

REPORT PERIOD : JULY 2023 – 12 NOVEMBER 2023

THEME : PREACHING THE GOSPEL TO THIS GENERATION WHILE CONSIDERING THE NEXT GENERATION

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Team behind Khanyisa Leadership Development (KLD)

KLD executive has one focus: supporting local Baptist churches in serving the purposes of God.

Church Visits

Motivated by Acts 15:36

And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are (ESV).

We managed to visit the following Baptist churches in the province of KwaZulu Natal: Scottburg Baptist church in South Coast, Cornestone Baptist in North Coast, Darnal Hope Baptist in North Coast, Sea Slopes Baptist in South Coast, Mandlanzini Baptist in North Coast, Manzibomvu Baptist at uMbombo District, Ntoyeni Baptist church in North Coast, Nseleni Baptist in North Coast, Glenwood Community church and Pine Town Baptist church. We praise God that out of the10 Baptist churches we visited, only four churches are without pastoral leadership. While there are challenges, our churches so far are doing well.

Most churches visited need help with the church leadership training and training on mission work. As we continue supporting churches, I would like to encourage our partners and the KLD team to continue supporting and praying for our vision. We are busy screening applications for 2024 theological classes.

I am not good when it comes to taking pictures, I often get too busy with the business of the day. But sometimes I remember to take a few pictures: This is the pictures of eNtoyeni Baptist church visited on the 5th of November. African churches shake hands after service. This is a great time for the body of Christ to greet each other and share God's love with one another.



Equipping believers for the work of church ministry.

On 16 September, we had a workshop for the service leaders and those who lead church services on Sundays. This workshop was held at Mbazwana Baptist church for all the churches under the uMbomb region (Region 1). We thank God for good attendance, we had 33 delegates from 16 branches of Manzibomvu Baptist church.



Lives changed through the preaching of Biblical gospel

We visited Mandlanzini Baptist church on the 17 September and I had the opportunity to preach. We praise God for seven people who gave their lives to Jesus that day. Three men, two women and two young adults. Below is the picture of Mandlanzini Baptist:



Building Project

We would like to thank the Building Team who mainly supports the building project to ensure that everything is done properly. The team is always prepared to go the extra mile for the glory of God. Thank you for your excellent teamwork. God is not unjust to overlook your hard work in providing administrative and spiritual leadership.

Hebrews 6:10

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His name in serving the saints, as you still do (ESV).

We praise God that the most critical part of the retaining wall has been completed. We had heavy rains in the last two weeks of October, so if we didn't have the retaining wall in place the platform that has been leveled for the building of the house would have been washed away. See Pictures of the retaining wall below:



Retaining Wall Half Way to Completion



Top part of the Retaining Wall Completed

As we prepared to start on the bottom part of the retaining wall, we were stopped by angry community members. On the 17 October, a group of 62 community members invaded our site demanding that we stop building. I was called to attend the community meeting which was scheduled for Saturday 21 October at 10h00. In the meeting, we were told that the Induna (chief representative in the community) had sold the land illegally and the community was worried about 24 new residents who were not known to them. People in rural areas know each other and the Induna should introduce any new residents to the community. The matter was taken to the chief to deal with corrupt community leaders. On Friday the 10th November, the chief went to the community to address their grievances. We praise God that I was found to be faultless in all the accusations and the chief told the community that I followed all processes of the tribal authority. Therefore, the community was wrong in stopping us from building. The chief took the matter of introducing me to the community into his own

hands. I am waiting for the chief to give me the date to attend another community meeting where the chief will officially introduce me to the community of oThungweni. We should be in a position to continue with the building project by the first week of December God willing. The delay has been frustrating to me and my family.

Soil Erosion

Last three weeks of October God blessed us with good heavy rains all over South Africa. The entrance to our site, was eroded. Part of the G5 gravel used was washed away. We will have to pave it with concrete so that we prevent further soil erosion in future. We will have channel water down to the river with pipes. See picture of soil erosion:



While there was no activity on site, criminals visited our site and broke into the storeroom where the building materials and tools are kept. They stole 78 bags of cement, two wheelbarrows and two spades. This was heartbreaking because, for almost two years, we had never experienced any theft or criminal activities on-site. In general, the community of oThungweni has been good to us. The work of Satan is trying to stop us from training pastors and supporting the churches. I have been reminded that we are at the forefront of spiritual warfare and we need to be ready for such attacks. I am grateful to the church for standing with us in prayer during storms. See pictures below:



Criminals broke the door of the store room and help themselves to our cement, two wheelbarrow and two spades.



Praise God the attempt to steal borehole pump failed because of steel housing secured with a strong padlock.

Praise God for:

- 1. Safety while traveling in dangerous road conditions
- 2. For the strong truck that takes us where theological training is most needed.
- 3. Safety of my family while I am away doing ministry
- 4. Support and resources to support churches and pastors
- 5. For the completion of the top retaining Wall to prevent soil erosion.
- 6. For the open doors to share the Biblical gospel with churches.

Pray for:

- 1. For chief Zikhali as he introduces us in the community of oThungweni.
- 2. For the salvation of the corrupt leaders in the community of oThungweni
- 3. For police investigation to be successful as they search for criminals who stole our building materials and working tools.
- 4. For our emotional strength and safety as we continue to do what God has called us for in the community of Sodwana Bay and uMhlabuyalingana area.
- 5. That God will sustain our supporters and supply their needs according to His riches in Christ.
- 6. For seven people who gave their lives to King Jesus that the church will help them to grow in the new relationship with the Lord.

Thank you very much for taking your time to read this report. Feedback is valuable and helpful for improvement.