TSHENOLO MINISTRIES

The month of May 2019 came as a blessing to the Ministry with regards to growth and exposure in service. It is not easy to render services in the community of believers. We have come to realise that when serving the LORD there are blessings that come wrapped in obstacles that come with service.

Our motive and motto has been resonating very well as a Ministry: ***"We are serious about making disciples for Christ."*** It is important to note that the great commission is the core business of the body of Christ, which is to go into all the world and make disciples. We are determined not to be geographically limited within our own context of living. Challenges and all, we ought to be taking heed of the imperative command.



Above from left to right: Apostle Tumelo Silas Motsie, Pastor Tumelo Daniel and Evangelist Bafana Cuna

On the 18th of May 2019 we had been awarded an opportunity to serve in two places, Khutsong SDA in Carletonville and Centurion SDA Church in Pretoria respectively. It was for the first time that we had to divide our attention on two initiatives happening on the same day. We do not want to blow our own horn however it is evident to us that we have grown thus far to be able to provide services of servant hood in two areas at the same time. In Carletonville the emphasis was on Children Ministries, whilst in Pretoria the emphasis was on the body of Christ and her responsibilities.

The body of Christ:

The objective and mandate in Pretoria was clear, that we ought to disciple the Church in the nature of the Church and for an introspection by the local body to access if its members were in good and regular standing with what the body of Christ is all about. In our relations with working with different types of Churches and denominations, we have come to realise that Church has been reduced to mere attendance. It is as if most folks assume that their presence is what is imperative, when in actual fact one participation as individual members is of great significance. The Church is not meant to entertain its members but every member needs to comprehend why they are part of the family of God in the first place.



We strongly believe as a ministry that doing what we have been commissioned to doing shouldn't come as a result of being compelled by the leadership of the Church but it should resonate with who we are as the saved beloved of God. Members of the Church in Centurion were engaged in what they perceived the Church to be. It is interesting to note that it is easy for us to say the Church is the body of Christ, until we are asked to express ourselves in that thought. It is high time that as Christians, we ought to be our

individual obligation to be able to give a defence of our faith, instead of relying on certain pious people in our Churches.



Many of our Church members are convicted that the reason we exist as a Church is to be free from slavery of the current context of sin and oppression. We however establish from the Bible that it was after midnight when the LORD had slain the firstborn in the land of Egypt, that Pharaoh rose up with his servants and all the Egyptians and chided to the Moses and Aaron that they should rise up and get out from among them, to go and serve the LORD as they had said [see Exodus 12:31].

It is important to take note that the purpose to which Israel was set free was not that she as the primitive Church in the Old Dispensation should be free and idle around; but it was so that the Church should serve the LORD. If we have forgotten that we have been set free by the LORD not to idle but to serve Him, it would be better for us and our households.



Understanding Servant-hood

It is easy for most of us to think that we understand what it means to be a servant until we are really asked to be involved in service. The Church was taught about the irony of those who claim to be servants of the LORD yet aren't willing to go all the way. We discovered that there are several individuals in the body of Christ that have uttered the statement: I am tired to serve the "Church" this term. Are we really serving the Church or we are serving the LORD? That should be what goes on in our minds should we be faced with that decision.



We ought to realise that once we have claimed to be servants of Christ, then it means we need to have an understanding of servant-master relationship. As a slave, one has no right because of the simple reason that you belong to the master. In other words, what you are is what the master wants you to become. The way you think and act is dependent on the instruction of the master. How then can we claim to be slaves of the Master when we behave the way we want to behave instead of being found in the master's vineyard? How dare we resort to putting tools down because we have different opinions and positions?



It is imperative to acknowledge that when we serve in our local Churches, we are not doing God a favour but we are placing ourselves in the line of those benefitting from His grace. On the same breath, we are not doing the Church a favour by serving. When we have a proper understand of what it means to serve the LORD, we will then appreciate the blessings that come with being actively involved in service.



It is sad that in most of our Churches, leaders abuse the membership just because of the power that comes with being in leadership. We are not leaders because there is anything special about us, however there is everything special about Him who was called us to service. We are not qualified by our merits, but we are qualified by His merits. In actual fact we are qualified into service by the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation. The gospel doesn't only qualify us into service, but it also sanctifies us from the rest of those that are yet to accept the gospel of truth. It is not the gospel that needs us, however we are the ones that are in need of the gospel to be able to become slaves of righteousness.

Khutsong Children's Ministry



Since from 2018 we started the aim of nurturing these young soul to be equipped for mission in the soon approaching future. The Bible is clear that when children are trained, even when they are old they will not depart from the teaching. Our aim is that children should not become spectators in our churches but to be actively involved in the running of the Church.



The proceedings were handled by the children. They were excited to be serving the Church at large, and they got to understand different roles in the running of the Church particularly on Sabbath. When we invest our time and effort in grooming kids, we are in actual fact expounding the territory of God because these children are able to influence circles that as adults we can't influence.

The need to be loved

Love being the theme of the day, the articulation from the children was just superb. They highlighted the need to be loved. One of the speakers noted that love is an attribute of God which He chose to share with humanity. It is just unfortunate that in the place of love we choose hatred. The appeal to the Church was that just as Christ declared that if we love one another, so will the world realise that we are His disciples; therefore we ought to love one another.



Ready for a Children's Chapel

The children admonished their parents that they too are important to God just as elderly folks are, for Jesus died even for them. The mistake that has been perpetuated in our Churches is that of neglecting children as if they were of less significance to the Lord. The same level of love and seriousness we show to adults and their initiatives, the same should be seen in the initiatives of children.



Above: the Church secretary giving announcements

Perhaps Khutsong SDA Church is ready to have a children's chapel. The fact that these children were able to facilitate the services as adults, shows that they are groomed and ready to experience worship in their own context. One of the kids that was preaching chided: "I had a wonderful day because for the first time I got the opportunity to preach at Church." This goes beyond excitement but shows that with the right people supporting these children, the future of the Church in Khutsong is in good hands.



Above: Children Ministries Leader Mrs B. Wesi giving a vote of thanks

The effort of every person that is contributing in the growth of this crop of children is highly appreciated. May God increase the resources of those who sacrifice their limited resources to nurture our future leaders, your act of kindness will not go unnoticed by God.



Above: the divine service panel



Above: the Sabbath School panel

We want to express our gratitude to the leadership of the above mentioned Churches to allow us a Ministry to work together with them for the purposes of the Kingdom of God. If there is an event or gospel mission initiative which you would like to partner with us in, do contact us and we will avail ourselves for the glory of the Master.

Announcements:

There will be a mission camp in Bodibe Village [between Itsoseng and Mahikeng in the North-West Province] from the 23rd of June to the 29th of June 2019. The camp is aimed at assisting the Church to grow. Seminars on Witnessing and Evangelism will be offered in the mornings, witnessing in the afternoon [which includes dvd distribution] and services in the evenings. Camp fee is R250.00 only excluding transportation.

On the 1st of July to the 7th of July 2019, there will be a Vocational Bible School that will be in Khutsong Ext.4 township in Carletonville aimed at grooming children. For more information on that contact Mrs B. Wesi on +27815170868

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