

# THE APOSTOLIC FAITH OF PORTLAND SOUTHERN AFRICA DISTRICT

## NAMIBIA

### 2021 VIRTUAL CAMP MEETING REPORT

#### INTRODUCTION

Amid the COVID – 19 pandemic impact and government regulations on gathering and travel. The Namibia saints still looked forward to their annual camp meeting convention. This year's camp meeting was held virtually from May 1<sup>st</sup> until May 9<sup>th</sup> under the title **“Jesus is the Answer”**. The program featured Sunday schools, Bible teachings, devotional services, youth services, virtual concert and seminars. The saints of God had spent days praying for the success of the meeting and God did not disappoint us. God moved in a wonderful way and supplied all the human and material resources needed from across the Southern African region under the leadership of the Regional District Headquarters in Harare, Zimbabwe to ensure the success of the camp meeting convention.

#### Saturday, 01 May 2021

##### Workers' Conference

The Regional District Superintendent Rev. Onias Gumbo, addressed the regional Ministers and Workers conference, a day before the camp meeting's opening. His address centred on *“A Good Gospel Worker Amidst the Pandemic and Virtual Environment”*. He advised that the pandemic should not prevent us from our call to pray, preach and publish the Good News of Jesus' salvation.



**Sunday, 02 May 2021**

### **Sunday School**

The meeting started with the congregation singing “*More Holiness Give Me*” and “*Give Me A Gentle Heart,*” The lesson titled “*The Fruit Of The Spirit*” was taught in various language classes, including English and other regional local dialects.



### **Devotional Service**

An organ prelude opened the devotional service. The Zimbabwe orchestra played “*Suite by J.P Rameau*”. This was followed by the Namibia choir song “*Christ Is The Answer*”. The congregational songs rendered include: *Take the name of Jesus with you* and *Rock Of Ages*. The choir sang an anthem *Jesus is the Answer*, before Bible reading and a special song was rendered by a duet, *Jesus Is Still The Answer*, before the sermon.

The sermon was delivered by Reverend Onias Gumbo, the Southern Africa District Superintendent. The sermon was titled, *Jesus Is The Answer*. The main text was quoted from John 1:1-5.

**Excerpt:** “*The primary solution Jesus gives is to make new born again believers who will live with God forever. The Spirit of God raises a standard against all challenges of life. No one needs to manage his problems alone, Jesus only has the answer. God’s answer is all-round both for this world and eternity to all those who will run to Him to find rest for their souls.*”



### Youth Service

A quintet from South Africa played “*He Is Exalted*” to open the service. The congregation was led into singing “*Heavenly Sunlight*” and “*Are You Washed In The Blood?*” before the testimonies. The duet sang *I Am Thine*” before the sermon. Brother Killian Nyamuona from Zimbabwe delivered the sermon titled: “*A Peculiar People*”. The main text was taken from 1 Peter 2:9-11.

**Excerpt:** “*God wants a peculiar treasure in southern Africa region. He does it by sending forth His word first. Those that respond to it are those who are set aside by God for His purpose like the Israelites. Christians are peculiar people, and for such, they need to stand out separate from the world. We should allow the light of God in us to shine in the world; that is what makes the difference between the peculiar people in the world and those of the world.*”

### Evening Service

The evening service was opened with the Botswana orchestra which played *Hallelujah*. The same choir followed up by singing “*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ name*”. The congregation joined with 2 songs: “*The Gate Ajar*” and “*There Shall Be Showers Of Blessings*”. A soloist rendered “*Look and Live*” as special song before the sermon by Brother Motlhabani Kemorwale from Botswana. The sermon was titled: “*Seeking To See Jesus*”. The main text was referenced from Luke 19:1-10.

**Excerpts:** *We learnt that Jesus is the answer to life’s problem, beginning with sin. Today we can all like Zacchaeus set ourselves to want to seek and see Jesus and He will come to our rescue and change our lives forever. Today is the day of salvation as you climb up, reaching out to see Jesus.*”





**Monday, 03 May 2021**

### **Bible Teaching**

The morning teaching opened with the Botswana choir singing *Whiter Than The Snow*. The congregation joined in singing “The cleansing Wave”. The Botswana choir rendered “*Is Thy Heart Right With God?*” before the Bible teaching. Reverend Lordick Motshidisi from Botswana anchored the teaching on *Sanctification*.

The main text was taken from 1 Peter 1:15,16.

***Excerpt:** “God expects us to be separate from the world and sanctification makes it possible. Sanctification aligns our relationship with God and the brethren. We have a chance to evaluate ourselves in this camp meeting regarding the aspect of holiness. We can live free from the nature of sin from today as we desire God’s nature within us.”*



### **Seminar: Entrepreneurship**

The time of white-collar jobs has passed. From the time of Adam God has been preparing man to be able to survive sustainability challenges. Brother Amos Marume from Harare, Zimbabwe anchored the session where he shared tips on how we can make use of entrepreneurship to thrive in these difficult times and still be able to help the work of God. The session was so enlightening and inspiring to the participating audience.





# Entrepreneurship - opportunities after a major reset

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## Evening & Revival Evangelistic Service

The South Africa choir opened with “*Jesus Saves*”. The congregation blended voices to sing *Take The Name Of Jesus. Love Lifted Me* was the next song sung before testimonies to the goodness of God. The soloist rendered “*He Touched Me*” before the sermon. Brother E. Mashau from South Africa delivered the sermon titled: “*The Point Of Breakthrough*” The main text was taken from Hebrews 1:1-3

**Excerpt:** “*At the point of breakthrough, a soul touches heaven through a push where we reach out to God and through a pull where God reaches out to man. Tonight can be a time of someone’s breakthrough. God’s breakthrough brings individual sustenance and maturity for the church. Your breakthrough is available today at salvation*”.

**Tuesday 04 May 2021**

## ***Bible Teaching***

The service was opened by the Zimbabwe choir singing *In Times Like This*. This was followed by the congregation singing “*How The Fire Fell and The Comforter Has Come*”. The soloist sang the special song *The Old-Time Power* and it was followed by the teaching on *Power For Service*, delivered by Brother Kwaziso Bhosha from Harare, Zimbabwe.

**Excerpt:** *Acts 1:8; We can also receive what the apostles of old received because God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34-38). The power of God is for service and not for competition. The power of the Holy Ghost helps us to reach the height of spiritual maturity in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ that can help us withstand false doctrines in our days. If Jesus needed the guidance of the Holy Spirit and lived by the same, so can we.*

## **Youth Service**

The Zimbabwe youth choir opened with the song “*Lord We Lift Your Name On High*”. This was followed by

the congregational singing of “Take The Name Of Jesus”. The duet rendered “*He Is Still Working On Me*” before the sermon by *Brother T. Msindazi from Zimbabwe* with the title “*A Call To Choice*”.

**Excerpt:** “*Joshua 24:15. In this camp meeting, we have a choice to make. We have a choice to be saved and vice-versa. We want to be among those who will choose life by being born again and we will reap the rewards of a good choice like Joshua, Abraham and Moses, unlike the rich young ruler. Jesus the answer is available for our choosing today.*”

### Evening Service

The choir from South Africa opened with two songs *I Can Tell You The Time* and *Don't Say No To Jesus*. The congregation joined with *Come and Dine, Come Unto Me* and *Christ Receiveth Sinful Men. He Took My Sins Away* was sung before many testified to the goodness of the Lord. Before the sermon, the soloist sang *Flee As A Bird*. Brother Agostinho Cassinda from Namibia delivered a sermon titled: *Run For Your Life!*

**Excerpt:** “*Numbers 35:11,12. A sinner is condemned to die unless he runs to Jesus. Run from temptation, sin, bad internet sites and other traps on your soul. The devil knows his time is short, do we? The time of salvation is now.*”

**Wednesday, 05 May 2021**

### Bible Teaching:

The Botswana choir opened with the Orchestration playing *Loyalty To Christ*. This was followed by the Angola choir rendering *Com A minha Voz Clamo Ao Senhor*. The congregation sang *Jesus Is Coming* and *O Can We Say We Are Ready?* The special song before the teaching was rendered as solo, *My Jesus First Of All*. Brother Felix Panganayi from Zimbabwe delivered the teaching on *The Rapture Of The Church*.

**Excerpt:** “*Acts 1:8-11. It is good to get our Christian experiences on time. From there on our lives ought to be preserved in holiness every day. We cannot afford to live a double standard life. We should set aside all hindrances. Let's hold on to our profession of faith to be counted worthy of rapture or the first resurrection at the sound of the trumpet.*”



### Children Program:

The children from different regional districts rendered their songs joyfully. Before some children testified to the goodness of the Lord, The South African children rendered “Give Me Oil”. A duet sang *Amazing Grace* before Sister Rusere from Zimbabwe gave the Message on *Jesus the way, the truth and the life*. She quoted from John 14:6, 14. She asked the children and got several responses on what they would do if they wanted to get to a certain place. Just as instructions, maps, guides are needed, “children also need Jesus for them to reach heaven.

Children are to stick to the word of God, the Bible as the only truth.”



### Evening Service

The South Africa Orchestra opened with *Arise, O Glorious Zion*. The Angola choir followed with “*Ore Até Vencer*”. The congregation was led into singing *Onward Christian Soldiers* amongst other songs. The Malawi choir rendered “*Stand Up For Jesus*” before Brother Chris Nkhata brought the message on *A Good Soldier*. He took his text from 2 Timothy 2:1-4. Like a good soldier in the army, God has qualified us into the army of the Lord. He emphasised that “We must endure hardness, temptation and sin pressure to finish well as good soldiers of Christ without fear.”

### Thursday, 06 May 2021 Bible Teaching:

The Zimbabwe choir rendered two songs: *Why Sleep Ye* and *Just A Little Talk*. The Congregation sang “*What If It Were Today, Still Room* and *Will You Refuse?* The soloist rendered *Under His Wings* before Brother Newton Jaravani started with the teaching on *The Time Of Jacob’s Trouble*. The main text was from Jeremiah 30:3-4,7.

**Excerpt:** “*The time being referred here is not for any saved gentile. God has made a plan of escape for all His children; that is to prepare now while the time of the gentiles lasts. When saved we ought to remain in the ark of God through the blood of Jesus to be ready when He returns for His own.*”



### Marriage Seminar

Brothers *Newton Jaravani* and *Evans Mlanga* anchored the session on *What Is Marriage All About?* With reference to biblical passages, they reminded the audience that marriage was God’s design and still is. Many questions were asked but the anchors could only take a few. They reinforced that Jesus has the answer for all questions through His word and godly counsel as the solid foundation to build on.



## Evening Service

The service opened with a flute solo from Botswana. The same choir followed up with the song *I Can Almost Hear The Sound*. The congregation engaged in singing *Come With Thy Sins, Let Him In* and *Come In*. The special song *After Death, What Then?* was rendered before the word of exhortation by Brother Onias Chitanda from Zimbabwe titled *Where Will You Spend Eternity*. He read from John 5:24-29. The preacher reminded the audience that Jesus being the answer, He can also address the question of eternity by saving *whosoever* will choose to spend eternity with Him.

## Friday, 07 May 2021

### Bible Teaching

As the service began, a procession of praise and adoration was delivered by the choir and then the whole congregation. Among the songs were *Jehovah Reigneth* and *My All On The Altar*. Brother Confidence Nemahungani from South Africa delivered the Bible Teaching titled *Consecration*.

**Excerpt:** “Based on Exodus 32:29, we believe the reason we are all gathered here is to make heaven our home at last. Even on an online platform, consecration is non-negotiable. The full blessings of God await us at the end of a full surrender of spirit, soul and body. It will require consecration to keep all the blessings from this camp meeting and till Jesus comes.”



## Youth Service

In the afternoon, the last Youth Service of the Camp Meeting started with a wonderful music prelude as songs were rendered joyfully unto the Lord. Bro. Samuel Jegede gave the word of exhortation based on Malachi 1:6-8, “*Where Is My Honor?*” “God wants all the honour that we can give to Him. Obedience to the word of God, including praying through to the Christian experiences sums up the reverence due to Him.”

## Evening Service

The choir and congregational songs were rendered joyfully unto the Lord. After the testimonies the special song *I Will Wait Patiently On The Lord* was rendered and Brother Mike Goredema from Zimbabwe preached on *Waiting Upon The Lord Continually*. He drew reference from Hosea 12:6. He admonished us that the walk with God is a continual one; not just a sporadic one. “We can learn to wait on the Lord until He returns.”

## Saturday, 08 May 2021 Music Concert:

The audience enjoyed an evening of pre-recorded music across southern Africa, some from previous camp meetings. The attendance registered was the highest of 200, including those who joined on the zoom

address and other online platforms.

Bro. Zac Oyedokun, the Namibia District superintendent closed with a short address where he reminded us that just as we were able to enjoy the pre-recorded music, “God has a better record of our lives. We ought to live in such a way that we will not be ashamed when our records will be read out before God”.

### **Sunday, 09 May 2021**

#### **Sunday School:**

The Sunday school was conducted in various classes with the search title *A Mother's Love* taught by Sister Flora Mamphiswana from South Africa. This coincided with mother's day, too.

#### **Devotional Service:**

Several renditions were done by the choir and orchestra as the service started. The congregation blended their voices as they joyfully sang, too. The male quartet sang *The Fight Is On*, followed by scripture reading from the book of 1 Timothy 6:12-16 & 2 Timothy 4:7-8. The Windhoek choir sang the final special song, *Keep On The Firing Line*. After, Bro Zac Oyedokun delivered the final sermon on *The Good Fight Of Faith*.

*Excerpt: “Quoting from the Bible passage, Paul advised on what he practised himself. In the fight of faith, we do not fight the devil but remind him that Jesus defeated him already. We ought to be on the side of Jesus which is the victory side. From Ephesians 6:10-18, the word of God that we obey, the same overcomes the world. We must put on the whole armour to withstand and stand and keep on singing the same victory song until Jesus returns.”*



#### **CONCLUSION:**

The Unlimited God manifested His power in satisfying the “*hungry and thirsty*” for righteousness. God has shown that it is time indeed for true worshippers to do so in spirit and in truth, as many, both near and far testified to the goodness of God from this maiden virtual camp meeting.

Kindly find the attached link below to pictures of the Namibia 2021 Online Camp meeting <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmVHFMKg>. You may also see more pictures [here](#) at Flickr.

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