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We were supposed to circulate news from Kraaifontein Baptist Church but will catch up with that next week, the Lord willing. A few snippets are included below: A report on the recent East London leg of the 2008 African Pastors' Conferences, Goodwood Baptist Church to gain a youth pastor, and the planned publishing schedule of the Sola 5 Chronicles.

1. African Pastors' Conferences (APC) East London Conference (April 2008) Report

The Conference was organised by Pastors Boyce Saleni and Angus McKee (respectively from Mount Zion Baptist Church, Alice, Eastern Cape, South Africa (a Sola 5 member church) and Beacon Hill Baptist Church, East London). This was the first APC in East London – indeed one of the pastors, who had been in ministry for over 30 years, gratefully commented that this was the first local conference in all his time as Pastor which was aimed at meeting his needs.

The theme was “The local church – its nature and its leadership.” Angus McKee opened with an exposition of Acts 6: 1-7 on “Keeping the focus on the Church.” Irving Steggle, Pastor of Birchleigh Baptist Church, Kempton Park, spoke twice on “The nature of the local church” and Ronald Kalifungwa, Pastor of Lusaka Baptist Church, Zambia, spoke three times on “Leadership in the local church.”

Some of the 25 or so Pastors who attended came from considerable distances, a few travelling in daily and others staying the night. Many were pastoring in lonely rural situations and valued the fellowship and help in teaching – they were particularly keen to apply the truths taught in their situations. The vibrant question sessions after the main talks and in the formal Q and A session showed the real problems being faced on the ground. It was particularly moving to hear of those pastors who were not allowed to lead in their churches because of powerful figures who wanted to retain control. We all longed for biblical churches and to be able to support each other in fellowship to attain this.

We thank God for the provision of a good meeting place in the church in Duncan Village, where we were well fed. The Conference was provided free of charge to delegates, thanks to generous sponsorship for the catering by Sola 5. The free books for the Pastors could not be available at the Conference but are being sent on. We thank God for the sponsoring publishing houses and churches overseas.

– Taken from <http://africanpastorsconference.com/2008/04/east-london-conference-april-2008-report/>

2. Youth pastor for Goodwood Baptist Church

Carel Pienaar accepted the Church's call as youth pastor and will commence his ministry on 1st of July, the Lord willing. Please pray for him and the Church.

3. Sola 5 Chronicles: Publication schedule for the next 12 months

The Sola 5 Coordinator would like to direct a sincere apology to readers of the Chronicles (a quarterly magazine distributed via Sola 5 member churches). Since the 2007 Annual Conference and Annual Business Meeting in Lusaka last year (held towards the end of August

/ the beginning of September), he allowed the planned printing schedule to slip seriously. Edition 7 (the latest issue to be published DV within the next two weeks) was supposed to already have appeared in November 2007!

The purpose of this short note is two-fold: firstly to inform readers of the new schedule aimed at being able to still publish four 2008 editions (in addition to the current Number 7) and secondly to let it be known that the Steering Committee decided that the Sola 5 Churches should take responsibility for the contents of the magazine. This will be managed by means of a roster. The Coordinator will still take care of collating all the material and together with the editorial team assuming accountability up to the point of the various editions being printed (hopefully on time in future!).

Chronicles No	Churches responsible	Date material needs to be submitted	Publication date
8	Brackenhurst Baptist Church Evangel Baptist Church Germiston Baptist Church	9 May 2008	First week of June 2008
9	Kraaifontein Baptist Church Manzini Fellowship Church Trinity Baptist Church	13 June 2008	Second week of July 2008
10	Antipas Church (Vereeniging) Eastside Baptist Church Free Grace Baptist Church	11 July 2008	Second week of August 2008
11	Harare Reformed Baptist Church Lusaka Baptist Church Mount Zion Baptist Church	17 October 2008	Third week of November 2008
12	Antipas Reformed Baptist Church (Pretoria) Emmanuel Baptist Church Goodwood Baptist Church	16 January 2009	Second week of February 2009
13	Kabwata Baptist Church Lynnwood Baptist Church Robertson Reformed Community Church	17 April 2009	Second week of May 2009