**Dear friends,**

Thank you for praying and supporting us throughout 2019. Your support has enabled us to continue the ministry here in eSwatini. What a beautiful country and its amazing what God is doing in this country.

Once again, we were able to receive many guests, probably most notably Small Paul Young [www.drawingotherstochrist.com](http://www.drawingotherstochrist.com) and his family when we visited 21 schools and reached over 10.000 students. Also, One Heart Mission [www.oneheartmission.co.za](http://www.oneheartmission.co.za) who made such an impact in the community and in the prison.

In the prison they showed the movie **‘Jesus, through the eyes of Mary’**. A beautiful movie which touched many hearts. However, it was boiling hot and some of the guests could not stay inside the room because of the heat. One of the prisoners asked me if it was not possible to ask for donations to get an air conditioner.

As it happens, I got a request for a project that people could give to. I told them about the air-conditioning. I was told that people would not give towards that as it is a luxury. Some things here are not a luxury but an absolute necessity. However, via different resources we will now get our air-conditioning and what a blessing it will be. (we’ll probably get more prisoners to the services)

We were very blessed to have friends around from our Bible school years, over 40 years ago.This has resulted in a prayer group where many ‘old students’ come together to pray and brainstorm for eSwatini and Swazi Vision.

Also, we were blessed to have so many students coming around this year and what an impact they have made. Of course, they borrowed hundreds of books (a book is your best friend) **It is said that you should read at least half hour a day a good and inspirational book.**

On the mission field you receive many guests. Most of them, if not all, take a great place in your heart. When they leave, they also leave an empty place in your heart. However, over the years we have experienced that the Lord will fill those empty places again.

Once again, we could finish the school year at the school and care point in Siteki. Thomas, our manager has done a brilliant job under difficult circumstances, but God has been faithful and we are thankful that once again we could give the workers a bonus at the end of this year.

**More important is that we could give the children a Christian education and where they could hear about Jesus and we hope to do so for many years to come.**

It has been a difficult year, mainly because of the finances; the situation has been severe. Also, it has been difficult because of Jill’s health. It has really been a battle.

This year the comic book ‘**Jesus Messiah’** has been translated in SiSwati. This book has already been translated in 140 languages but now finally it has been translated in SiSwati. This book will make an enormous impact in the nation of eSwatini; at schools, police stations, hospitals, government departments, churches, border posts, companies and in communities.

**Where would we get the finances from to print 50.000 books?**

When I got a phone call from my brother I knew that heaven was preparing to bring my father home. The Bible says that ‘*I will confess his name before my father and before the angels*.’ One day later I got another call again to say that my father has gone Home to be with the Lord. I thought, ‘WOW, that is all happening now for him!’

I was grateful that I could travel and be there for the week and funeral. It was a most blessed week.

**My father was a friend of God, a man of faith and character. It is the most beautiful legacy anyone can leave behind and he did just that.**

After the funeral I had 2 interviews, one being on the radio to tell about eSwatini and Swazi Vision. Details of the funeral and interview you can find below.

Once back in Nsoko, I got a phone call from Holland. It was from somebody who listened to the interview on the radio and decided to sponsor the 50.000 books of ‘Jesus Messiah’ in SiSwati. As I’m writing now the books are being printed in Mbabane.

**The Jesus Messiah Project will be on going and the goal is 400.000 books.**

So, the end of the year has come. December is a very quiet time in eSwatini; the schools are closed and will open again the end of January. Most businesses have closed for the holiday season. The Men’s Prayer Group will start again in the New Year.

**I think we can sum up last year in one word and that is ‘Thankfulness’**

We are thankful for Gods faithfulness, for what He has done this year in the Big Bend prison, for the many lives He has touched and changed this year. For the schools we could visit this year and to share the Gospel for so many young people. For the many prayers answered, for what the Lord is doing in eSwatini.

There is so much and we’re excited to live and work here in this beautiful country and look forward what the Lord is going to do, especially this coming year.

Thank you for prayers and support. The Lord is working in eSwatini.

From Nsoko we would like to wish you:

**A very happy and a Christ filled Christmas and an amazing and blessed 2020!**

**Leo & Jill**

**Praise and Prayer**

**Praise**

* For the students and the impact they have made
* For the open doors for the Gospels in the schools and communities
* For the finances to make this possible

**Prayer Requests**

* For the comic book ‘Jesus Messiah’ in SiSwati and for the impact it will make in this beautiful country
* For King Mswati III and for the government (the Lord is doing a wonderful work but they need our prayers)
* For our spiritual condition. We know God is working but also experience spiritual warfare.

For our Afrikaanse vrienden you can follow the funeral service of my father in the original Afrikaanse language on

<https://www.kerkomroep.nl/#/kerken/21025>

The radio interview (also in the original Afrikaanse language)

<https://ssl.streampartner.nl/?usertoken=onda461d2f9e8028ec&itemtoken=6dd964c6020ee37e&comments=disable&image=https://www.grootnieuwsradio.nl/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/programmabanner_zinindezomer.jpg>

The interview starts in about a half hour.

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