

SA-MASODI

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# SOUTH AFRICA MASODI OUTREACH & BUILDING PROJ



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Dear Prayer Partners,  
Greetings in Jesus Name!

I am SO Sorry for only getting this report out to you now. It is almost too embarrassing to send it out so late, but would be a great shame NOT to share on one of the highlights of our year. Koos wrote up the report soon afterwards, but I have just not been able to get it out until now. My apologies.

This project took awhile in materialising. It was as if there was a real spiritual battle taking place. Christian education is something

the enemy would resist because the truth is being taught, Christ exalted, and the platform of the local church is the medium used for education.

We have prayed for two years that we get the resources to build an extra two classrooms for Maruda Christian School in Masodi. Things would seem to take shape and then just fall thru. Well as we prevailed in prayer the Good Lord supplied a team and the resources to see the building go up. **A team from Lexington Kentucky responded from Living Hope Fellowship under the leader-**

**ship of long time friend and ministry partner Charles Parker.** Friends from White Sulphur Baptist Church were also part of the team.

The team consisted of oldies as well as a great group of young people. The pastor of Masodi Church Jacobus Ramabu was blessed by a multifaceted team to outreach in Masodi.

Charles, Ken Hale, Gina Mullin and Mike Riley took care of the building. We prepared the way by pouring the foundation. The floor and building to window height and the team finished the building and put on the roof.

## Ladies Sewing: *with Sharon Dodgen*

While they were building Sharon Dodgen was teaching the ladies to sew.

God did such miracles in supplying machines. Thanks to our good friend Annelie Rossouw who gave us 5 machines for the sewing

ministry we eventually had 3 machines going during the training. Sharon brought a new one, Grace Makafola lent hers and one of Annelie's set the tone for learning and fellowship. The ladies and one man learned well under Sharon's

loving nature and experienced hand. She and Jeni shared Gods Word daily. The 15 participants were really blessed and showed off their handy work. They bought and gave Sharon an apron for her to remember her time in Masodi.

## Children's Holiday Bible School:

*with Elizabeth Estes*

Then there was Elisabeth who we fondly call Lizzy- Beth. Old time friend and committed to children's ministry. She had some great helpers, young ladies from Kentucky. All full

of life and a joy to be around. Between them they tackled the children's ministry. Daily Lizzy- Beth, Gracie, Heather, Morgan and Linda did Children's Holiday Bible clubs. Daily the numbers

grew from about 30 to 75 children. Here's what Elisabeth had to say: *"I think the children's ministry (Bible School) was a success this year. We covered from creation to Jesus' resurrection through the Bible school.*

*We played games, made balloon animals, painted faces, made crosses and bracelets, and colored throughout the week. On Friday we talked to them about salvation and 13 children accepted Christ. I spoke with these children outside the tent (away from the other children) afterwards and had the opportunity to express how important this decision was that they had made. I also encouraged them to be the best they could be for Christ. I was very blessed to see genuine hearts and acceptance from these children. No one was goofing around, looking to see what their friends were doing, or acting embarrassed. The presence of the Holy Spirit was so strong in that short amount of time we were able to spend with them. The interpreters were invaluable resources and we were able to get to know each of them a bit as well.*

*I was very glad we got to go door to door in Masodi. The teens were hesitant at first to share but were giving their testimonies by the end of the week. We were able to speak to people of all ages and felt very welcomed in almost every home. We got to pray with each family and were very encouraged by their hunger to hear testimonies of what Christ has done in our lives. Sharon was even able to pray over a woman who said she had been bewitched and was struggling in her mind. This same lady came to the tent service that evening and was very attentive to the word being shared."*

Thanks girls, we praise the Lord for your hard work!

Every evening we also had a tent crusade. What started as an evangelistic crusade ended as a revival for believers. Thanks to the girls doing street work and door to door. The numbers of young people daily who came to hear Gods word. Each night one of the young people gave their testimonies. How awesome to hear how Jesus came into their lives but also how we saw them grow in their faith as they shared Jesus with the people.



**Thank you Charles Parker, Living Hope Fellowship and  
White Sulphur Baptist Church , Kentucky, USA**



# Pray for Educational Missionaries:

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The school is growing but we need lots of prayer. Are there teachers out there who can come for a minimum of two years to help and grow and develop Maruda Christian school.

- **If your a retired teacher and feel God has a place for you short term in the mission field please come.**
- **If your a young person out of college or a teacher with some experience longing for a challenge and a strong desire to help the disadvantaged communities in Africa here is a place for you.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

There is such an open door to prepare children for the future. As ACE says,:  
SHAPE A CHILD, SHAPE A NATION.

Starting Mission Pre-Schools is an awesome way to make disciples and Christian Education is a fantastic strategy to disciple the nations.

Please pray with us as we join ACE's vision in starting pre-schools in local churches. The spin-off is laying biblical foundations in children's lives, creating jobs in areas where jobs are needed and because children come from the community the opportunity is there to impact their parents as well.

*Are you called to missions but wonder how as a trained educator. Come on, we'll expose you to an opportunity.*

Thank you for all our partners in this effort. Thank you to God our Father first and foremost who brings us together in relationship, and then to the Pastors of Living Hope Fellowship and White Sulphur for being visionary enough to release your people to come and be involved. Thanks to the guys who came and to those who gave. We appreciate the sacrifice of time and money. Thanks to my brother Bruce and his wife Rika who also contributed so wonderfully. Great to have praying family involved in what we are involved with. Thanks to my American friend who also gave generously towards pouring the floor. He knows who I'm talking about. Thanks to Brigitte the architect who persevered in getting the plans right. Thanks to those who prayed. What a team our Lord put together. Praise His Name. Thank You Lord that You put us together to serve these precious children.

Beloved prayer partners please keep praying. There is so much more to be done.

**Remember: "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last."**



God bless until next time.  
Please keep praying for our ministry in Mozambique, Kenya, Zambia and locally here in our home town of Mokopane.

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