

# **THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH OF PORTLAND, NAMIBIA**

## **2022 CAMP MEETING REPORT**

**Theme: "I WILL RESTORE"- Joel 2:25**

**Date: 01 – 08 May 2022**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

To God be the glory, great things He is doing. After the Covid-19 lockdown and its impact on face-to-face meetings, the annual camp meeting was put on hold for the past two years. The church decided to launch out in faith this year, after the lockdown regulations were relaxed. God honoured and supported our step of faith with giant and tremendous blessings.

### **2. PRE-CAMP MEETING PREPARATIONS**

There were a lot of prayers offered by the National and International churches for this first face-to-face camp meeting in the Southern Africa district, with some sessions being held on Zoom, for Church restoration. The District Superintendent Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun, came to Ondangwa a week prior to the opening of the camp for some onsite preparations which needed to be put in place. There were also teams from Osire, Otjinene and Windhoek branches who came on the ground to support the local brethren in putting all things in order before the coming of other brethren from Namibia and our anticipated delegates from the Southern Africa District countries.

### **3. ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES**

National and international delegates began to arrive on Friday, 29 April. From Botswana, there were 6 delegates including the DS, Bro. Lordick Motshidisi. From South Africa, the DS Bro. Confidence Nemaungani and his wife came. Zimbabwe sent a delegation comprised of three Board members, and three Senior Ministers. Angola sent a delegation of twenty-three visitors, led by Bro. Chiquito Pessela, the pastor for the Lubango branch church.

### **4. WORKERS CONFERENCE**

On Saturday, the Workers' Meeting was conducted by Bro. K. Bhosha, on "Selection and Appointment of Workers". All the region was connected online, with representatives from almost all the countries in the region.

### **5. SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The first Sunday school with the topic "Relationships" was anchored by Bro. K. Bhosha. The lesson was a crucial one as it guided the youths on the right way to have spiritual relationships, guided by God and godly principles.

The second Sunday school was titled "Family" and this coincidentally came on "Mothers' day" commemoration. The children had a chance to sing songs and recite some wonderful words of thanks to their mothers for the good things they have done for them, shortly after the organ prelude. Before the Sunday School lesson, a short playlet was presented by a family to depict a godly home.

## **6. DEVOTIONAL SERVICES**

The first devotional service was the official opening service. It started with the choir music prelude and this was followed by a welcome address by the District Superintendent. Congregational singing and announcements followed. Camp meeting goodwill messages from the Superintendent General, the Regional District Superintendent and other districts within the region were delivered. The Devotional service was centered on the camp meeting theme "I Will Restore". Excerpts from the sermon: "When God speaks, lives are renewed and restored..." This is a standing promise given to mankind by God that, "I will restore" Joel 2:25.

The second and final devotional service was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. The fathers, mainly from the ministers and choir members sang beautifully, "Faith of our Mothers" to a great round of applause by all the women and children.

"Restoration is a dynamic process... We are subject to wear and tear due to pressures around us. So you need to be a student of the word of God for sustainability" Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun on the last devotional service of 08 May 2022.

## **7. BIBLE TEACHINGS**

The first Bible teaching was on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and the theme of the teaching was "I will Restore New Life" The Bible teaching was anchored by Bro. Confidence Nemaungani, the South Africa District Superintendent. He opened the teaching by reading from Joel 2:25. Towards the end of the teaching he used Jeremiah 33:3 to invite the congregation to pray.

The second Bible teaching, on Tuesday, was centered on "Restoration of Godliness to Humanity" This was presented by Bro. K. Bhosha. The second work of grace – Sanctification was discussed. His first Bible reference was taken from 1Corinthians 3:9-14.

On Wednesday, Bro. Mhlanga delivered the Bible teaching on "Enduement With Power from On High". Luke 24:44-49. We thank God for the ever-current power, one soul was Baptized with the Holy Spirit.

On Thursday, Bro. Lordick Motshidisi, the Botswana District Superintendent, delivered the Bible teaching on "The Master of Restoration". Revelation 21:1-5.

## **8. EVENING & EVANGELISTIC SERVICES**

Bro. L. Mpasu, from Zimbabwe delivered the first evening service sermon, titled "Jesus Is Able to Forgive Our Sins" He gave the example of the religious Nicodemus that came to enquire about salvation. He emphasised that "I am born again" is not Apostolic Faith slogan but, a real experience.

On Monday, Bro. Agostinho delivered a sermon titled "There is Hope For You". He emphasised on the hope and restoration that Jesus brought, through salvation.

On Tuesday, Bro. Newton Jaravani anchored the evening service sermon. He took his first Bible reference from Acts 3:19-21. We were reminded of the unique opportunity we had in holding a camp meeting and how we should make use of the opportunity.

On Wednesday, Bro. Confidence Nemaungani delivered the evening service sermon titled “.Victory Through the Word” He opened the sermon by reading from Daniel 1:8-17. We all desire victory in our lives but the question is, how do we get the victory? There is victory through the word of God.

Thursday evangelistic service’s sermon was on “God’s Anger Upon Sinners Who Refused to Repent” anchored by Bro. Mpasu. His first Bible reference was taken from Proverbs 1:24-28.

The last evening service, a sermon titled “Can These Dry Bones Live?” was delivered by Bro. Tapiwa Mfandarabwa. Our burdens were rolled away as we went on the altars to pray. We had a time of refreshing revival all together.

## **9. YOUTH SERVICES**

The first Youth Service sermon was delivered by Bro. Tapiwa Mfandarabwa. The title of the message was “Exploring God’s Power to victory”. On Wednesday afternoon, the second Youth Service sermon was given by Bro Tendani Monyatsi, from Botswana, with the title, “The Power of Divine Expectation”. On Thursday, the last Youth service, Bro Samuel Jegede delivered the sermon.

## **10. MUSIC CONCERT**

The music tradition has always been part of the Apostolic Faith Church organisation. Due to the Covid 19 lockdown and restrictions, it was difficult to observe the regular choir practice and rehearsal but in order to keep up with the camp meeting concert tradition, the camp meeting concert was staged on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. The concert was titled “I Will Restore The Voice of Singing”. Our choir rendered some beautiful selections. It was so sweet to listen to such orchestra and vocal renditions.

## **11. SEMINARS**

On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, a seminar, in the form of a symposium was anchored by Bro. Amos, from Zimbabwe. A Question and answer session was observed to accommodate relevant questions.

On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> of May, a Marriage Seminar- Jointly led by Bro. K. Bhosha and Bro. E. Mhlanga was held, and marriage issues were discussed. We really thank God for helping us during this year’s seminar. It was also discussed that honouring one another and praying together, as husband and wife or as a whole family is key to maintaining a healthy marriage.

## **12. ORDINANCES**

The Water Baptismal service was held on Friday and was anchored by Bro. O Chitanda. Those who registered and got approval for water baptism exercise were thereby baptised after a brief message.

After the evening service, saints gathered together to observe the Lord’s Supper and washing of saints feet.

## **13. ORDINATION**

During the last devotional and closing service, the Namibia District Superintendent, Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun announced that some ministers would be ordained for God’s service. He encouraged the congregation to pray for them. Seven ministers were called and ordained through the laying on of hands by the elders.

## 14. GOD DID IT FOR ME: TESTIMONIES

During the camp meeting, various testimonies of victory over sin and blessings were given.

"Please praise God with me. An 11-year old boy who was watching the camp meeting evening service prayed through and got saved!"

"I want to thank God for saving my soul back in 2019. We were having our Bible study on "The way of escape". How Noah and his family escaped the flood. My dad told me the only way of escape from sin is Jesus. Praise God I got saved that night. I thank God that ever since I got saved, God has opened many doors of grace for me. I prayed to God that He will give me a good school and He gave me the best. I thank God for healing me. I have been suffering from a syndrome called scoliosis and the doctors said the only cure is through surgery. By God's grace, the surgery lasted for eleven hours and it went well and I recovered. Children of God please pray for me that I may make heaven my home." – Rosie Yofina (Namibia)

"I want to thank God for bringing me into the gospel. I was born into a nominal church but thank God I was invited to attend an Apostolic Faith Church camp meeting. The person that invited me to the camp meeting kept asking me if I have been saved. During the last week of the camp meeting, I decided that when I get to the altar, I will not leave without getting saved. Salvation entered my heart and I could feel it immediately. Before I got saved, I was very good at lying but salvation changed that. Please pray that God will keep me till the end" – Sis. Dupe Adesina. (Namibia)

"I was born into a Christian home. I attended a missionary school but it got to a time that Jesus revealed Himself to me, personally. It is that personal experience that is keeping me till today. I got an invitation to attend a worship meeting. I was struck by the way they taught the Bible and I decided to worship with them. Before I got saved, it was a challenge to let go when people offend me but after getting saved, I was able to overlook it. God later sanctified and baptised me. I also want to testify to the power of God to heal. I have been sick to the point of death but Jesus appeared in the nick of time and broke all the chains. This has been about thirty years ago. There is power in the blood of Jesus." – Sis. Comfort Oyedokun. (Namibia)

"As a young boy, I was very stubborn. One day, at a gospel meeting, I prayed and God saved me. There was a time I became sick and with so much pain, but God healed me. Please pray for me, my desire is to make heaven." – Bro. L. Mpasu (Zimbawe)

"I thank God for His mercy for me. God saved me, sanctified me and baptised me. I was confessing my sins to the priest before but that didn't stop me from committing sin. I used to go to dance halls but it didn't make me happy; until one day, I prayed through to salvation and since that day onward, I have deep joy. God is my everything. I have been praying that God will bring my family members to the gospel. God answered and saved some of my family members." – Veronica Chiliandombe (Angola).

## 15. CONCLUSION

Of note was the huge attendance to the camp meeting by people both on the camp ground and online. We give glory to God for that. God provided for all our needs with an average of 100 people in attendance for every service.

Thank God for journey mercies to and from the Ondangwa church in Namibia. All our delegates travelled safely back to their places. To God be the glory.

## 16. CAMP MEETING IN PICTURES



Group photograph of campers



A Group of ministers



Zimbabwe concert rendition



The Choir



Violin solo



The Choir & the ministers



A section of ministers during the concert



He did it for me



Water Baptism



Cross section of the congregation