



THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION OF PORTLAND, SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AFRICA DISTRICT 2023 CAMP MEETING REPORT Date: 03 – 17 December 2023



1. INTRODUCTION: The 2023 Southern and Eastern Africa District camp meeting is the maiden camp meeting for the recently merged Southern and Eastern Africa districts. The Superintendent General, Rev. Darrel Lee, the Director of Africa, Brother John Musgrave, the District Superintendents of West and Central Africa, Brothers Isaac Adigun and Western Europe, Mark Mfandarabwa attended the camp meeting. There were a good number of delegates from across the Southern and Eastern Africa districts.

2. PRE-CAMP MEETING PREPARATIONS: Earnest prayers were offered across the district for the success of the camp meeting. Scheduled morning prayer meeting sessions being held on Zoom were regularly well attended across the district, prior to the camp meeting and continued during the camp meeting. Saints were on hand to prepare the campground for the camp meeting and there were high expectations for a blessed camp meeting.

2a. BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMINAR

3. WORKERS CONFERENCE: On Saturday, 2nd December, the Workers' Meeting was conducted and anchored by Brother Mark Mfandarabwa and Brother Kwaziso Bosha. The topics covered were "God and His Word" and "The importance of the function of the Holy Spirit on God's Workers". Sunday school and Bible study seminars were conducted to enhance preparations and presentation of teachers.



4. DEVOTIONAL SERVICES:

3rd December, 2023: The service opened with an Organ prelude. Brother O.Z. Gumbo Welcome everyone present and online audience and also recognized the presence of the Superintend General, Rev. Darrel Lee, from World headquarters, Portland Oregon, who declared the camp meeting open. The choir renditions continued with "Saviour Like a Shepherd lead us" followed by "Gentle Shepherd". The Congregation sang "To God be the glory", followed by "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Blessed be the tie". Bro. Christopher Mateyu, the Malawi District Superintendent lead the opening prayer.

Brother Mark Mfandarabwa read the scripture reading from Luke 18:9-14. The last special Song – "Take my hand and guide me" was presented by Sister Evelyn. Rev. Darrel Lee took his text from Luke 19:10, while bringing greetings from the saints of God in Portland headquarters and Apostolic Faith churches in America. In continuation, he featured Luke 19:10. Excerpts: "Zacchaeus knew he was an extortioner and unjust. If you come just as you are, you won't leave as you were". The service was concluded with a closing song as the

congregation sang "I heard thy welcome voice". Brother James Nkiwane closed the meeting with a short prayer.

10th December, 2023: The second devotional service began with an organ prelude. The orchestra subsequently played "On the Jericho Road" Brother Confidence Nemaungani, read the scripture reading from



Revelation 14:6-9. Taking his text from Revelation 14:6-7, Brother O.Z. Gumbo preached on "The testimony of Jesus". Excerpts from the sermon: "Jesus is the authority that God gave to the world. If you are promoting Jesus, you are sowing a seed. The gospel is not just academic knowledge but it makes us a believer. Jesus is the beginning of the gospel.

2Corinthians 4:5-11. We don't preach about ourselves but Jesus." Other references include: Acts 8:31-34,36, John 3:16, Acts 4:12, Galatians 3:25-28, Ephesians 5:24-31. The service concluded with the congregational song "Jesus I come", then the closing prayer was given by Brother John Mapepuka.

17th December, 2023: An organ prelude of a medley "All hail the power" opened the service. The congregation heartily joined their voices together as they sang "I must tell Jesus", "Saviour like a shepherd lead us." And "God be with you." Taking his text from Isaiah 61:1-6, Brother. O.Z. Gumbo preached on "The freedom of Jesus Christ." Excerpts: "Freedom is very important and everyone wants to be free. The freedom that Jesus gives is different. We are here because we want freedom. Many are captives and forced into situations of life. Don't just end the camp meeting, let God put an end to your problems today. Jesus is here for you and for me, so that we don't have to go with our problems. As the service was nearing a conclusion, he read from Romans 15:13. Come to God who is able to load you with blessings. The congregation sang the last closing song "Power in the blood" and a closing prayer followed.

5. BIBLE TEACHINGS: 5th December, 2023: The first Bible teaching began an orchestration of "Amazing love". As the service continued, Sister Shumiral Banda presented the first special song in a local language. Taking his first text from Matthew 4:17, Brother John Musgrave focused his message on "Repentance". Excerpts from the sermon: "If you are unsure of your stand with God, a backslider, or have an ought against your brother or sister, repent. When it comes to repentance, there are no short cuts. Other Bible

references include: Matthew 3:2, Luke 13:2-3, John 16:7-8, Luke 24:47, 2Peter 8:9, Isaiah 1:18 and Luke 15:17-24, 10.

On the **6th December, 2023**: The Bible teaching opened with an organ prelude and an orchestration, and then the combined choir singing "Ye must be born again". Rev. Darrel Lee opened the message from John 3:9. Excerpts: "We can either be born once and die twice or born twice and die once. Nicodemus had a lot going on for him. He was a devout man, had academic awareness, could recite the commandments, could teach Hebrew history, highly regarded teacher but there was something lacking in him. He was a moral sinner. Jesus addressed the matter and said "Ye must be born again". Towards the end, John 1:13 was given and an invitation message "If you are not saved, God is calling you today". There was great response to the invitation as the congregation sang "Happy day". Brother Edward from Burundi closed the meeting with a prayer.

7th December, 2023: The Bible teaching began with an Organ prelude "Each step I take", followed by the orchestra playing "I saw the light" Taking his text from Psalm 25:4-5, Brother Lordick Motshidisi focused his teaching on "Desiring for God's guidance". Excerpts: "Where there is a will, there is a way. David realized best guidance is through the word of God. God is the only One that can gently lead us to our destinies. David faced Goliath, with God's help. We need divine guidance; doing things according to God's plan. When God says "Go", we must go. If after this camp meeting, we go back to our various branches, been led of God's will, the devil will be ashamed and more souls would be won for the Kingdom of God." On **8th December, 2023**: The service began with an organ prelude. Before the message, Sister Magaya sang "Trust and obey" and Brother Mark Mfandarabwa taking his text from Matthew 6:9-10, first, delivered his good will message from saints in Apostolic Faith Churches, Western Europe. The theme of the Bible teaching focused on "God's Will". Excerpts: "Saying: Thy will be done" is not a statement of weakness. Christian's victory is found in doing God's will. A fully surrendered life, not a fully self-willed life is victory with God." Other text included 1Samuel 15:22-23. "At times, we have this notion that we can serve God by our works, alone. As far as God is concerned, obedience to his will is of prime importance." Other Bible references include: Ephesians 1:8-9, Acts 21:11-14, 1John 5:14.

11th December, 2023: The Bible teaching began with an organ prelude "Fill my cup", then the orchestra played "Wonderful Grace of Jesus". Brother Boniface Banda, the District Superintendent of Zambia took his text from Luke 17:32 and delivered the Bible teaching with the theme "Remember Lot's wife" Excerpts: 2Peter 1:12-16. He further read from Genesis 13:11-13, 8:21. He reminded that God paid Sodom and Gomorrah a visit, but it was not a pleasant visit. He further gave an illustration of some beautiful looking structures marked with an "X" marked for demolition. Genesis 19:13-17 "We need to plan for a great escape. May God help us not just to know what has been taught during this camp meeting but to remember them, in doing. Most of our forefathers, like Abraham, had a right and a choice to go back but when they looked around, they opened their spiritual eyes. They were looking for a city whose builder and maker is God, may God give us spiritual eyes."

On the **12th December, 2023**: A vocal soloist sang "Remember Jehovah" before Bible teaching. Taking his text from Esther 4:13-14, Brother Zacchaeus Oyedokun, the District Superintendent of Namibia, earlier brought greetings and appreciation messages from Apostolic Faith Mission, Namibia. The Bible teaching focused on, "In the kingdom for such a time as this". Excerpts: "We want to consider how we can make our calling and election sure, stand between the living and the dead, fight the good fight of faith and above all to give return on investment of God's investments on us while we are still in this world. The three examples we are going to consider – Esther, Nehemiah and David, are for the benefits of the Kingdom's business. Matthew 26:10-12. "There is something you do that has gone to God's record. Our assignment is time limited and scope defined. Examine yourself, stir up yourself. At the end, we have two salutations "Welcome, well done, enter into the joy of thy Lord" and "I never knew you, depart from me". Which one do you want?"

13th December, 2023: The Bible teaching commenced with an organ prelude "Is your all on the altar?" and a string ensemble "Grant us peace followed before the choir presented "To the work". Reading from Matthew 7:13-14, Brother Confidence Nemaungani presented the teaching on "The call of God ". Excerpts: "This passage gives us the direction of which gate to enter. This narrow and straight gate leads to life. The call of God is a call for individuals. John 15:4-5. Our duty is to abide in Jesus. God will not force us to follow him, we need to make the decision. We need to sit down and count the cost. God is calling still, this morning. Jeremiah 33:3. Are you heavily laden? Jesus said, "Come unto me". On **14th December, 2023:** The service began with an organ prelude and a brass ensemble played "Praise the King of glory". The choir then sang "In the hollow of his hands' ". Brother Edson Mutsambwa took his text from Genesis 7:1, 16, 21. The theme of the Bible teaching was "Noah's Escape". Excerpts: "Why was Noah able to escape, what makes him eligible for the escape? God found Noah to be righteous. Our works will not qualify us before God but our walk before him. Hebrews 11:7 What God found in Abraham was faith. Noah's job was huge, he had to build according to God's specifications. We must endure to the end. Noah obeyed, feared God and sustained his faith to the end. We must endure to the end. How is Jesus coming back going to find us?"

15th December, 2023: The last Bible teaching service opened with an organ prelude "All hail the power" Before the message, a mixed quartet sang "The family of God". Taking his texts from 1Peter 1:22, Hebrews 13:1, Brother Kwaziso Boshia delivered the Bible teaching focusing on "Brotherly love". Excerpts: "Many people wish they could stay here, (even after the camp meeting because of the fellowship) but it is not possible. We have enjoyed good fellowship despite our differences in language, countries, tribes because we have one common denominator – that is the love of God. For the love to continue within us, we must have a special type of love – the love that comes from God. 1 John 3:1-3, 2 Corinthians 5:16-17, Galatians 2:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:9. The love you are expected to have for others is not your natural love but the love God has given you. If your brother sinned against you, do what the word of God tells you to do."

6. EVENING & EVANGELISTIC SERVICES: 3rd December, 2023: The first Evangelistic service opened with an orchestration "Just a little talk with Jesus". The special song "Blessed Invitation" was rendered by a male vocalist – Brother Lameck. Brother John Musgrave, taking his first text from John 12. There was a woman in that crowd, who couldn't attend the Passover for so many years because of her health situation. She didn't care about others' opinion of Jesus. She touched Jesus. There was another person who was suffering for over 18 years but Jesus touched her. We heard testimony here tonight, of somebody who had a heart attack but was healed. We can look to Jesus. Everybody here tonight has come into this holy place, with a desire in their heart, that wants to see Jesus. Jesus is here and will answer your prayer." On **5th December, 2023:** Brother Isaac Adigun, before the message took the opportunity to assure the congregation of the West & Central Africa (WECA) brethren prayer support for the camp meeting and also expressed his appreciation for the fellowship and care extended to him. He took his opening text from Joshua 10:12-13. Excerpts from the sermon: "There is complete victory in Jesus, over sin, flesh and every obstacle. We should not be satisfied with partial victory. From the passage, we can see that he was ready for complete victory. Complete victory comes when you have the assurance of salvation. We have present here tonight the God of Joshua. What a happy day. Why not tonight!" On **6th December, 2023:** Brother Edmond Makwiramiti, the District Superintendent of Lesotho, opened the message focusing on "Opened door" by reading from Revelation 3:7-8. Excerpts: "Whatever door Jesus is opening, no one can shut and whatever door he is closing, no one can open. The environment is right for you right now to enter through the door that will change your life. Your door is opened, come now to, Jesus is waiting for you." The service closed with a congregation song "Let him in" and Brother Christopher Mateyu led in closing prayer.

7th December, 2023: The evening service began with an organ prelude "When I see the blood" and followed by orchestration "Blessed Jesus loves you". The sermon opened with Romans 10:13, as Brother Ben Bhoka

brought the message on "The Call of God". Excerpts: "Whosoever calleth on the name of the Lord shall be saved". This can happen this evening. If you can call, you shall be saved. God doesn't discriminate. He further read from Acts 4:12 and Luke 19:10. "If you are not saved, you are lost. Psalm 34:18. You may be saved but dealing with various challenges but Jesus is the specialist of all the specialists and he will solve your problems free of charge. Are you without peace? The prince of peace is here. Are you in trouble? Come wholeheartedly."

8th December, 2023: Brother Edwin Masha read from 2Kings 4:12-13, focusing on "What is to be done for thee?". Excerpts: This woman opened her house for the man of God. Her service touched heaven. Naturally, you have to ask, but in this case, the situation is reversed. Instead of her asking, the heavens asked her what is to be done for her. Jesus is here. What is to be done unto you? Your reward is from now. Tonight, your help is here." On **10th December, 2023:** The evening and evangelistic service opened with an organ prelude "I must tell Jesus" followed by an orchestration piece. The choir sang "The joy of Heaven " and a vocal solo presented "There's room at the cross for you". Brother Christopher Mateyu took his text from Revelation 20:12 and preached on "Is your name written there?" Excerpts: "The question tonight is, "Is your name written there?". Revelation 21:27. It is your duty to check if your name is still there. Exodus 32:33. In our church, we don't have a (members) register. When we came, we heard a preacher preached "Ye must be born again". Philippians 3:17-20. We register by being born again, sanctified, baptized and living a holy life. If you have backslidden and your name taken out, Jesus can restore you. Isaiah 1:18-19. Come to Jesus. ``

12th December, 2023: Taking his text from Jeremiah 17:9-10, Brother John Mapepuka preached on "The Heart of man". Excerpts: "From the beginning of the camp meeting, God has been revealing himself and talking to us. Don't go empty handed. Naaman went to see the prophet for healing, but he had his own concept but God had another way. Naaman had a heart problem. Maybe that is your problem too. We can't hide from God. Tonight is our chance." On **13th December, 2023:** An organ prelude opened the evening service and the choir sang "The debt I owed". Brother James Nkiwane opened the message reading from John 8:9 and preached on "Jesus and the adulterous woman". He emphasized that Jesus did not condemn the woman and reminded the congregation of Jesus' promise and mission "Whosoever cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."

14th December, 2023: After the organ prelude, the orchestra rendered "Just a little talk with Jesus" then the choir sang "The gospel of light" in local language. A vocal soloist presented "Take the world but give me Jesus". Brother Patrick Maposa, taking his opening text from Matthew 24:14, preached on "This Gospel" he assured the congregation that whosoever exercise his or her faith would experience God. He further took subsequent text from Matthew 9:35. Excerpts: "The gospel is good news. When you believe with your heart, a transformation will take place. This is a night of believing. Tonight is your night." On **15th December, 2023:** The evening service opened with an organ prelude "There's room at the cross for you". Brother Sock Zulu took his text from John 8:12,31, 36 and preached on "Jesus the light of the world." Excerpts: "Those who follow Jesus shall in no wise walk in darkness. Do you have the light of Jesus? Are you comfortable? What situations did you leave at home? Come to Jesus tonight." A good altar service was followed.

7. YOUTH SERVICES: 3rd December, 2023: The first Youth service opened with a Violin solo rendition of "How Great Thou Art & To God be the glory". Brother Assah Chimeri, taking his text from Psalm 119:9-11, preached on "Godly youths". Excerpts: "The important question is "Ps 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? The answer is in that very verse "by taking heed thereto according to thy word." There must be a desire from the young people to cleanse their ways. Further Bible references and examples include 1John

3:9, 1Samuel 2:26, Joseph, the three Hebrew boys and Daniel. When the word of God is in the heart, it produces character." On **6th December, 2023**: Brother Kabelo Bogashu opened the message from John 20:24-29. He reminded that there are five human senses by which we connect with our daily activities. Most importantly, as Christians we are expected to believe to the end. Humanly speaking, we often say "Seeing is believing". It is about time to break all chains of unbelief."

On **8th December, 2023**: Brother Sydney Kasake opened the message reading from Numbers 14:24. The topic of the message was "Inheriting the promises of God". Excerpts: "Are you prepared to inherit the promises of God? Some saw the giants but Caleb and Joshua knew the God who spoke. This afternoon, the blood of Jesus has been given for our victory. What is it that you are looking for? Everything is here." On **10th December, 2023**: Brother Killian Nyamuona, the District's Youth Director took his text, reading from Matthew 7:13-14 and Luke 13:23-27 as he preached on "The straight gate and the narrow way". Excerpts: "We are more interested in the straight and narrow way. Walking in the straight gate needs more than eye service. This requires striving. We need to evaluate and ask ourselves "Am I on the Broadway or on the narrow way?" Let us lay aside every weight." On **13th December, 2023**: Brother Onias Chitanda took his text from Deuteronomy 30:15-19 as he preached on "The power of making a good choice" Excerpts: "When you are asked to make a choice, it means you have so many options. The prodigal son made a bad choice but he realized that where he left was where he belonged and he made a good choice to go back to his father. We all desire peace, but our daily choices matter."

PASTORS AND SPOUSES BRUNCH

The Pastors and their spouses gathered at GreenGables to break bread together whilst being guided by the Superintendent General on the necessary things to consider during a sermon. The ambience was lovely as Pastors and their spouses mixed and mingled with each other for the edification of the church.



8. CHILDREN SERVICES: The children were not left out as they held their services on Tuesday, 5th December and Tuesday 12th December. It was a wonderful time as they had the opportunity to display their godly heritage in singing, scripture recitations and playlets. Both services were concluded with short messages by selected teachers.

9. MUSIC CONCERT: The combined choir, led by the Music Director, Sister Precious Boshia staged a camp meeting concert on Monday, 4th December. Subsequently, on the 9th of December, an Inspirational music night was staged and, on the 16th December, a Night of Music hold. The children were not left out as they had their own Children Music concert on 14th December. We are grateful to God for the structured music heritage.

10. TESTIMONY SERVICE: -" God did it for me" During the services, saints testified to various Christian experiences, healing of various diseases and total victory over diverse circumstances of life.

11. ORDINANCE: On the last Saturday of the camp meeting, saints gathered together for the ordinance of The Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saints' Feet. In the afternoon, 83 people were baptized in water, 50 females and 33 males.

12. STATISTICS OF BLESSINGS: Only heavens have the accurate records of the numerous blessings showered on both physical attendees and virtual audience, during the camp meeting. According to the submitted records, as at the end of the camp meeting, 30 people were saved, 4 received sanctification, 3 people were baptized with the holy Ghost, numerous people healed, many were revived and reanointed and 6 other blessings.

13. CONCLUSION: God gave us total victory over expected, unexpected, known and unknown challenges that would have hinder this year's camp meeting. We can say, God is faithful and truthful to His words. All our delegates, both local and international, traveled safely back to their respective places. We can heartily say "To God be the glory, great things he hath done."

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