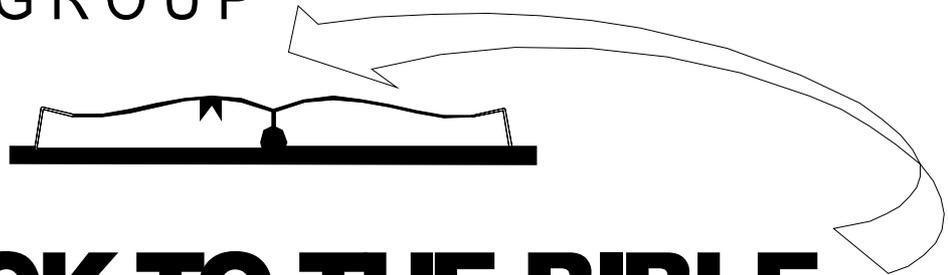


WORKGROUP



# BACK TO THE BIBLE

Dear readers,

Since our last letter No37 of March 16-03-09 we changed our office and focused our attention on a number of foreign contacts. We did not look out for these contacts, they spontaneously entered our computer. We believe this did not happen just like that, but that God's hand was and still is present in this case. In a later letter we will enter at length into these foreign contacts, because we want to tell something else first, something very alive and very joyful: There is revival in Swaziland, Southern Africa!!

While the whole world, the world of soccer, gets mad at the soccer results of several countries, in Swaziland, a former British colony, something extraordinary is going on. God is at work in a wonderful way during tent crusades of Kees and Else Lugthart and co-workers (chief co-worker Wesley) and students of a nearby Bible school. We are so excited about this, that we have decided to devote the biggest part of this letter to this spiritual news. So, below you will read the report of these events reflected by Kees and Else. Kees Lugthart is the eldest son of Dick Lugthart who, during his life, served the Lord through the work of the Hooge Paaschberg in Ede in the Netherlands. Kees and Else have been our brother/sister, friends and faithful readers of the publications by the Workgroup Back to the Bible.

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## NEWS FROM SWAZILAND JUNE 2010

What marvellous things happened the past few months? We would like to share them with you for our joy knows no bounds. However, this time we will do so without photo report.

### THE TENT CRUSADE IN MARCH 2010

With a team of nine co-workers Wesley drove to Enkhamba in the Northwest of Swaziland 2 March to hold a three weeks tent crusade. From 23-31 March he managed the follow-up work.

During that campaign 146 people came to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. However this did not go without problems! Fairly at the beginning a gangster gave his life to the Lord Jesus, something definitely did not please his friends at all. One evening all groceries for the three weeks and all cosmetics were stolen. But this made the team even more determined to go on and after that night almost every night people gave their lives to Jesus! After that the tent was so crowded that they had to take off the flaps on the side and when the Jesus movie was shown there were about 550 visitors. The HIV/AIDS- evening was attended very well and then they were asked to come to several houses to make it more clear for their absent children.

How great was our joy over this powerful working of God's Spirit in this place. We had never experienced something like this before.

During the days of following-up they were all there and Wesley enthusiastically spoke about the wonderful spirit that was ruling among them and the boldness and interaction which he experienced during the Bible studies. After the tent was gone they were allowed to come together in the school hall.

Will you keep on praying for these 146 new Christians?

#### THE TENT CRUSADE IN JUNE 2010 in the mid-north in Emsaweni

Wesley had already picked up the tent in Manzini on 29 May and put everything up. He found two individuals to watch the tent and started services with a team of eight co-workers on the evening of 2 June. The evangelists for the children are well-educated young men. The first evening 76 people came and they were to start their full program the next day.

Early Thursday morning, 4 June, we received an SMS of Wesley with the tremendous surprise. "We had marvellous services yesterday. We visited three schools. 55 teenager pupils gave their lives to Christ, no children (these are secondary school pupils). 97 adults attended the service and 36 of them gave their lives to Christ. In all 91 people gave their lives to Christ. We work together as a team, united as before and we trust God for more souls."

The next day another SMS: "Yesterday evening the Word was preached to 192 attendants, of which 33 adults gave their lives to Christ. On the three schools we visited there were 21 pupils who accepted Christ. So 54 in all.

Monday we will be in the Head Quarters to preach the gospel to 980 soldiers. We trust for salvation over there".

Can you imagine our deep joy and gratefulness after the SMS we received 7 June?

"Saturday and Sunday the tent was packed. Saturday evening 42 adults accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour and Sunday 25. The service (Monday) for the soldiers went very well. 986 soldiers heard the Gospel and God's Spirit was working wonderfully in the hearts of the attendants, including the chief commander. 280 soldiers gave their hearts to Jesus Christ (many in tears, as Wesley told later). We were given permission to go on with the consideration. I still have to work out my program to fit in the consideration. There is an action program on which I am working in my thoughts. As soon as I have worked that out, I will share it with you. This is about supporting soldiers who have given their lives to Christ."

Tuesday 8 June the SMS read: "We thank God that we work in unity for the same cause, because we all know the soccer fever for Fifa's world cup over whole Africa and the world is

running high. We work fast and with great determination to win as many souls as possible. Yesterday another 18 people accepted Christ.

On 9 June another two SMSs: “Yesterday we showed the Jesus movie and the tent was packed.

We counted 89 adults who accepted the Lord. During the open air service in which we evangelised, 36 people came to faith. We are trusting the Lord for more souls tonight."It “The evening service was very good. The service and the attendance were wonderful. 23 adults gave their lives to the Lord Jesus.”

It is incredibly marvellous that by now – after one week - already 640 people have come to faith in the Lord Jesus! Definitely overwhelming!!

10 June – “The 280 soldiers all received a New Testament, but they were asking for complete Bibles! I told them it would be difficult, but that I would do my best." Therefore the call at the end of this letter for gifts.

11 June – “Yesterday we were with the soldiers where we shared the Word and did follow-up. We used the money you transferred in faith to buy Bibles and we will hand them out at one o'clock this afternoon. The evening service went very well with 21 people giving their lives to the Lord Jesus. During personal evangelism another 17 people accepted the Lord.”

12 June – “Yesterday we started 30 minutes later because of the soccer match between Bafana Bafanan and Mexico. Around seven o'clock the people started to come and we closed at nine o'clock. The attendance was good. 27 people came to faith. The Lord is at work, Mhulu.” (this is how they call me, Kees)

13 June – “Yesterday evening we had a good service with singing people, praying, calling on the Almighty God. God's Word was proclaimed and received well. 19 people came to faith in the Lord Jesus.”

15 June – Two SMSs: “Last Sunday 23 people accepted the Lord and yesterday evening 47 people repented.

Monday at noon we showed the HIV/AIDS-DVD in the headquarter of the soldiers, after which there were questions and thinking over. The atmosphere was warm and touching. God loves us all, indeed.

The services went very well, people came in great numbers and the presence of the Lord was noticeable very well. People's lives were touched and changed.”

“After the service with the soldiers, while we were packing our equipment, in a miraculous way two legs of the table on which the laptop stood broke off. The laptop fell to the floor and the hard-drive and screen broke. The electrician said: “This cannot be repaired anymore, I will have to buy a new one. This was a gift of J.M. which costs 1100 Euros.”

We definitely have an enemy.

16 June – “Yesterday the services went very well. The evening service and personal evangelism were so blessed. During the day 36 people accepted Christ and another 17 in the evening service.”

17 June – “Yesterday evening it was cold (here it is the dead of winter, 3 degrees Celsius at night) but that did not keep the people from coming to listen to God's Word. As usual the attendance was good and 22 people accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Because of the pressure of time for finishing this report for publication, Kees Lugthart could not convey the last days of the tent crusade.

Yet he added something to it by writing the following on the envelop:

“While we were following-up, a large number of people came to faith. Wesley ministers to 934 new believers every night. He is doing this in two groups, the first group from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. and the second group from 6.40 to 8.30 p.m., both in the tent. This month we will discuss among each other how we must go on.

I will have to print the bible lessons and tracts and we expect the Lord to help us out. Also for our co-worker Wesley.

Thank you for all your sympathy and prayers. Isn't it tremendous?! “

#### HOW TO GO ON AND HOW YOU CAN HELP??

What we need the most at the moment are Bibles. We thank the Lord for spontaneous reactions which enabled us to buy a large number of Swazi-Bibles, but since we have so many new believers we need a lot more!

New Testaments are very nice to hand out, but the fine biblical Discipleship course, Wesley uses to follow-up on new believers, takes them through the whole Bible so only a New Testament is not enough.

Can we therefore bring this Swazi Bible project to your attention for prayerful consideration how you could help us? We need hymnbooks as well because they love to sing and a good hymnbook with many well-known and well-liked hymns is available. A Bible costs R60 (€7.50) and a hymnbook R30 (€3.75).

We thank the Lord for your love and commitment with the work in Swaziland. Pray with us for further wisdom in the “how to go on?” if the work should continue this way!

Kind regards in solidarity with the living Lord, Kees and Else Lugthart.

The continuation of the work depends, among other things, on gifts. These can be paid into the following account numbers: Giro 81.51.98 or ABN-AMRO 48.63.80.335 both in the name of the Ned. Gemeenschap voor Wereldevangelisatie (=Dutch Association for World Evangelism) at Hoenderloo clearly mentioning: gift voor Kees en Else Lugthart

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