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...the God and Father...comforts us in all our troubles so we can comfort those who are in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (2Cor. 1:4)

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

By: Wiebe van der Heide

### *Dear Family and Friends*

Not too long ago we had an evening on the farm where we entered the year 2021 with praise and worship, and now it is already September. These past months have gone by very rapidly. At the beginning of the year we called 2021 a year of 'Expectation' and that is how we live constantly, always expecting something out of the ordinary to take place. We are going through one continuous 'lockdown' where people are hindered from doing their regular activities, with continuous changing regulations and where normal activities have become criminal offences. In these times there are so many questions, with so many different opinions. Where does the truth start? Where does the lie end? For me there is just one truth: Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah, the Truth, the Way and the Life. I will live with my eyes fixed on my God, knowing that our lives are in His hands and with His Glory as my final goal! And with this simplicity we are continuing our work of spreading hope and encouragement in the Mzamom'Hle township and to the people around us. Many thanks to all of you who are supporting this precious work. You are our co-workers! Your support makes us humbly thankful!

*Jesus says: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

*Matthew 11:28*

### *Our Board*

On 26 July our board member, Teun Lagemaat, passed away suddenly. Teun has been a board member for 9 years and was planning to terminate his membership in September as he would be reaching the age of 80 years. We are thankful to Teun and his wife for all the years that he was faithfully involved in the work of JTRM. Teun's sudden passing makes us realize that we all must be ready, at all times, to meet our Creator. His love for us is so great and He wishes for each one of us to be with Him in eternity.

We welcome Arnold Smit this month as new board member. He will be in the function of Treasurer.

### *A Young Doctor*

A few weeks ago I met a young man who was part of our programs as a child 18 years ago. We had not seen him in the Township for many years; I knew he had become a nurse. We were glad to meet and I asked him about his well being and his work. He told me that after a short time of nursing he went on to study medicine and that he finished a year ago. He is now a medical doctor. What caused him to have become successful while so many of his childhood friends are still struggling? He said that after he decided to follow God with his life he was able to focus on his priorities and that he was thankful for where he is now. May we all be encouraged to never give up and work hard in every situation...each one in his/her own place.

"Jesus the Rock Missions Foundation" is working amongst residents of Mzamom'Hle since 1997. In 2006 it was registered as a Dutch NPO and since 2015 in South Africa with SARS as a PBO. The object of the Foundation is to share God's love with children and youth and their living environment while working in a holistic manner; giving attention to the physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being. The community itself is stimulated to be added to this endeavor.

## *At the Youth Centre on the Farm*

Our periods with the children on the farm are still just one day instead of weekends due to regulations but we hope to soon start with overnight stays as we used to. One day last month we had just collected a group of 16 kids (11-18 years) when we saw a fire on top of the hill opposite our house and part of our farmland. The land was full with dry grass as we were in the months of little to no rainfall. The fire soon spread and with 5 of the oldest boys we went to put it out with fire beaters, rakes and branches. Soon our neighbours came to help and we managed to put it out. About 3 hectares of grass burned which is not always bad as fresh grass, much liked by the cows, can start to grow. The boys liked to be parts of this and we were glad that they were there to help.



Often we have children coming for the first time as it is always a continuous flow of older ones becoming too old and making space for younger ones to come in. It is always good to see these new kids' excitement and amazement



at all that takes place during a visit on the farm. The activities are much enjoyed and the food is also always a point of enjoyment. We use what is available from our own produce such as eggs and veggies. It helps them see that food not only needs to come from a shop but can be produced by yourself. We always stimulate them to have their own gardens but their problem is animals that walk around such as chickens, goats and pigs. What also happens is that others empty their garden before they can enjoy it.



### *Finally*

We are grateful that the work may progress and look forward to all that God is still going to do, He is faithful. May we together be courageous in these times. The Almighty will never leave us alone. May we look forward to the day when Jesus, Yeshua Messiah, will come back to make all things new. We wish everyone much strength and blessings to stand in these strange times.

With Warm regards,

Also on behalf of the Board,

Wiebe en Simone van der Heide