

## **UPDATE on the 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2022**

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Dear Friends and Family,

The biggest buzz in the last few weeks has been the announcement of the Form 5 school results. After two



disrupted scholastic years, fraught with delays and discouragements for learners world-wide, we really didn't know what to expect. But we have been blown away by the **fantastic results of the Bulembu school**; they are the best results ever, since the establishment of the school!! Of the 26 graduates, 60% obtained a university entrance pass. There were 13 subject A's and our top 2 candidates, Prince

Mokoena and Sisusiso Nhleko, each scored A averages.

We're particularly delighted

to let you know that **Bongekile's results were brilliant** too. Following her dreadful accident, Bongekile courageously wrote her exams whilst still being treated in hospital. She obtained 1 A, 5 B's and 1 C! What an amazing victory. God is faithful. We are so grateful to you for praying Bongekile through. Thank you for your prayers.







At **Hawane**,

Anele surprised herself with 7 credits & a pass for her Form 5 exams. Her great results are inspiring the rest of the Hawane children to study hard this year, and we've managed to secure an extra tutor to assist them, especially with their Maths. Anele was suitably celebrated by a



trip to Spur with her sisters, as a treat from her big sister, Ncami.

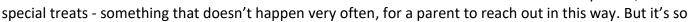
Even in the **Teen Challenge Men's Centre** there's been jubilation over the IGCSE results of one of the students. Mandlenkhosi Zwane, who recently completed the program, did

exceptionally well gaining 3 A\*'s, 2 A's, 2 B's and a C. This has been a great



encouragement to the men on the Teen Challenge programme, to see the transformation made possible by Jesus! We all rejoice in the promise of a bright future that Mandlenkhosi now has. The TC young men were further

encouraged recently when the parent of another student blessed them all with a tasty lunch, full of



wonderful to see the reconciliation brought about in families through the love and forgiveness of Father God, and His power to bring healing in relationships. To God be all the glory!



Certainly the most exciting celebration for the TC Men lately has been **Tyson's wedding**. Tyson graduated from the TC Men's Centre two years ago. He then served at Potter's Wheel Church in our First Impressions department, and later in the Missions department. In December 2021 Tyson was promoted to become the Student Supervisor of the TC Men's centre, and on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 he got married to Sethabile at Hawane CLC. It was a joyous ceremony, applauded by the whole of the Men's Centre. Such a great



testimony to beautifully illustrate the axiom of CMS, "Your success is our honour!". Please pray for Tyson and Sethebile's life together, as part of the CMS family.

We're thankful that Eswatini's **fifth wave of Covid** has been far more gentle than the previous waves, at last permitting us some return to former activities. At Potter's Wheel it's been refreshing to be able to fellowship more together again.

In April, we were able to do the long-awaited Timothys' Outreach at last. A team of nine Grade 8 students and



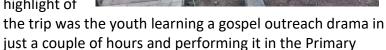
four adults visited the Lavumisa ICBC for a few days of community outreach. They served in the Preschool, and the

local Primary School where they taught dances and helped in

teaching the Lavumisa Grade 7's some of their "Courageous" course content. It was an incredible experience for all – staff



and students included. The highlight of



School!
They were truly courageous.
As a result of their

amazing message, eight children from the Lavumisa school decided to follow Christ. The team came back so fired up that they ministered to the youth in Potter's Youth service on the Sunday. They definitely plan to do more outreaches in the future for both Youth and Timothys.





In May we hosted our **Deborahs' Conference**. It was the first gathering of the women of Potter's in 3 years.





So, not surprisingly, was quite an emotional time. The word the Lord had given us was, 'Persevere', and all the messages flowed from that, as Thobile, Ashar and I shared what the Lord had put on our hearts. We made it a nofrills, lowbudget, in-house event, with the main focus being





on encouraging one another as we worshiped and fellowshipped

together. It was really a very special morning, not least to note was the **miraculous multiplication** of the food for our tea break. Really! With 280 people in attendance, there was enough food for five times that amount, with plenty left-over to send down to the ladies of Elusitweni afterwards, and even extra for serving at church the next day. It was just the cherry on the top of a fabulous heart-warming get-together of God's daughters, and I think we all felt very loved by our Father.

In early June it was the Men's turn to get-together. Over the weekend, 225 men attended the **Men's Conference**, themed "**Loving and Leading**," and enjoyed fellowship, and most importantly, the presence of God. The men were encouraged in their faith through relevant



teaching, being exhorted to love and lead more effectively as sons, fathers, and brothers. The presence of God during worship was tangible, and the presence of God's love was felt as they



experienced more of the Father heart of God through Pr. Henry Motebang's prophetic ministry. It was a weekend of being edified, motivated and refreshed. One of our team summed it up like this: "I left feeling stirred to love more, to lead more intentionally, to be a better son, to be a better father and to eagerly desire and pursue more of the presence of God." We're so thankful it was possible to host the conference again.

In March we attended the regional meeting for the **Global Leadership Network**. We detected a pattern reported in churches globally of many of the 'old' members not returning to their churches since the Covid lockdown. Most pastors we spoke to seemed to agree that it felt like they have an almost entirely **'new' congregation** now. We have found a similar thing at Potter's Wheel. In Eswatini, the state of the nation also plays a part in this, with quite a high number of families having left the country, or currently being in the process of **relocating**. Whilst it's always sad to say goodbye to dear friends and church family, we have nevertheless been so cheered by the recent growth at Potter's Wheel.



Our membership classes over the past quarter have been growing and growing in number, and we are having regular **baptisms** to keep up with the demand. Even as it's getting colder! The baptisms in the last week of May were exceptionally joyous, with an outpouring of God's Spirit, and supernatural healings.

We're very excited for this new season we are in. But we are well aware of the ravages of the Covid war. We recognize the

**PTSD** evidenced by the fractured relationships all around us, in every sector of our communities. There is an urgent need for God's healing of marriages and family relationships, and restoration of His hope. We are cognisant of the toll this takes on our pastoral team as they minister to those in our care. They are a bit tired. Your prayers for our team would be much appreciated.

The **ICBC pastors** continue with their monthly training at Potter's Wheel. Dr Sam Dlamini has recently joined our team as 'Pastor of Pastors'. He previously served four terms of office as the superintendent of IMAG. Dr



through their training would be appreciated too.

Sam and his wife, Happiness, recently hosted a marriage enrichment seminar for the ICBC pastoral couples, which was extremely well received and enjoyed by all, with great discussion, and freedom to authentically address real issues from a culturally sensitive and informed perspective. Your prayers for our ICBC pastors, and for those who walk with them



Between the 25 ICBC sites now in operation, these pastors are reaching 803 children through the pre-school programme, and ministering to approximately 1700 people each month through their churches, with potential to reach the 210 200 people who live within a 5-mile radius of their churches. In just the past 3 months alone, they have seen 507 salvations between them. We are believing for **Kingdom transformation**, one community at a time. Please join us in prayer. Together, we can make the difference.

Thank you for always standing with us, and for praying for us.

With our love and appreciation,

Kevin, Helen, and all of the CMS family

