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Summary:

1. Kapambwe Nsenduluka forwarded a report on his recent visit to Namibia for info and prayer.
2. Newsletters from Grace Reformed Baptist Church in Windhoek Namibia and Fairview Reformed Baptist Church in Mufulira Zambia may be downloaded.
3. The May Prayer Letter of the Swanepoel family, sent as missionaries to India by Brackenhurst Baptist Church

1. Report on the Visit to Namibia

Introduction

The 7th to 30th April 2009 invitation to preach during the Easter Season and also conduct seminars and attend the Namibia Grace Ministers Conference was for me such a memorable tour of duty that I am happy to report about. This was my first visit since I accepted the call to be pastor of Grace Reformed Baptist Church (GRBC) there and now report on my twenty four days stay there.

The Ministry of the Word

I landed in Namibia on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th April 2009 and spent Wednesday morning resting in my comfortable room, at the Kukuris in Katutura Township, and on the afternoon went out to buy my Acer laptop, courtesy of a KBC soft loan advanced to me as in an emergency. From the 9th right through to the 11th, we had well attended evening meetings and on Easter Sunday more chairs had to be sought from the homes to accommodate everyone who showed up. A good number of visitors came from the Evangelical Bible Church. My messages, Thursday to Sunday, were: *On the Night He was Betrayed* (1Cor 11: 23 - 26), *Easter – A Celebration of the Certainty of the Resurrection from the Dead* (a polemic/apologetic sermon), *The Resurrection and the Comfort of the Church* (Acts 1: 1-3), *The Resurrection: Victory over Death* (1Cor 15: 26), *The significance of the Resurrection to the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ* (Rom 1: 1 – 6). The following two Sundays I preached from Psalm 90 at GRBC and *Parable of the Talents* (Matthew 25:14 – 30 at Eastside Baptist Church joint evening service.

The Seminars and More

Two seminars were conducted in the evenings at 1900 hours. The first one was *Marks that characterise a Mission Minded Church*, from 20th – 22nd and the second was *Tips on Sermon Preparation and Delivery*, from 27th – 29th. The others days were spent visiting members, and counselling people who included non members of GRBC. I was also a happy beneficiary of the Grace Ministers conference at Eastside Baptist Church from 20th –

22nd although I could not attend evening sessions due to overlap with GRBC programs.

An Afternoon with the YP

I also spent an afternoon with an enthusiastic small group of 9 youths, less that 50% of expected number. We watched a DVD on the greatness of God. As interviewed those in attendance none of them was actually saved. A follow up of one of them, Lisethe Uises, yielded fruit as repented of her sins on the morning of 21st April 2009. Let us pray that more conversions amongst these youths.

Member Visitations

I had the joy of visiting most of the members in their homes. It was a 'get to know your flock/pastor' meetings and none of them thought they had sufficient time they needed with their prospective pastor. My intension was to know members and their areas of giftedness so that should the Lord open the door for me there, I would be better placed to utilise the available resources in the church. These meetings have really transformed the way I pray for these for GRBC. It is now not only personal, but also more passionate and specific.

GRBC'S Vision of Planting a Church Beginning to be Realised

Immanuel Kaeka and his wife Batseba, founder members of Grace Reformed Baptist Church were sometime last year transferred to Trans Kalahari Border Post between Namibia and Botswana. The good news news is that Brother kaeka sees himself as the first GRBC missionary. He wants to start a reformed Baptist Church Here. The meeting place is available and all that remains is to find some 20 or so chairs and some hymn books and the meetings will start. Brother Kaeka will be the preacher/teacher while at the same time being a full time civil servant. He needs our prayers.



Work Permit Application Papers

The work permit application papers that were reported missing at the Home Office were found and we already have had an initial response from them. The response is neither positive nor negative. It is however a reason to hope for better things since no query was raised on me as a person. It read as follows: "The application for employment permit was tabled before the immigration Selection Board on 1st April 2009 and resolved as follows: The application is deferred for the proof of the registration of the church and report on social activities of the church to be submitted."

Now the church was registered as of November 2008 and the social activities were responded to by the mother church. The papers were resubmitted on 5th May 2009.

2. **Newsletters** from [Grace Reformed Baptist Church](#) in Windhoek Namibia and [Fairview Reformed Baptist Church](#) in Mufulira Zambia may be downloaded (209 and 336 kB respectively; see covering e-mail for the links if they are not active in this PDF. Alternatively, the hyperlink addresses are reflected at the end of the newsletter -- copy and paste them in your browser to access the files).

3. Swanepoel Prayer Letter (May 09)

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To God be all the glory!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Psa 106:1 Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Can or do we ever praise our God and our King with praise that is worthy of His great

name. We have been praying for God to provide a place for us to meet in and once again, Jehovah Jireh has blessed us abundantly. As from the 31st May, The Nashik Reformed Fellowship will be meeting in a classroom of a deaf school in Nashik Road. The room can only take about 20-25 people, but for now it is sufficient for our needs. May God be so gracious to us that space will soon be a problem! We give God all the praise, glory, and honour because he alone is worthy. We are currently sixteen people meeting on a Sunday morning, and now that we have a set meeting place that we want to minister in, we pray that God would use us for the furtherance of His gospel in the area. Please pray that we will also be able to minister to the students and teachers of this school.

We have been praying for the Salve family to come back to church and once again, God has answered our prayers. Please pray that God will give them that



burning desire to remain faithful to Him and that they would become active within the church. As we start our service on 31st May in the Vikas Mandir School building, we will also be starting our Sunday school classes for both adults and children. Most churches do not have Sunday school classes and so the children are not catered for at all within the church. We have had many people, on hearing that we are going to be starting a church in Nashik Road, asking whether we will be having Sunday school as well. Please pray that God would use this for the building of the church as we teach Christ to the children. Pray that the parents will see the difference within the children and so desire to come to know the truth.

Please continue to pray for Sunanda as her husband is not saved and often prevents her from coming to church or for Bible studies. Pray for Shaul and his family. They have spent the last week with Gareth and Keri in Kolhapur. Pray that he will find permanent employment and that his desire to be a biblical husband and provide for his family will override any human and worldly desires. Please continue to pray for Valentina as she has the desire to get involved with teaching Sunday school. Pray that we will have the wisdom to teach her and use her in the right place.

On the family front: We are all well, still struggling with the heat, but even that seems to have dissipated

Romans 1:16-18

- (16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
- (18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

for a while as we are not running in the 40's but rather the upper thirties. We are praying for some pre-monsoon rains that will bring some cooler weather with it. David has started playing cricket and is thoroughly enjoying it. Dianne is still struggling with her headaches, but we trust that God will give her the ability to glorify His name even with this ailment. Brendon is doing well and getting ready for his exams in June. He has played two friendly cricket matches since we have returned. His knees have been giving him some problems so he stopped bowling and has been playing wicketkeeper instead. Please pray that we will remain humble as a family and that our love for the Indian people will increase as we work amongst them. We are going to Kolhapur from the 2nd to the 5th June where Dianne will be speaking on being a godly wife and woman and I will be doing a series on marriage and the family. Please pray that God will be the speaker and that His name will be glorified through these topics.

We thank you for your love, care, prayers, and support. May God have mercy upon you, bless and keep you and make His face to shine upon you for the greater glory of His name and the furtherance of His kingdom.

The Swanepoel family

Making disciples of Jesus Christ in Nashik India

Hyperlinks to Grace Reformed Baptist Church and Fairview Reformed Baptist Church newsletters:

[http://www.sola5.org/html/Newsletter_2009/Sola_5_E-newsletter_24-2009/GRBC_Newsletter_May_2009_\(3\).pdf](http://www.sola5.org/html/Newsletter_2009/Sola_5_E-newsletter_24-2009/GRBC_Newsletter_May_2009_(3).pdf)

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