A Witness For Ever' written by Michael Cassidy in 1995.



A Hot Cup of Tea

Can anything good come out of Mathare? This was what AEE Kenya was asking itself since 1993 and this led to the conceptualization of a mission in Mathare – one of the biggest slums in Africa.



We're very social, too.

For regular updates and news, visit our Facebook & Instagram pages.



Pray for

UPCOMING 2023 MISSIONS

Your prayers and support are requested for the upcoming missions across Africa ...

Citywide Missions

15-21 March	Accra, Ghana
19-26 March	Durban, South Africa
19-28 May	Mutare, Zimbabwe
11-18 June	Kigali, Rwanda
25-31 July	Durban, South Africa
16-23 August	Dar Es Salaam (Temeke and Kigamboni), Tanzania
7-17 September	Nairobi, Kenya
15-24 September	Fort Portal, Uganda
7-14 October	Kinshasa - Funa District, DRC
18-24 October	Durban, South Africa
21-29 October	Lilongwe, Malawi
18-24 December	Bole, Ethiopia

JAAL Missions

7-10 April	Kenya & Rwanda in partnership with the Bible Society
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Be involved!

We want to stay in touch with you and keep you updated. Here a few ways to stay connected:



Pray for all our teams that God may give them wisdom, joy and strength as they proclaim Christ.



Talk to us about joining us on a short-term mission to Africa.



Talk to us about going to see what we are doing in Africa.



Please partner with us by giving to the work that we are doing. Visit our website to donate.

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