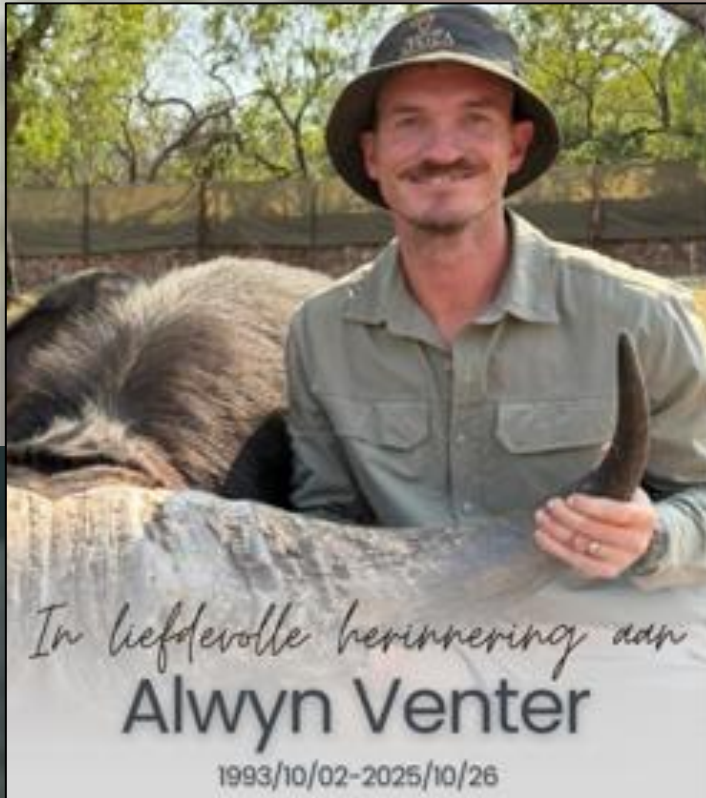


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We dedicate this Newsletter to a very dear friend and partner in the Gospel, who left us for his heavenly home, during the month of October. He will be sorely missed, but we thank the Lord for his beautiful life *in Christ*, through which He touched so many others...

UNEXPECTED

Open to the Unexpected

With the sad, the Lord has also given us so many reasons to smile as He is advancing His Kingdom through the most *unexpected* people.

Seeing how a former criminal is now baptizing previous gang-members as new believers in Christ and

how *unemployed* people turn out to be the most productive workers in His Kingdom, really just fills your heart with great joy!

And it makes you realise how you always need to be *open to the unexpected* when it comes to fulfilling the Great Commission.

As the people who are ready to be discipled and to become disciple-makers are many times the most unexpected people or found in the most unexpected places.

Just be OPEN to it!

Giepie Van der Merwe
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Criminals becoming *multiplying* disciples!



Baptizing former fellow gang members



New believers receiving Bibles:
"We were warriors and we were lost, but through the Word of God we have come back to God"
"We plan to take this word to all the world..."

(Reactions upon receiving their Bibles)

"⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything."

(1 Thes. 1:6-8)

Last month two disciple-makers who is part of the network, went to a certain region in East Africa and found a notorious criminal who was open to receive Christ and to then also open up his whole network of people to the Gospel. While still being a young believer himself, he immediately started sharing his new found faith with his former gang members who then repented of their old ways in order to receive Jesus as their new Way of life! The photo above shows how they are baptizing them in His Name!

This has led to the establishment of numerous *Discovery Bible Study* groups amongst them and their people, through which they will now have the opportunity to grow in Christ and

become His disciples who make disciples. Thank you to everyone who supported us in buying them enough Bibles, in their own language, so that they can have the word of life in order to grow in their new life *-together!*

What is so astonishing is the fact that they have already contacted one of the disciple-makers to come and help them plan to go to a different region to also reach those people with the Gospel, who formerly raided cattle with them.

***As we thank the Lord for what He is doing in and through them, please also be praying with us for the *Person of Peace* in this movement, who's child fell into the fire and got injured very seriously. Pray for all of their *protection and sanctification* (John 17:15-17).*



*“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore **pray** earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest”*
(Luke 10:2)

Seeing that PRAYER being *answered*

As disciple-makers are praying the *Harvest-Prayer* (Luke 10:2) *by faith* each day, we are seeing how the Lord of the harvest is faithful in answering that prayer for *more labourers*.

During the month of October, a two-day training was held with all the key *disciple-making leaders* that have been mobilized from *20 districts* in Eastern Uganda. It was wonderful to see the unity in the Spirit

that exists among them and how they have all committed their lives to fulfilling the Great Commission.

We look forward to doing the same with all the key leaders from the Northern part of Uganda, in the coming weeks!

Unemployed, but a worker in His harvest!

“Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals...”
(Luke 10:4)



Nomusa is a dear sister in Christ who lives in Mooiplaas, Centurion. Like many others in her community, she is unemployed. But the lack of resources does not stop her from going and making disciples and the Lord is using her evert to bring in a harvest of souls. That is the beauty of this strategy that Jesus gave His disciples when it comes to reaching the lost and fulfilling the Great Commission. It enables anyone to do it and it does not cost any money, which has always been the main excuses used for not fulfilling the Great Commission.

If you would like to know more about how Nomusa and many other “*ordinary people*” across the world are bearing fruit in fulfilling the *Great Commission* please make contact with us...

Blind, but now they *see* Jesus!



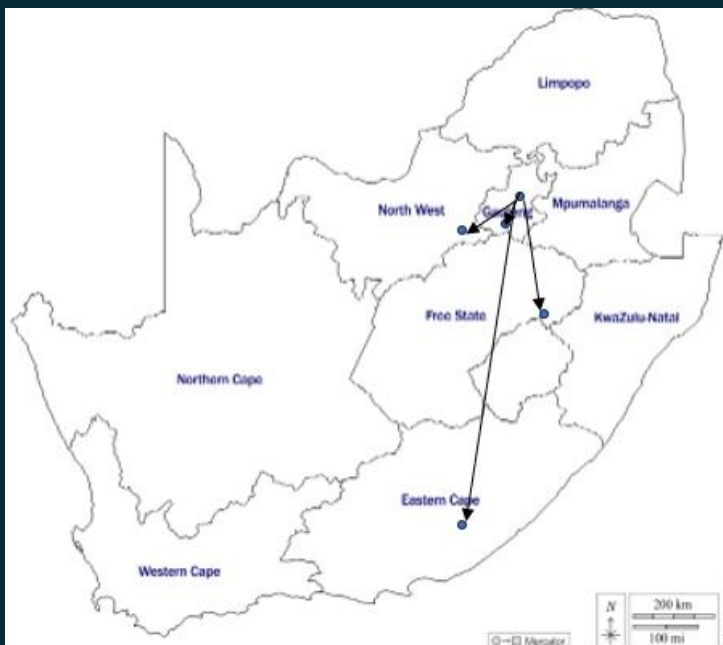
The team in Rwanda is working very hard, also among the *disabled community*. After coming into contact with this group of *blind* people, struggling to make a living, they taught them how to make liquid soap to sell and then started a Discovery Bible Study group among them.

Now every morning before they start to work, they have a *Discovery Bible Study*. Their goal in selling the liquid soap is not only to get an income, but to come into contact with people in their community in order to share their testimonies of what Christ has done in their lives!

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has...sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and *recovering of sight to the blind...*” (Luke 4:18)

Open Doors!

“*Freely you have received, freely give...*” (Mat. 10:8)



Since coming back from *Uganda*, the Lord has been gracious in opening so many doors for us across South-Africa, to *train* and *mobilize* more disciple-makers.

From Centurion in Gauteng to Qwa-Qwa on the border of Lesotho, to Komani in the Eastern Cape, as well as Fochville in the North-West province of South-Africa.

It has truly been a privilege going to all these places

and having the opportunity to train more people to become disciple-makers.

It is exciting to hear how some of these people have already started to put into practice what they have learned and it is bearing fruit.

Very encouraging it is to also see how God is mobilizing His Church for disciple-making, as more of His people are getting serious about fulfilling the Great Commission.

We commit ourselves to keep on going wherever there is people who want to learn about making disciples.

For we know that when *His Church* prays to the *Lord of the harvest* for more *labourers*, we are not praying for a miracle. If we don't train the people, the Lord has no labourers!

Thank you to everyone who partners with us in *prayer* and in *giving*, through which the Lord makes it all possible!

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