SÜDAFRIKA - NEWS

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Dear friends,

The last crusade in the town of Stepmore in the Drakensberg was overshadowed by the passing of our ministry car. Our keyboard player Mzo was supposed to drive to the site before the crusade to hang up posters. After driving his one-year-old son to his mother, the drive shaft broke during the ride, and the rear wheel said goodbye with a loud bang. Mzo thought there was shooting, but in the next moment he lost control; the vehicle left the road and overturned. We are grateful that nothing worse happened. Fortunately, the money for a new (used) vehicle has already been received. Thanks to the donors!

This crusade was different in that we had not been invited by a church or a pastor. The initiative came from us this time. Katja, Carolina and I drove through the village at the beginning of the year on our way to hike. Our hearts were touched and when we investigated, we found out that there is actually no vivid church in the village.

Even before the first service, Bonginkosi, Sbo and I climbed a nearby mountain, from where we could overlook the entire village. We took the opportunity to pray for Stepmore. In fact, we later heard that residents had seen (and perhaps heard) us praying at the summit and were so touched by it that it became a topic of conversation.
From the beginning, the people who came to the evening events were very open. During the altar call, many people came forward and to hear the children pray the prayer of surrender in a very loud and serious voice moved me very much.

We were able to set up the crusade tent next to the house of the local Induna, who was very friendly to us. He told us that there had been regular murder victims and constant funerals in the village. At the leadership meeting with the Chief and the Indunas, our crusade was praised because it was peaceful the whole time and no one was found dead in the morning as they were used to.

Not far from the venue lived a family of drinkers. One of the women was notorious in the area, because she was a knife stabber who had a share in the deaths. It was known that you were not allowed to mess with her. Whenever she was drunk, she became violent. We could see her entire body covered in scratches and scars. On one of the evenings, she opened her heart and had an encounter with the Lord. Her life changed, and she stopped drinking. At the end of the crusade, she also gave public testimony in the service.
Today, our colleague Nkanyiso is going back to the village to do another week of follow-up work and, if possible, to start a church.

Thank you for your support. We wish You a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Your Hoffmanns: Katja, Bodo and Carolina


Total loss after 455.000 km


Induna Mjwaha, Me, King Molefe, Bonginkosi


The morning of departure


Teenagers in Stepmore


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