



South Africa, September 2023

Dear friends,

For more than 20 years we have been serving as missionaries in South Africa. When we look back, we are amazed at what we were able to experience during this time. My co-workers have been urging me to write a book for a long time. Well, a lot of books are already being written and I don't know if I could remember everything. My co-workers sometimes remind me of events that have completely escaped me.

But there's one thing I can remember: it wasn't easy. Sometimes I must shake my head when I think about what kind of employees and with what means we worked with at the beginning. At that time, we were able to compensate for a lot with our "youthful energy", which of course is no longer possible now (we were 35 years old when we came to South Africa).

And now a small miracle has happened: for the first time, in a long time, we had an evangelistic campaign without serious incidents, accidents, assaults or other problems. When we arrived in Hlazane after ten hours of driving with our truck and caravan, I said to Bonginkosi: "That went wonderfully smoothly! Now we have to be careful what kind of attacks come instead." In principle, we are already wired that we become suspicious when something happens without a catastrophe, and we then prepare ourselves inwardly for what may come next. But – this time everything went completely peacefully and without disturbance. We almost couldn't believe it. And on top of that, it became one of the best crusades we've ever had.

There were no night attacks, as many people still remembered our crusade in the area in 2013. At that time, we were disturbed and attacked by young men. After the crusade, the leader was expelled from the area with his family and shortly afterwards he was unfortunately killed in a car accident in which his father was also seriously injured and has been in a wheelchair ever since. These incidents were referred to by the local Induna in his greeting during the first service. The story had spread like wildfire throughout the area, creating a certain fear among the population.

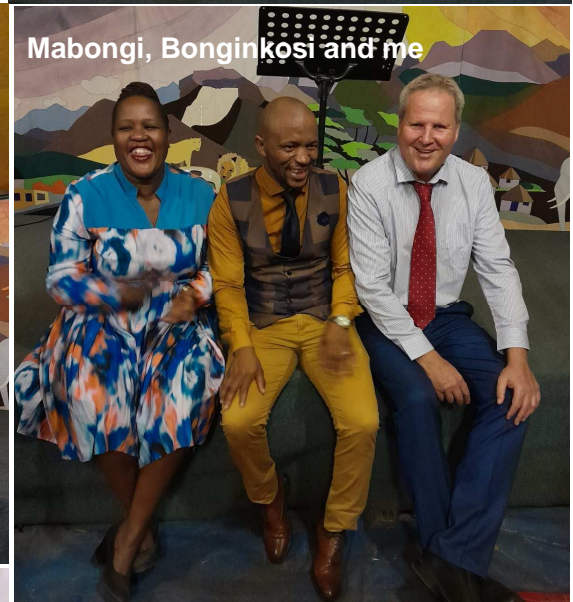
From the beginning, the services were well attended, and soon the tent was full. The beauty of it for us was the fact that 95% of them were people who had no idea about the gospel. The area is generally notorious for powerful sorcery and some medicine men (inyanga) are even sought out by people from other African countries. Accordingly, demonic manifestations occurred here and there during the services. The power works of the Holy Spirit were active, and people experienced deliverance and healing in different areas of life.

After we left, Pastor Nxumalo got in touch and reported that the church services are full of new converts. He also said that the whole population of the area was touched by the two-week crusade and now there is peace and order.

We are grateful for the encouraging experience. As an evangelism team, we agree that we ourselves have experienced a deep, personal revival. Internally we have been renewed, but externally we were quite exhausted at the end of the event. Mabongi has developed lung problems again because of the dusty air in the crusade tent. She is now taking antibiotics again; Please pray for her. (For us too because we are responsible for the medical bills). Greetings,

Bodo and Katja Hoffmann





Mabongi, Bonginkosi and me



Prayer for the Holy Spirit during the Starter Course



Grandmothers as honourable guests



Bible distribution during the Starter Course on the last day



New Converts who went through the whole Starter Course



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