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Dear friends,

Since our temperatures are dropping as they are rising for you, we have carried out our last evangelistic crusade in warmer climes. Otherwise it would have been too cold to hold tent services.

It was the twelfth time that we held a crusade in this area near the Mozambican border. Over the years, we have seen the gospel take root and spread there. However, occultism in the form of sorcery has recently increased again because of the contact restrictions during the pandemic, which have particularly affected Christian churches. In addition to the economic damage, KwaZulu-Natal was hit by looting last year and this year by floods that have caused a lot of suffering among the population. There have been about 450 deaths and thousands have become homeless.

We also saw the consequences in northern Zululand: in the area where our tent was set up, there was no decent water supply for the population. Instead, people took their water from the Pongola River. After the visual inspection alone, it was clear to us that we could not drink this water. But we have been told that in fact the people there have no other choice. The children regularly got diarrhea from the water and missed a lot of school lessons.

In Jozini, about 40 km away, there is a reservoir, which is a popular destination for tourists. Because of the floods, the dam was opened, which then caused more damage than the floods themselves. Many people have lost their livelihood in the form of grown vegetables, which were simply washed away.

The fifteen kilometers of dirt road to the site were also a challenge, as it had turned into a mud track. Once I was traveling alone and lost complete control of the car several times despite four-wheel drive and counter steering. It was a miracle that I didn't get stuck. I have to confess that I was already worried about how we would get out of there with the truck at the end of the crusade.

Another consequence of the floods was a mosquito plague. Since two co-workers and I fell ill at the end of the crusade, I had myself tested for malaria as a precaution. Fortunately, however, the result was negative. The services very well attended, and we saw every evening how people responded to the gospel and came forward during the altar call. During the day we had our hands full with people who were looking for counselling and prayer.

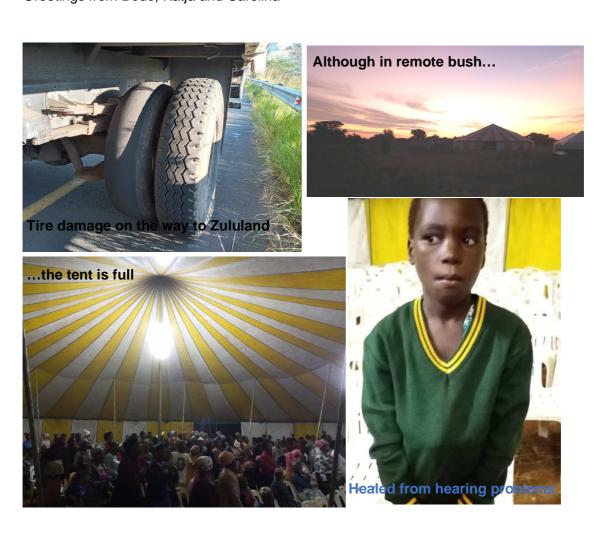
A young woman came who could not sleep properly for fourteen years because she was plagued by nightmares. She also heard voices telling her to kill herself. Once, when her family members were visiting relatives, she swallowed all the tablets she found in the house but woke up later. Sometimes she saw a snake in her bedroom, but it disappeared when she summoned family members. We prayed with her; she entrusted her life to Christ, and since then she has been able to sleep through like a baby. To this

day, Mabongi regularly receives messages from her praising the Lord for the liberation she has experienced.

Many others experienced God's intervention and the starter course was also well attended.

Our equipment is heavily stressed by wind, heat, dust and bumpy roads and needs to be repaired and replaced again and again. **We desperately need two new wireless microphones for our worship leaders**. The old ones have become obsolete after many years and are of such poor quality that our singers regularly lose their voice. Please support this request with earmarked donations to the account below. **Purpose of use: Microphones, Hoffmann. Project 801**

Greetings from Bodo, Katja and Carolina











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