

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION OF PORTLAND, NAMIBIA

2023 CAMP MEETING REPORT

Theme: "THE GREAT REPAIRER"- Matthew 11:28

Date: 30TH APRIL TO 07TH May 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

We praise God for the blessings of the 2023 Camp meeting that was attended by a significant number of participants, including international delegates from different countries around the region. Amid countless challenges, God was always faithful in supplying our needs beyond our expectations.

2. PRE-CAMP MEETING PREPARATIONS

There were a lot of prayers offered by the National and International churches, with some sessions being held on virtual Zoom platform, for the success of this camp meeting. The Namibia District Superintendent Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun, came to Ondangwa days prior to the opening of the camp, joining the task force that was earlier on the ground, for some on-site preparations which needed to be put in place.

3. ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES

National and international delegates began to arrive on Wednesday, 27 April and we had delegates from the following countries: Angola was represented by more than 50 delegates led by Brother Dinis Capusso representing the Angola District Superintendent. Among them were ministers and choristers. We had 9 delegates from Botswana, including the District Superintendent, Bro. Lordick Motshidisi. From Mozambique, 1 delegate attended the camp, 2 choristers from South Africa, and from the Regional Headquarters, Zimbabwe, there were 19 delegates comprised of 7 Ministers, 12 Choristers and other members. The RDS, Rev O.Z. Gumbo was represented by Bro Newton Jaravani, the Country Director for Namibia. There were delegates from branches all over Namibia.

4. MINISTERS & WORKERS CONFERENCE

On Saturday, 29 April, the Ministers and Workers' Meeting was conducted by Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun on the title "FIT FOR THE MASTER'S USE" with the key verse taken from 2Timothy 2:20,21.

"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" The document was also produced in the Portuguese language. Many workers turned up to attend the meeting, while the opportunity was given for other workers in the region to join over the virtual platforms.

5. SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first Sunday school with the topic "THE LODR'S DAY" was anchored by Sis. Thoma from Zimbabwe. The lesson was a crucial one as it guided us into the importance of honoring the Lord's Day and setting it apart from other days will lead to God's blessings in our lives. "The Lord's Day, our Sunday, is the day set aside by Christians around the world as a day of rest and of honour to our Lord Jesus Christ. The child of God looks forward to each Lord's Day, when he can gather with fellow

Christians and set aside worldly concerns, enter into the house of God and reap the promised blessings of the Lord.”

The second Sunday school was titled “CONSECRATION” highlighting the importance of consecration for a Christian’s growth and attaining the power for service which helps us to do God’s will.

“Consecration is the route to everything we receive from God. There is nothing so essential to the growth of Christian experience as consecration. There is nothing that will as surely bring the power for service into one’s life as keeping that life constantly on the altar and at the bidding of God’s will”.

6. DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

The first devotional service was the official opening service. It started with an Organ prelude, orchestration and choir and quartet rendition “The Great Physician now is here and Jesus Heals”, This was followed by a welcome address by the District Superintendent, congregational singing and announcements. 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 “THE GREAT REPAIRER”, preceded by a solo “Make my life beautiful”. Excerpt from the sermon: “Our lives both physical and spiritual need to be constantly repaired because of its use. Jesus has come to give us a maintainable and sustainable life and livelihoods in abundance” John 10:10.

The second and final devotional service was held on the 7th of May, with beautiful singing both from the congregational and choir songs praising God for the marvelous things he has done during the camp and for others still expecting. “God wants us to maintain a consistent Christian life that has been fixed in this camp meeting. He expects us to live a consistent and productive Christian life. Psalm 92:12-14. We are here to be prepared for the days ahead of us (rapture), therefore our three Christian experiences must be maintained by a continual consecration”

7. BIBLE TEACHINGS

Monday, 1st of May: The first Bible teaching with the theme “The Three Christian Experiences” was anchored by Bro. Lordick Motshidisi, the Botswana District Superintendent. Emphasizing establishing and Maintaining Our Spiritual Foundation with God. He opened the teaching by reading from John 3:3-7. Towards the end of the teaching, he used Acts 2:8 inviting the congregation to pray for power for service.

Tuesday 2nd of May: The second Bible teaching, on Tuesday 2nd of May, was centered on “Restitution” (Repairing Work on Our Interpersonal Relationships), drawn from I John 4:20, Matthew 1:7-9 Luke 17:1 and this was presented by Bro. K. Bhosha, from Zimbabwe, who emphasised that we can only maintain our interpersonal relationship through prayer, restitution and forgiveness.

Wednesday, the 3rd of May: Bro. E. Mhlanga from Zimbabwe delivered the Bible teaching on “Family and Home” (Repairing Work on Our Home Front), from Gen 1:26-27; 2:18-25. God designed human beings for a purpose, while He had a master plan.

Thursday, the 4th May: Bro. N. Jaravani, from Zimbabwe, delivered the Bible teaching on “Tithes and Offerings, God’s Financial Plan” (Repairing the Pathway to Economic Prosperity), taken from Exodus 19:5 and I Pet 2:1. We should be careful not to be blind in this core foundational doctrinal teaching of

tithing. As God is the owner of everything we have, we do well if we go back to Him and give Him back what belongs to Him for a blessing.

Friday, the 5th of May: Bro Mike Goredema, delivered the Bible teaching on "Eternity", Spiritual Service Plan for a Successful End, taken from Luke 6:7-8 and Dan 12, Mark 10:17 Emphasizing the need to consider our end and where shall we spend our eternity. The Great Repairer is here to prepare us and give us the expected end.

8. EVENING & EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Sunday, 30th May: Bro. A. Cassinda delivered the first evening service sermon, titled "He makes all things well". Excerpt from the sermon: Men are limited in bringing solutions to all their problems. But Jesus is the only one who can solve any problem in our lives. He is ready to repair every area of our lives that needs to be touched by Him.

Monday, the 1st of May: Bro N. Jaravani anchored the evening service sermon titled "When Jesus shows up", taken from Heb 13:8, and John 2:25. He emphasized that people's lives are never the same when Jesus shows up to them.

Tuesday, the 2nd of May: Bro. L. Mpaso, preached on the title "Seek God while you can". The sermon was drawn from Isaiah 55:6-7. The preacher emphasized the need for humility and repentance to be graced with Salvation.

Wednesday, the 3rd of May: Bro. L. Motsidisi, the Botswana preached on "The need to seek God in order to live" extracted from the book of Amos 5:5-6 and Jer 29:11-14. There will be no better takeaway to our homes than to find God and walk away from this camp meeting with Him. He is the only one who has good plans for us.

Thursday, the 4th of May: Bro S. Chiquito from Angola preached from Luke 13:1-4 and Amos 8:12, titled "Repent and escape from perishing". He said, "Stop looking to others, examine yourself and seek your salvation. It will be disappointing if you leave this camp meeting without your spiritual blessing; God is here to repair your life".

Friday, the 5th of May: Bro C. Fefe anchored the last evening revival service sermon taken from Lament 7:9 and Heb 12:1 titled "Is it still nothing?" With so many blessings being poured into this altar of prayer by God, is it still nothing for you to believe? God is here to save you and grant you the desire of your heart".

9. YOUTH SERVICES

Sunday 30th of May: The first Youth Service was held and Bro. Salomão Yofina delivered the sermon taken from the book of Mark 10:46-50 and Matthew 6:33 titled "What will thou that I may do unto thee?". The youth were encouraged to come to God with a list of priorities before God during the Camp meeting, starting from Salvation. He is ready to repair anyone who will come to him.

Tuesday 2nd of May: Bro. Hofni Nguvenjengua, preached on "Jesus is the Promotor" taken from Psalms 75:6 and 1 Cor 3:6-8; Growth and increase comes from God.

10. CHILDREN'S SERVICE

On Wednesday noon, the 3rd of May, the children had their service where they had a special time to sing various choruses and also rendered their testimonies. It was amazing seeing the little ones testifying to the power of salvation in their lives, and how God is helping them to live for Him at home and school. Before the end of the service, a short sermon was delivered to them by Sis. Bhosha, and she closed the service by inviting all of them to pray for salvation.

11. MUSIC CONCERT

Fulfilling The Apostolic Faith Mission music tradition, choristers and instrumentalists from Angola, Botswana, and Zimbabwe joined the Namibia choir members to present the camp meeting concert. The 2023 camp meeting concert was staged on Saturday the 6th of May. The concert was titled "The Harmonious Tunes of the Great Repairer". Our choir rendered some beautiful selections. It was so sweet to listen to the orchestra and classical vocal renditions with messages of spiritual reparation for our lives.

12. SEMINARS

On Thursday, the 4th of May, a "Financial Management" Seminar- was held virtually via Zoom, led by Bro Israel Awotunde from South Africa. The anchor emphasised that the key to Developing and Maintaining healthy Personal Finance is Partnering with God in whatever we do.

In the end, some brethren were called to share their practical experiences in entrepreneurship and finance management, which was received positively by the audience. We thank God for helping us anchor this year's seminar.

13. ORDINANCES

The Water Baptismal service was held on Friday and was anchored by Bro K. Bhosha. Those who registered and got approval for the water baptism exercise were baptized after a brief message.

After the evening service, saints gathered together to observe the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet. Both programs were conducted by Bro E. Mhlanga and more than 75 people attended the ordinance.

14. MEETING WITH THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION WITH THEIR COUNTRY DIRECTOR

On Friday, 5th May, after the bible teaching followed by the water baptism, Bro N. Jaravani, in his capacity as the Country Director for Angola, held a meeting with all the Angolan delegates. The meeting was introduced by Bro Zaccheaus Oyedokun, the Namibia DS, who welcomed everyone and announced that the meeting was being anchored with the approval of the RDS Bro O. Gumbo and Bro A. Castilho, the Angola DS. In his remarks, he highlighted this to show to the youth that in the gospel we follow all the procedures and obey the authorities instituted by God, to keep order in his work. So, the youth must emulate that and obey their leaders.

When bro Jaravani stepped in, he introduced bro Mhlanga as the former country director, having spent enough time in the country and supporting the work. He also took time to acknowledge the success of his last missionary visit of 2019 accompanied by Brothers Tapiwa, Capusso and Yofina, highlighting the need to visit them again.

He presented two prayer requests: 1. That the registration of the Apostolic Faith Mission of Portland in Angola be concluded, despite the governmental challenges being faced. 2. That God helps Bro Castilho to be granted his visa and attend this year's Portland camp meeting. The audience received both requests with a resounding amen to God.

15. GOD DID IT FOR ME: TESTIMONIES

During the camp meeting, various testimonies of victory over sin and blessings were given, starting from the first youth service to the last evening revival.

"It's good to be here. I praised God for keeping me in the gospel for more than 60 years since I got born again while in my youth. I started working for God and I love the gospel so much that I took long to marry. God has been everything to me. At my age, I am still enjoying this fellowship with Him. – Bro Evans Mhlanga (Zimbabwe).

"I want to thank God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire. As a young man, I see the hand of God in my life in whatever I do and wherever I go. I thank Him for the opportunity to attend the 2023 Namibia Camp meeting. I am being blessed". – Bro Timoteo (Mozambique).

"I thank God for allowing me to attend the camp meeting. I came from Angola expecting a blessing from the Great Repairer. On Monday as the bible teaching of the three Christian experiences was going on, I believed and Jesus saved me. I am happy I am not going empty-handed. Children of God pray for me to remain in the gospel". – Sis. M. Bartolomeu (Angola).

"I praise God for saving my soul, since then He made me understand the gospel better and I am enjoying it every day". – Sis. Justine (Namibia).

(Many other local brethren testified in their local languages, praising God for delivering them from sin).

"I want to thank God for what He did to me during last year's camp meeting. Though I was not saved, I remained behind for the Lord's Supper but when the preacher announced for the unsaved to leave the church, I insisted on staying but my heart condemned me. I started asking myself many questions (if Jesus comes now, will I be left behind?). When I left the church, I went straight to my dormitory and cried to God for help. There He saved my soul. This year as I came to Him in consecration, He sanctified my soul". (A brother from Angola).

"I praise God for His mercy over my life. I came to the gospel after resisting it for a while but one day, as we went to church God saved me and later on, He also saved my wife. God has been our provider and healer. We came to the gospel with two children and later on we were blessed with 7 children, making a total of 9 children all born in good health". (A brother from Botswana).

"I thank God who brought me into the Gospel through the Christian life of one of our sisters in Ongwediva Namibia. I prayed and Jesus saved me but my husband would not take it kindly with me. When I told him I would like to attend the camp meeting he objected but I kept on praying. God touched his heart and attended with me. On the third day of the Camp meeting, he was called while still at the camp for job. He has been jobless for a long time but during the Camp meeting he got a good job. Please pray for him to be save". (A Sister from Ongwediva)

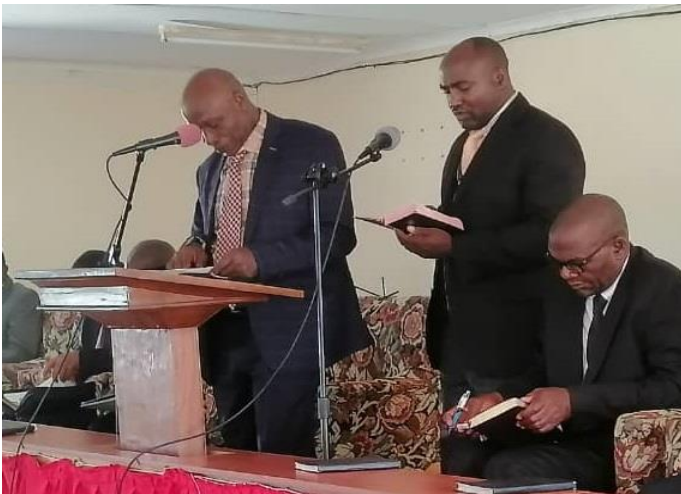
16. CONCLUSION

We thank God for manifesting His power in each of the services held in this camp meeting. All the services were attended by huge numbers of people both on the campground and online. We give glory to God for that. God provided for all our needs beyond our expectations. The spirit of prayer was clearly evident as many people tarried at the altar.

This year we had many foreign delegates from different countries. Thank God for journey mercies to and from the Ondangwa church in Namibia. All our delegates travelled safely back to their places both locally and beyond borders. To God be the glory.

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NAMIBIA DISTRICT.

17. CAMP MEETING IN PICTURES:



The District Superintendent – Bro. Zac Oyedokun Preaching & a cross section of the congregation.



The Choir & Orchestral during the Camp meeting Concert



Group photograph of adult and children Campers



Worship Communication



The Kitchen



Time to say "Goodby"

