



**Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All**

DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

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Minister's Note

13 September 2020

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?" (Ro 10:14).

"Tell me about God". The young man was sincere. He'd suddenly emerged from the cap behind which he seemed to have been hiding, leaning forward, eager to listen. But I could barely believe his question. In 2020, in a country where 80% of the population claim to be Christian? Surely he'd heard something? I checked. He'd been in church once or twice when very young but, he said, "I know nothing about God".

I started with something like, "God created this beautiful world, every flower, trees, grass, singing birds, all animals and God made you and me...". Before I could finish, he interrupted "Is God alive?" "Oh yes," I said. In fact, the reason you're asking about God is because the living God has given you a hunger to know him.

I told him about Jesus. He was impressed, especially by Jesus' power to set people free from evil spirits. He didn't seem surprised that such a good man would be crucified in this cruel world. I'm sure you wonder what he made of the resurrection. We had limited time (his lunch break was nearly over) but, I admit, I did leave a long pause after describing Jesus' death and burial. I took my time over the discovery of the empty tomb. When he heard "Jesus is risen!" he gasped as if his lungs craved the breath of resurrection life. He demanded to know more.

I promised him a bible and then said, "If I had to answer your question in one word I would answer 'Jesus'. I've shared as best I can, but Jesus is alive! You can ask Him to make Himself known to you, in person". This prayer he gladly allowed me to pray with him.

The old, old story of Jesus and His love is always new, always life giving. May it be your story, and your song today.

God Bless,
Sean

**PLANNED OPENING DATE:
1 OCTOBER 2020**

AFTER 2 YEARS OF PRAYER WE ARE ESTABLISHING THE D4J MES CENTRE OF HOPE!




This centre will:

- act as a daytime drop-in-centre (not shelter)
- serve soup based on the voucher system
- dispatch GROW-teams (cleaning our neighbourhood)
- offer life skills & devotional workshops (to earn a voucher)
- offer social & intervention services to homeless
- referrals of clients as needed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED PLEASE CONTACT
 ILSE MAARTENS (MES) 084 448 3456 OR
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DMC FAMILY NEWS

Birthdays - We wish you God's Richest blessings as you celebrate your special day

Matthew Barnes	13 September
Bronwyn Coetzee	13 September
Ayanda Coto	13 September
Colleen Garriock	14 September
Vanessa Louw	14 September
Sylvia Miller	14 September
Vuyelwa Ntshinga	15 September
Paul Sookram	15 September
Roleen Godfrey	16 September
Renée Theron	16 September
Bradley Timm	17 September
Warrick Munro	17 September
Nadine Cochrane	17 September
Chloe Harrison	17 September
Ronel Du Plessis	18 September
Jacqueline Ponto	19 September
Denise Robinson	19 September
Lindi Janse Van Rensburg	19 September
Oscar Dennis	19 September

SOCIAL CONCERNS

TYGERBERG HOSPITAL FLOWER & MAGAZINE MINISTRY - As we are not able to visit Tygerberg Hospital Cancer Wards, we are not in need of magazines at the moment. We will advise when needed again. If you have any magazines please place these in the recycle bins.

We are making an appeal for **non-perishable food items** for our pantry cupboard and for the hospitals. If you can help please deliver to the church office.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - will be on sale at the office. R15.00 for a pack of 5. Funds go to FIA.

OTHER NOTICES

DMC's COUNSELING and CARE CENTRE - At some point most of us wonder "how long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart" (Ps. 13:2). Don't suffer alone. DMC's Counseling Care Centre is here to listen, guide and heal. Call (Ian) at 082 645 6683. All calls are dealt with in strict confidence.

SMALL GROUPS - The Church will be available to small groups with number limits, but need to follow all safety protocol. For more info please call the office.

DMC BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society
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