



BULEMBU BEAT

Faith

Hope

Love

An aerial photograph of a town built on a hillside, with a dense forest in the foreground. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds from a sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon to the left.

Headlines

Teams

We keep getting blessed and God does work in miraculous ways. We have our arms wide open to welcome our international friends.

Hope & Glory Youth Choir

Our children, from Bulembu, women center and men centre went on tour this past month of October.

Spring Celebration

We had a blessed service celebrating God's goodness

Hope and Glory Youth Choir

The UK and Northern Ireland tour.

By: Dube Ntombilenye

The Hope and Glory Youth choir was spreading Hope on a UK and Northern Ireland tour this past month. These amazing young adults went to represent not just the ministry but also the love of God.

We had a chat with one of the choir members, Seluleko Dlamini who was so happy that she got selected to be part of this amazing choir; spreading Hope and love to God's people. This is what she had to share:

How many choir tours have you been on?

I have been on three; the USA, UK, and Northern Ireland.



What was your highlight?

I have quite a few. First it was England when we got there. We used all modes of transport from the airplane, sea cruising, train riding, in the bus and the taxi, while still trying to reach one destination. It was also our first rest day where we went bowling and sightseeing. Oh, how I like looking at the ocean. Then the shooting range, where I actually held a gun.

At how many venues did you perform?

An estimation of more than 20 venues - schools and churches. Some schools have more than one assembly and we would go to all of them. The days we would have off, we would go to elderly homes to sing and minister and also go from house by house and sing for the sick.

How did you find the audience?

The audience was the best! They were responding to the singing and were very engaging. Translating the songs before singing really helped the audience understand what we were singing about.

Did you try new foods?

No, I did not. The only thing close to new that I tried was the garlic bread and I didn't like it because I'm not a fan of garlic.

What was your favorite place that you visited while on tour?

It was the ocean.

What did you learn being on this tour?

I've been on tours before but this tour was different. We were ministering, and you could feel God's presence was there with us. The things we take for granted like myself, I can sing and I thought I was just singing and didn't know that someone was going to be touched by the singing. Someone was watching us online and he came over to the venue we were singing at and he gave. That was the day I understood the greater power of God working through us and that I should never underestimate my God-given talent or take it for granted.

How was the flight?

This flight was weird (laughs) but it was somewhat bumpy, with turbulences.

Do you have any wise words for people who might want to go on tour?

If ever you get a chance to go out there, never do it just for the status of having been overseas. You need to be dedicated. Being in a choir requires hard work and commitment. The kind of attitude that you should have, should be a wanting attitude, I want to do this. Just love what you do.

Teams

By: Bianca Puttkammer

We are so enjoying having teams back in town! We were blessed to have two CCV teams come out and serve in the last two months. They jumped into work projects straight away, building a playground and a basketball court for the children up in Dvudvusi. The children were so happy to see this project taking shape that some of the children even pitched in after school to help where they could.



Simon Howard also brought a team out from the UK at the same time and they were able to work together with the CCV team, clearing ground for the playground and mixing cement. The UK team also attended the Pre-Primary school Celebration where they got to see the children perform dances and songs which is always a special experience.

We look forward to more of our international friends come and visit us in the new year!





“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”
~ 1 Peter 4:10-11.

We had the privilege of having a one on one with Kolby Jones, a pastor at CCV church, talking about mission trips and why they are valuable.

Why did you come out to Bulembu?

I came to Bulembu, mostly because of the stories that I’ve heard from other people who have been here before. It touched my heart and I just had to be a part of it. So, when the opportunity came up, I jumped on it as quickly as I could. Since being here, so many things that have struck me and are going to stick with me, probably most of it has to do with the people. We all worship the same God and half way around the world we do it the exact same way. I think that’s incredibly inspiring and it’s something I want to take with from this place forever.

What has inspired you?

There is a work ethic in this place like no other and that’s an inspiration that I want to hold on too. They are problem solvers, they are cooperative, each of these things are important for all of us to practice on a daily basis. There is no better way to live out the commandments, to love our neighbors as ourselves and all those different things. But it’s incredibly inspiring to see how hard working they are and how they come together to solve problems; there’s nothing too big. They overcome.

Running for A Reason

The virtual London Marathon 2022.

By: Ntombilenye Dube

We had two of our young adults Running for a Reason. That reason was to raise funds for new shoes for the children.

The love for running combined with a much greater reason is all Colani and Scelimphilo needed to run this marathon. They had their training sessions which they were disciplined in keeping and training is a very part of any marathon. They couldn't fly all the way to England for the marathon but were able to sign up for the virtual London Marathon. This meant they needed to run the same distance of 42km locally. To cover the same distance, they ran from Bulembu to Pigg's Peak and back. The run happened smoothly without injuries and with great support from the local residence. Klaus and his son cycled behind them just in case there was an emergency or when they needed water along the way. It was a run worth the reason!



Serving God with a purpose



September was lined up with lots of activities in the yearly calendar of the church. We kick started the month with Spring Celebration Service, which was a great success, and the general community response was great. Pr. Vusi Mtshali was our guest speaker. He made an alter call where 13 salvations were recorded. Feasting and fun was the trend of the day, congregants brought their traditional home-made meals to share. We praise God that we could have a (braai) barbecue on the day.

We then started our first ever conferences Themed 'The Light 'during the school holidays. From kid's church, Youth to Young Adults, we ran the same theme. We had the privilege of hosting guest speakers. The attendance was great, even some community kids were involved, young adults hosted other young adults from CLC Hawane.

The youth conference resulted in 35 Senior Youth and 16 Junior Youth salvations and recommitments, with Young Adults registering 2 salvations. We cap the month with 8 water baptism and 2 baby dedications.

October started very well with a communion service, leading to our soaking meeting which was well attended and we also had a CCV team from the USA joining us. We have experienced lots of flu cases among the congregants even the staff members have not been spared. We continue to trust God for healing. We are currently on an encouraging sermon series after the life of Elijah the prophet themed: The Crucible moments. It has been a great encouragement. The number of people coming up during the services for prayer is faith lifting and creates an atmosphere of miracles and encouragement. God is doing something new in our lives as believers, we looking forward to the greater breakthrough that is ahead of Bulembu Church and the community she serves.



Best regards,

Vusi

For the Love of God's people



Mduzi Shongwe is pursuing being a Youth counselor.

By: Ntombilenye Dube

Tell us a bit about yourself.

My name is Mancoba Thandolwethu Shongwe. I came to Bulembu in 2010, M and have been here ever since. I completed school in 2018 and did my internship here at the church.

Do you have siblings?

Growing up I used to think I didn't but four years back I found out that I do. We share the same father but different mothers.

What course are you studying?

I was doing ISOM, International School of Ministry, at Potters wheel.

Why did you choose to study it?

I believe I have a calling in ministry and I love working with children mostly.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a Youth Counselor.

What do you like doing with your spare time?

I like taking walks, hikes or just jog or run.

What is your favorite music?

It has to be Gospel music and Amapiano music.

What is your favorite food?

Spaghetti and meatballs.

Describe yourself in one word?

Quiet.

IT Certificates

By: Ntombilenye Dube



We offered basic computer literacy night classes every Tuesday for those employees who would like to broaden their skillset. Knowledge is valuable, builds-up and creates opportunities and this is what we want for every employee.

This is so much truer now that the students who signed up for the computer class have graduated. They not only learned valuable skills to help them in their current jobs but it also added confidence and motivation in themselves.

Terrence, their IT teacher was overjoyed seeing how far his students have come. 'It is with great joy, seeing how far they have come. This is inspiring, and we thank the brains behind this initiative'.



Loba Dlamini,

The Bulembu store shop assistant had this to share with us:

By: Ntombilenye Dube

What is your name and when did you arrive in Bulembu?

My name is Loba Dlamini. I was born and raised in the area, at Malanda.

Do you have siblings?

Yes, I do. Two brothers and one sister.

What is a country or place you would like to visit one day?

It's Israel. The place is magnificent and would like to see all the places they talk about in the Bible.

What's your favorite food?

Beef stew and pap.

What's your favorite music?

Gospel music.

What do you do at Bulembu?

I work as a cashier at the Bulembu Store.



What has been your highlight living in Bulembu?

The quietness of this place, is so perfect to me.

What is the best thing you like most about working at the store?

I enjoy working with the friendly staff.

What has been your challenges living in Bulembu?

It has to be the difficulty of transport, public transport.

What do you like doing with your spare time?

I read the Bible.

Describe yourself in one word.

Kind.



PRAYER REQUESTS

For peace in Eswatini.

Form 5 exams.

For timber sales to
increase.