



SABC Newsletter

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From Fred Bergh, CEO:

We have our difficulties in South Africa, but it remains a stable country that is governed by the rule of law. The social institutions that hold government to account are also strong as is illustrated by the imprisonment of Jacob Zuma, the former president of the country on the basis of fraud and monetary mismanagement.

Our handling of the pandemic has probably been no better than most, but we are still making progress with the vaccines that are currently being administered on a large scale. We have also put in place other measures like social distancing, limits to numbers in gatherings, wearing of masks etc. in order to combat the virus.

At the Bible College all students and all Lecturers have been vaccinated. We opened the College on 21 September once more after having to close because four faculty members were infected by the virus. It is worth noting that none of the dorm students tested positive for the virus. We are resuming with our personal lecturing having had to make do with online lecturing over the past few months.

In spite of the economy which is struggling at present, and the problems being experienced at times with a sporadic supply of electricity, we are making ends meet as by far the most developed country on the African continent. The solar paneling and electrical storage units installed at the College relatively recently have proved their worth especially over the past six months.

My main objective as Managing Director is that every student who studies at this institution is equipped with enough confidence and biblical knowledge so that he/she can spread the gospel unashamedly to those with whom they come into contact when they leave the College. This formula has worked for many years and literally hundreds of Church of Christ congregations have been established in South Africa as a consequence of the teaching and education at the SA Bible College.

All of this would not have been possible had it not been for people like yourselves who have assisted us and enabled us for many years to carry out this task. The American churches have not supported us all these years in vain and we thank our God for their love and support for the SA Bible College. We at the College are optimistic that with the correct discipline and sanitary arrangements in place we will be able to continue navigating our way through this covid period and provide the necessary teaching for the students at the College. We see this as an imperative in order to perpetuate the growth of Churches of Christ in South Africa. Thank you for your partnership in this effort.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR STUDENTS



Basesana Mildred Mbungela

I am a member in the Church in Meadowlands. I was introduced to the Church when I was doing grade 09 and I was 16 years of age and I was baptized in 2014 on the 14th of February. I am the only person who is in the Church in my family. I chose to be committed to the teachings and activities of the Church. Since I got baptized, I am involved in several ministries because I really enjoy serving. I matriculated in 2017. I am a very social person, someone who loves meeting new people and I really enjoy serving.

I first heard about the Southern Africa Bible Collage when I met other youth members in youth outings and there were students from the Bible school. I could see the way they could quote and interpret the Bible scriptures exactly as they were. And at times we would go door to door, evangelizing the people, and I would not know what to say or how to even defend what I believe in. Then that was when my desire for coming to SABC came about, since then I have always wanted to see myself enrolling at the Bible College. I am here at SABC to get all the knowledge I need so I can go share with others, especially the lost. I need to grow spiritually and in better understanding of God's Holy scriptures

After graduating at the Bible Collage I want to pursue a career of being a teacher, since I have also dreamed of being one. However, the knowledge that I get from the College I will use to grow the Church, I will help with teaching the Sunday school and grooming the young ladies in the Church in becoming godly woman who are bold and always stand up for what is right.



Benjamin Mnisi

I am a father of three boys and husband to my best friend and beautiful wife Khomotso. My boys' names are Theto 9 years, Mpilonhle 8 years and Rethabile 8 months.

I am a professional accountant and I hold bachelor's degree in Accounting. I have experience as a cost accountant, cost control manager and senior financial controller. I was running my bookkeeping practice before I came to Southern Africa Bible College.

I was born in the church of Christ and was baptised on 31st December 2003. I enjoy serving in the church. During my university days I became a leader at the campus church and I am currently with Hilltop church of Christ where I serve in the married ministry.

I always wanted to learn the word of God more from its original meaning. I choose to come to the college to learn more as my interest is to help the church to retaining old members and helping them grow spiritually. I also like counselling as I like helping people.

If you are interested in supporting students such as Mildred and Benjamin or graduates such as the Tenganis or Nkosis on the opposite page, please contact Kirk Eason at keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org or 512-965-0382.

GRADUATES DOING GOOD WORK



I am a graduate of the Southern Africa Bible College. Since

William and Beulah Tengani

completing my studies at SABC, I returned to my township in Kwadwesi, Port Elizabeth, where there was no church of Christ. I have worked for 14 years with various congregations but always desired to start a new work and evangelize the community in which I live.

My family and I have been meeting in our tiny home in Kwadwesi, but we are bursting out of the house and it is hindering our growth. We are around 27 in attendance on a Sunday morning, and some have to stand outside because the house is too full.

When we reach out to the youth, of which there are many, we have to meet outside in the yard. I approached the municipality earlier this year to apply for a piece of land where we can erect a church building in which to gather together and grow both numerically and spiritually. The land has been granted to us at no cost on the condition that we fence it off and erect a structure and make use of the property. So far we have secured the property, and fenced it off so that the council can see that we are making an effort to occupy and utilise the land as requested.

We feel that this is a golden opportunity, that God has opened a wide door for us to evangelize this fertile area, and grow the church. I've also attached a couple of photos of a prefabricated structure that is immediately available. This means that we need to lay a concrete foundation upon which the structure will rest. The total cost is approximately \$14,000.



Above: William and Beulah on future church property.

Left: Pre-fab structure.

Right: Youth gathering.



I am a graduate of, and lecturer at, the Southern Africa Bible College.

Eddy and Elsie Nkosi

My wife and I, and two colleagues at the Bible College, are planting a congregation in a fast growing area called Crystal Park.

A congregation was established there in the 1990's but due to facilities issues, members started attending other area congregations. This led to the congregation ceasing to exist in Crystal Park.

Crystal Park is located approximately 2 miles from the Bible College and it has now a population of about 20 thousand people with no Church except for many denominations that are fast establishing their own churches. Once we are able to acquire a stand or land. We can then reestablish a congregation which is urgently needed for the people of this community. I am eager to serve as an evangelist once the congregation is again established.

The potential for church growth in this community is great as people are searching for God and a Church where they can belong. This congregation will also be a home for Bible College students because of its proximity to the College.

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* Note that 30% of the funds come from South African Churches and individuals. This lists only gifts given in the USA.

How to get Involved with Missions



From the Director of Development—USA

One of the most common questions I get asked as I travel is, “How can I get involved in missions?” This is such a prominent question that it has become a regular part of my presentations about Southern Africa Bible College. Although SABC is a passion of mine, my goal is to encourage more Christians to be involved with a mission effort for which they have a passion.

So, unless you’re are feeling called to quit your job, equip yourself for full-time ministry, and move your family to a mission field, the following steps may be just what you need to begin making a difference in a mission field.

Connect to a mission effort: Research and find a mission effort that you believe in strongly. Your interest may be based on the type of work being done, where the work is located, or the people who are doing the work. Ask others about its effectiveness and how the funds are being used. Once you settle on a work, let them know you are interested in keeping in touch. Sign up for their reports, even give them a call periodically to find out the latest and encourage them.



Pray for the ministry: Once you know what is going on, you’ll have a better idea about what to pray for the ministry. Newsletters will typically contain prayer needs, struggles, and successes. Pray for them on a regular basis. Not just when the missionary returns from time to time. A great way to encourage missionaries is to let them know you are praying for them regularly.

Support the Ministry: Support can mean several things. It’s often spoken of as Time, Talent, Treasure. Mission efforts may need assistance mailing out newsletters, or finding supplies in the US for the work. Maybe you have a talent in law, medicine, encouragement, networking, or you’re an idea person. Of course, all missions need financial support. Eighty percent of financial support for non-profits come from individuals. Even if donors can only give a few dollars per month, combined with many other supporters, your donation will make a difference. Your support matters!



Introduce it to Others: Part of your time and talents could be used to introduce the work to others who might be interested as well. The biggest blessing a person can be to a ministry is a source for new connections. If you have a passion for the work, don’t keep it to yourself! Get others involved. Mission efforts have supporters that need to drop out every once in a while. It could be age, changing priorities, or different opportunities. Having someone who is helping bring in new sources of support is an absolute necessity.

Go Visit the Mission: This could be going to see it yourself or be part of sending someone you trust to see it and report back to you. Either way, the cost of the trip is worth it for two reasons: 1) It will make or break your confidence in the work. Is it really doing what you thought they were doing? 2) It will greatly encourage the missionaries and the local Christians to know that someone cares about what they are doing for the Kingdom.



Al Horne, co-founder of SABC is known to jokingly say to folks as he was fundraising, “We have a command to go into all the world to preach the Gospel. Either you go and I’ll support you, or I’ll go and you can support me. Which do you want to do?”

Get involved with missions. Many people are coming to Christ around the world. Don’t leave that responsibility to someone else.

2020 Campaign Results:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our special campaign in 2020. The goal was \$90,000 to raise additional support for the following items. Praise God! Your generosity allowed us to exceed the goal.

- * Replace some campus computers
- * Computers for library
- * Purchase additional library shelving
- * New library catalogue and security system
- * New desks for students
- * Purchase Covid-19 sanitization equipment
- * Institute Covid-19 cleaning protocols
- * Make up for shortfall in South African and US fundraising due to the pandemic.



Bruce and Moddy Mundell.



New shelving can hold about 2,000 new books!



Books going on the new shelves.



Faculty member, Justice Lepheane.



Logan Rappard, Library Assistant



New desks! Previous ones were 30 years old!



Theo, Academic Dean, working at his new computer.



Eddy Nkosi, Dean of Students.



Computer area in Library.



Clarissa Raidimi, SABC Bookkeeper.

Reminder to Pray for Southern Africa Bible College



To the left is a basic design for a 4.25 x 5.5 notepad. Kirk hands them out at congregations and to many individuals. They are a way to remind recipients to pray for SABC. His statement is, "You can take as many as you want, but you have to pray for SABC every time you use it."



The challenge has been taken up by young and old alike. While visiting the Spring Creek Church of Christ in Tomball, Texas a young boy, about 10, took a notepad, drew on it, and began praying for the college right there in the foyer.

If you would like some of these reminders email Kirk at keason@southernafriacablecollege.org. We'll send you some. The actual notepad has our contact information on it also.

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The Student Sponsorship Program is an effort to connect donors to students in a more personal way. Donors who support at the levels listed below can choose to be part of the program. The student is informed that they are receiving a scholarship from the donor. The student writes an introductory letter and quarterly updates about their progress. The donor can have as much or little interaction with them as they wish. Special thanks to all our student sponsors!

Single Student

Living expenses	\$300/mo or \$3,600/yr
Tuition & Fees	\$400/mo or \$4,800/yr
Complete Cost	\$700/mo or \$8,400/yr

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Living Expenses	\$500/mo or \$6,000/yr
Tuition & Fees	\$800/mo or \$9,600/yr
Complete Cost	\$1,300/month or \$15,600/yr

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