



Top TEEC student



At the TEEC graduation ceremony were top student, Angela Hambury (St Simon of Cyrene), Craig Dunsmuir (TEEC Administrator) and Vincent Mdidimba (St Augustine's).

Charles Hambury

At the TEE College (Theological Education by Extension) annual graduation ceremony Angela Hambury from St Simon of Cyrene was named the top student in the country. She received a Diploma in Theology and Ministry, with Distinction and a Merit Award.

The ceremony was held on Saturday 17 April in the Salvation Army Hall in Braamfontein and it was a joyful, yet dignified occasion. The hall was packed to capacity with family, friends and well-wishers to support the graduates. The Salvation Army Band was in attendance

and they set the tone for the ceremony.

Proceedings were opened by Bishop Peter Lee of the Diocese of Christ the King, who is the Chairperson of the Council. In his address he mentioned that TEE College has 3,252 students registered for this year.

Craig Dunsmuir, formerly the rector of St Mark and St John in our diocese, welcomed everyone and he mentioned that St Alban's Prison outside Port Elizabeth has the most prisoners studying through TEEC. He was pleased to see the graduates of Port Elizabeth and made a point to speak to each one after the

graduation.

The Diocese of Port Elizabeth had five graduates: Eileen Bambrough (Certificate in Theology); Mark Barth, Florika Brooks and Angela Hambury all attaining Diploma in Theology and Ministry; Antoinette Human (Bachelor of Theology) and Vincent Mdidimba (Bachelor of Theology).

The College asked Angela to give her testimony. Many people were touched by it and the College will be printing it in their News Letter to encourage others. *It is also on the diocesan news web page.*

The Guest Speaker was Professor Maake Jonathan Masango a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church. He spoke on John 8 - the story of the woman who committed adultery - and received a standing ovation at the end.

Amongst other things, he said that those who study through TEE College do so because it is a 'calling' and not a 'profession'. They know that they have to work hard and be dedicated. He said TEEC is special because its purpose is to equip those 'called', to do God's work in a mighty way - who have a clear purpose and therefore they work hard.

Call to prayer

The Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgobo, has asked everyone to begin praying for Provincial Synod, being held from 29 September to 2 October, at the Kopanong Centre in Benoni.

He wrote, "This year, I should like to invite you all to continue to pray the Collect for Pentecost, where we ask God to 'inspire our hearts and set them on fire with the Spirit's joy and power, and send us out as witnesses to the wonder of your love' through to the holding of Provincial Synod. Pray for all of us who will meet there - especially those who have been elected to represent your own Dioceses. Pray that as we come together and take counsel in the presence of the Lord, desiring to discern his will for us and to translate it into the processes and procedures of our Church's life, that our hearts will be set on fire with love for God and his world. Pray that we will indeed be inspired with God's vision for our Province - the 'Vision 2020' process on which we have been working.

Our representatives are:

- Clergy -
- Ruth Brandt, Mike McCoy, Gill Bowman, Mark Derry;
- Laity -
- Roger Schärages, Charles Qoto, Jenny Watson and Myron Leonard.

Cheque for Haven



David Matthews handing over a cheque from sales of the book by Yibi to Matron Agnes Boucher at the Haven, with Joan Matthews and two of the children watching it all happen.

Visiting our diocese during April, from St Anne's in Bermuda, were David and Joan Matthews. At the time the House of Resurrection Haven opened David was rector of the Zwartkops River Valley Parish and Joan became very involved with the Haven - even working there as housekeeper for a while. They began taking Yibi out for weekend stays at their home and eventually when David became Missions to Seamen chaplain in Richard's Bay they officially adopted him. The family moved to England where he spent happy years before his death.

Honorary Canon

Doreen with Christopher Holmes and Bishop Bethlehem

Doreen Collett, the first woman to be ordained a priest in our diocese, was made an Honorary Canon by Bishop Bethlehem on Sunday 2 May at St Hugh's where she ministers.

In the citation read out by Bishop Bethlehem Doreen was honoured for her dedication to the diocese and her pastoral work at St Hugh's and Maranatha.

Soon after the Province had voted for the ordination of women to the priesthood Doreen, who had been a deacon for a number years, was priested by the late Bishop Bruce Evans.



Renowned theologian visits



Claire Phelps of St Saviour's with renowned international Theologian and Scholar, Prof I Howard Marshall.

Claire Phelps

On Thursday 18 March The Bible Institute hosted the renowned international Theologian and Scholar, Prof I Howard Marshall for teaching and a service, both of which were held in the church at St Saviour's.

Both the church service and teaching were well attended by clergy as well as parishioners and students from the Bible Institute. The teaching was on the topic of the Apostle Paul's Theology of Mission in the book of Romans.

Howard Marshall is Emeritus Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Honorary Research Professor at the University of Aberdeen (Scotland), specifically in the department of Divinity and Religious Studies. He is also the Chair of the Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical and Theological Research and more. What a privilege to meet him and hear him speak.

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Of earthquakes ... that don't mean the end

At the recent Biologos meeting Prof Peter Booth, Emeritus Professor in the Department of Earth Science at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, spoke on "Earthquakes - expressions of our dynamic planet."

A small group gathered in the Redhouse Village Hall to hear Peter explain what causes earthquakes and where the 'hot spots' are located on earth. On a map he pointed out areas of heavy activity, such as in California USA, and the not so active areas, such as the Cango fault which runs from PE to Ceres in the Cape. He gave a figure of there having been 358,214 events of earth movement between 1963 and 1998. One of the questions asked of Peter was whether there were more earthquakes now than at any time before, to which he replied, "No, earthquakes are not more frequent now."



Nancy Goddard of Zwartkops River Valley Parish with Prof Peter Booth and his wife Lynne.

Support for Haiti earthquake relief



Members of the St Matthew's, KwaMagxaki, St Bernard Mizeki Guild who supported the Haiti earthquake relief fund.

descendants of African Countries. Members of the Guild followed the principle of "When we give we are planting and no one is created without

a gift and a gift is expected to serve any need. God's mighty works must be practised by Christians as stated in James 2:13-16. Lastly, God's love and empathy have no race, gender, specific status or colour.

Siyabulela Tshatshu

The St Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild of St Matthew's Church in KwaMagxaki donated R1 000 towards the Haiti earthquake relief fund to help in the time of need. They are our family as they are

**Kariega Archdeaconry Youth -
fundraising drive for a tour to the Diocese of Saldanha Bay.
Umjikelo : famously known as Nyanganthathu
Contributions welcome: contact Zukisa Jeyi 073 806 8356**

✍ Letters to the ed ✍

Honorary Canons

I read with interest in the May edition of iindaba, that Dr George Malek had been made an Honorary Canon in our Diocese. Although I am sure he is a deserving candidate, it seems to me that if we are going to dish out these honours, many of our own senior and not so senior clergy, who have given life times of distinguished service to this diocese, should be afforded the same recognition.

Tim Douglas-Jones

St John's, Walmer.

ASF celebrate 50 years

2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the Anglican Student's Federation since its establishment in 1960. The ASF have come a long way from humble beginnings to the robust organization it is today. We provide campus ministry to students at tertiary institutions and we feel ministry to students should be prioritized by all. We continue to offer meaningful ministry to the students of Southern Africa, with the help of the chaplains who provide pastoral care to our students.

50th celebrations will take place in Lesotho on from 27 June - 3 July, under the theme, "sucesso da uniao e da diversidade num so corpo" (which is loosely translated as *success of unity and diversity in one body*). We call upon the church to continue to pray for this ministry to grow even bigger than it is,

and parents to continue to support this ministry. This is where students gain leadership skills and grow spiritually. This is going to be a time of reflection for ASF and a time of celebrating.

We would like to thank all bishops for their continued support. We appreciate it!

We call upon all ex-ASF members to participate in the ASF 50th anniversary campaign - it is aimed at fund-raising for ASF and we want to invest in this ministry so make sure you are counted in.

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We ask all to invest in this ministry by making a donation towards the work of the ASF. Contacts as above or post to PO Box 1932, Cape Town, 8000.

Should you be willing to receive quarterly newsletters of ASF and monthly updates on the work of ASF please send us an e-mail on info@anglicanstudentsfed.org.za. We thank you for your prayers and we look forward to the growth of the students ministry.

Peace and Blessings

**Odwa Gonya
ASF Organizer**

Bible Society bids farewell to Graham

Having joined the Bible Society in May 1978, Graham Butcher retired on 30 April although he has offered to stay on until the end of June. He will also continue looking after the postage stamp project and the Street Market for some time.

At a farewell lunch held at Bible House during April Ds Ben Fourie thanked Graham for all his hard work and dedicated Psalm 91 to him while Joos Marais from head office in Cape Town spoke of not only saying goodbye to a colleague, but also a friend, because this is what Graham had become to him and his family over the years. Joos spoke of the 'big five' and of Graham being like the elephant who never forgets ... he always did things on time, they were always 100% correct ... and he always remembers to pray for his friends and colleagues. He closed by saying Graham is a true 'man of God.' Dr Saliwa, the Regional Head from the Transkei, spoke of Graham being extremely loyal and that he would go, not just the extra mile but the second or even third mile if needed. He thanked Graham for his dedication to the work of the Bible Society and closed by reminding Graham that staff do not leave the Bible Society, they are just allowed to take things a little



Laughing about some of the 'goodies' in Graham Butcher's (2nd left) farewell 'Survival Kit' are Ds Ben Fourie, Graham's twin, Alan, and younger

easier and sleep a little later!

At the lunch were Graham's twin brother Alan and his younger brother Michael as well as friends involved in his work and former staff members. Graham thanked everyone for the part they had played in his work and life, especially thanking his wife Anne for all her support.

Graham was given various gifts, including an innovative 'survival kit' which contained all sorts of strange and wonderful little 'goodies' which brought much mirth and which will remind him of the various contributors.

19 years of fellowship and study

Eileen Bambrough

Members of the Mary and Martha Bible study group of All Saints' in Kabega Park have met weekly since 1991. Over the years these women have supported one another and their families through terminal illnesses and various crises as well as exploring their talents. Many of the members hold leadership roles in the church, such as lay ministry, social development in poverty stricken communities and carers for the elderly.

When some of the members, such as Eileen Bambrough have relocated to a different parish, in this case St Francis in Jeffrey's Bay, they are considered a lifelong integral part of the Mary and Martha group.



Joy Grant, Esme Sutherland, Cheryle Nelson, Olga Stewart, Meg Robertson, Eileen Bambrough of the Mary and Martha Bible study group.

New appointments:

Bishop Bethlehem licensed four new chaplains and a Lay Canon to the Ordinary at a special service attended by members of the Bishop's Consultative Council at St Hugh's Lady Chapel on Thursday, 22 April.

Lay Canon to the Ordinary



Relton Groepe (left), of St Luke's, was licensed as a Lay Canon to the Ordinary. He is supported by his wife Karen, an ordinand in the Diocese.

New chaplains



Michael Julius (Diocesan Servers' Guild), Zola Nanana (Lay Ministers), Bishop Bethlehem, Fumi Kula (Self Supporting Clergy) and Joshua Koenig (Youth).

Siyafundisa
Join us as we look back on
highlights, lessons learnt and
achievements
5 June at 10h00
at St John the Baptist
8th Ave Walmer

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While Bishop Bethlehem is on Sabbatical leave iindaba has asked various clergy to write for this page...

This month's invited guest is retired priest Peter Bowen - vicar-general on many occasions during his ministry in the diocese.

The Editorial cunning of Mrs Frankie Simpson knows no bounds!

She persuades me to write an article for iindaba this month, NOT because I am the oldest priest in the diocese, or that I have been ordained the longest, but because I have SERVED the longest in this diocese - and I cannot easily get out of that one!

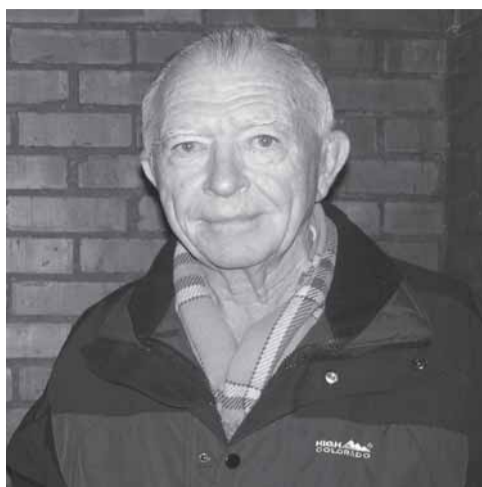
Back in one of my former parishes this week, (St Paul's PE), I noticed in their latest newsletter, the Belltower, that current rector Ruthell Johnson is pleading for us to pray for South Africa - "Not since the 1980's" he writes, "have race relations been so strained - fuelled by inept, corrupt and self-serving politicians, who care less about those they are called to serve, than about self enrichment and power, avoiding democratic consultation and using autocracy and threat, to govern - a condition sadly mirrored in the Anglican church."!!

He goes on to say that the vast majority of South Africans, both black and white, want the same thing - peace, justice, godliness and efficiency in delivering basic needs like food, water, housing, electricity and transport to all. He concludes "let not the miracle of 1994, be overshadowed by the tragedy of 2010 created by self-serving people".

Well said Ruthell Johnson!

In years gone by, the CPSA, and its leaders were regarded (with certain other Christians) as the Moral Voice of the Nation!" At Provincial Synods and Diocesan Synods, additional seating had to be provided for an enlarged Press gallery! Can we deduce, from the paucity of pressmen at recent synods, that Anglican utterances these days are deemed to be largely irrelevant? There are indeed Christians who regard their faith as pertaining largely to the "spiritual sphere".

Our Lord himself is recorded as saying that he had come in order that "all men should have LIFE, and have it more abundantly"! Many of us who in time past sat at the feet of Gordon Tindall both during his parochial ministry and his



episcopal ministry will remember with what frequency he would announce..." as Archbishop William Temple used to say..."

William Temple today is regarded as one of the great minds of the twentieth century. In the 1920s he drew the ire of the British Prime Minister when he offered to mediate in the miners' strike that was threatening to cripple the nation. The PM wrote back asking whether the Archbishop would like his assistance in rephrasing the Apostle's Creed! In other words "Archbishop, you stay in your corner, and I in mine"!!!

Besides being an outstanding Biblical scholar, the archbishop demonstrated his amazing grasp of economic issues in a best selling book which sold like hot cakes.

Some may ask what on earth Scripture has to do with Economics!

....."SIX DAYS SHALT THOU LABOUR"

I know that the Anglican church prefers to chop that one down to "Remember the Lord's day and keep it Holy" but it is there in Scripture for a purpose! When I studied Economics I learned that one cannot create wealth WITHOUT WORK." Similarly it is an economic statement when Scripture states

- "THE LABOURER IS WORTHY OF HIS HIRE".

My appeal is for Anglicans to take a lead in debating these issues for the good of

all our people. When we should be saying to one another (with Isaiah) "Come now, let us reason together" we are too often found to be hurling texts at one another in a spirit of "More Scriptural than thou" or "More relevant than thou".

To forge a tool that can do the job, a blacksmith needs both a hammer AND an anvil. Each alone is useless, even though heat is created in the forging. With heat comes lightAND enlightenment! Here endeth the lesson!

Peter Bowen

A note on Temple's "Christian Social Principles"

His first Principle was that: Everyone should be housed with decency.

Secondly that: Every child should have the opportunity of education till the age of maturity.

Thirdly he urged: That everyone should have an adequate income.

It is interesting to be reminded of the first Anglican Student's Conference at Modderpoort in the fifties, when Leading Speaker Alan Paton said ...

"A Christian cannot quarrel with the aims and objectives of Communism.

Where we DO part company with Communism is in their belief that 'The end justifies the means'.

We CANNOT go along with that," said Alan Paton.

90 is good!



Three of the clergy who attended Mary Cullis' 90th birthday celebration were Peter Bowen, Ruthell Johnson and Christopher Holmes.

Multiplied again

Once again our 'mother' diocese of Grahamstown has multiplied and on Saturday 24 April Mazwi Tisani was installed as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Ukhahlamba by Archbishop Thabo Makgobo of Cape Town. During the same service the new cathedral, St Michael and All Angels, Queenstown, was dedicated.

Clergy on the move

- ❖ Canon David Stansbury is the interim co-ordinator for the Centre of Spirituality;
- ❖ Dean Dudley Greenshields is the Vicar General until the return of Bishop Bethlehem from sabbatical on 1 August;
- ❖ Canon Ethel Pittaway has stood down as Gender Desk Co-ordinator;
- ❖ Revd Doreen Collett has been made an Honorary Canon of the Diocese
- ❖ Boniswa Kamba has resigned as the MU&FL Field Worker;
- ❖ Corrections on mis-information: Michael Julius is, of course the third provost after Barry Sendall and Shane Fraser; Terry Beadon is still the rector of Alexandria Parish!

The view from pulpit and pew

❖ Avril McGrath, widow of Henry, has recovered from back surgery, and expresses her thanks for prayers and help during her time of recovery. With all the metalwork on her spine, she would probably be picked up by radar! iindaba wishes her good health.

❖ Congratulations to Zwelidumile Tom and the parish of St Stephen's, New Brighton, in their link with Cowan High School in a venture called 'AFRESH'. The programme began with a service in a large tent in the grounds of the school, with a blessing from †Bethlehem (whilst on Sabbatical!) and a talk from a former pupil of the school, 'Khusta' Jack, who is married to Karen, daughter of the late †Bruce and Joan Evans. iindaba will report on the progress of this wonderful initiative.

❖ Di-Anne Qoto, daughter of Diocesan Trustee, Charles Qoto, has given up her crown as Miss Port Elizabeth. Di-Anne, who is in the legal profession, can now get down to some hard work after her year of service to the community of Nelson Mandela Bay.

❖ Some parents from the Zwartkops River Valley Parish are likewise very proud of one of their offspring. Michael Giles, younger son of Vaughan and Judy, has been tasked with plotting the course of a yacht race calling on five Capes - beginning in Cape Ras Al Hadd in Oman, then Cape Agulhas, Cape Leeuwin in Australia, Cape Piail in Singapore, and finally Cape Comorin in India before ending at Muscat in Oman. Michael has been tasked with the plotting of the course to enable the Sultan of Oman to train youngsters from his country as sailors. A very big feather in Michael's cap!

❖ A friend in need is a friend indeed - so goes the proverb. This proved true at Holy Trinity recently when a young girl locked the door of the toilet and couldn't get out! Fortunately in the congregation was Roy Calder, father of Lindy Stansbury, the rector's wife. Roy's business is called 'Roy's Handyman', and handy he was. Off he went to his car, and returned with his box of tricks, and in no time the young prisoner was re-united with her worried mother. Well done, Roy.

❖ The diocese is blessed by the ministry of the self-supporting clergy, but so often we don't know very much about them. One of them is Nontsikelelo Memese, who is the principal of the school at the Emmanuel Haven in Motherwell. Her charges are young, and very enthusiastic, all of whom are affected with or by HIV/AIDS. The love she shows the children is apparent in the way they respond to her. A visit to the school is well worth it.

❖ There was much joy at St Paul's last month when Mary Cullis celebrated her 90th birthday. The hall was filled with family and friends, including eight clergy who had or were serving in the parish. Christopher Holmes spoke about his experiences when he was at St Paul's in the early 70s, and how Mary with the Paulines (catering guild at St Paul's) catered for his and Susan's wedding in 1989 at R2.50 per head! Mary has been a member of St Paul's since it was at the bottom of Albany Road - she and her late husband Bunny were married there, and all her children baptised there. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were there to celebrate - Her daughter, Maureen Williams, is the parish secretary. Plans are already afoot for her 100th in 2020! - Another 90th birthday celebrated was that of Lorraine Johnson, Ruthell's mother, on Ascension Day (more next month)!

On sabbatical ... and retiring



iindaba wonders if the broad smiles on the faces of Bishop Bethlehem and Mazoe are because he was about to begin his three month sabbatical leave. The photo was taken at the clergy dinner hosted by the episcopal couple before their leave.



Receiving a retirement gift from Bishop Bethlehem is Christopher Holmes, seen with his wife Susan and son Nicholas.

The first priest to be ordained in the then new diocese of Port Elizabeth, Christopher Holmes will join the 'retired' priests from 1 June. He, followed by Leon Foster, Michael Bands and Wilberforce Nkopo, was ordained by Bishop (later Archbishop) Philip Russell in 1970 at Christ the King Church in Gelvandale.

Tag lines!



Have the determination of a mirror.
It never loses its ability to reflect
- even if it is broken
into thousands of pieces.

Clergy and spouses dinner a wonderful time of fellowship



Sitting (from left): Fumi and Tembela Kula, Hester Hendricks, Abigail Tukulu, Josh and Debbie Koenig and Cheryl Soudien.



Back (from Left) Ste Rini, Mthetheleli and Nomathemba Vena. Front: Wellington Biyana, Mtutuzeli Belu, Dominic and Limakatso Dube, Nokuzola Belu.



Back (from left): Nolubabalo Mgedezi, Nomhle and Vincent Mdimba. Front: Zandisile and Yolisa Ndzwane, Nomsa and Phumla Mtila, Simpambo Ludidi.

The annual clergy and wives dinner hosted by Bishop Bethlehem and Mazoe was held at St Mark and St John Church on Friday night 30 April.

Bishop Bethlehem thanked the clergy and encouraged them to lift up the banner because people still trust the

clergy. He thanked the retired clergy (who received loud applause) and the clergy wives.

RSCM reward

At the Royal School of Church Music AGM held on Saturday 27 March, Wayne Hughes received an award in recognition of the 30 years he has been a church organist. Tommy Horne of Holy Trinity in Central told the members that most of this time Wayne played voluntarily (unpaid). Also recognised, but unable to be at the meeting, was Beryl George of Christ the King for her dedication as an organ trainer.



RSCM chaiman, Jenny Yates, presents Wayne Hughes with his award.

Jenny Yates was unanimously re-elected as chairman of the branch with the same committee members re-elected with the addition of Tim Lees, choir master of the Cathedral, and the about-to-retire rector of St Hugh's, Christopher Holmes, joining them.

Pleading for the churches of the diocese to 'own' the RSCM, Jenny thanked St Margaret's for their donation of R1 000 towards funds. At present only 16 churches, not all Anglican and not all from our diocese (RSCM branch covers most of the Eastern Cape) and seven individuals, are affiliated. Parishes and musicians can contact Jenny at 041 373 3311 for more details of belonging to the branch.

Parish as busy as ever - Pam Brown



The children of All Souls, Blueliliesbush, have formed a liturgical dance group and came to the patronal festival service at St Mark's on 25 April. The uniform skirts were made and the headdresses beaded by their three teachers.



Daphne Cunningham, one of the ladies from All Souls who run a weekly soup kitchen as well as having a beading class when Audrey Mueller visits from St Mark's. The level of expertise is shown in this beautiful bridal choker much in demand.



The newly formed sewing group at 7delaan under the watchful eye of Selamma Oersen, who had this new wooden building donated by Woodlands dairy. Selamma runs a soup kitchen and cares for HIV+ children and orphans, she worships at St Boniface Church, Kruisfontein.

Never too old!



Watched by Christopher Holmes, rector of St Hugh's, Les Barnes of Sunridge Superspar handed over a medal and cup to Dorothy Hart for winning both the 5km and 10km Spar Ladies races in senior section.

Dorothy Hart may be over 70 but she is very fit ... in fact, fit enough to have not only run, and won, the 5km Spar Ladies race but followed it by then running, and winning, the 10km race - in the seniors' section which is for over 60s. As this is her 10th consecutive time of running it, she received a cup which proclaimed her 'Grand Master'.

Tea and muffins

Members of Zwartkops River Mouth Parish were kept busy selling tea and muffins at the Zwartkops Canoe and Bicycle Race on Sunday 28 March.



Yvonne Dicks enjoying tea and a muffin bought from Cynthia Nell and Judy Barrow of ZRV.

"So you want to get married?"
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Mighty Men Conference

Terry Beadon

The seventh and last Mighty Men Conference held on Angus Buchan's farm 'Shalom' near Greytown was attended by Terry Beadon, rector of the Parish of Alexandria, Doug Swanson, Dave Stott, Neil Stuart, Willy Aab... and over 400 000 men of all ages, from very diverse walks of life and backgrounds. They came mainly from southern Africa, but men from Oz, Asia, Europe, and North America also sacrificed time, energy and money to experience a unique encounter with God the Holy Spirit.

Angus is an ordinary man, a simple farmer of extraordinary faith, passion and commitment to Christ (Faith like Potatoes). He has to be such for the Lord to convict, send, and entrust to him 400 000 souls. The men come, curious or hungry or expectant....hoping to find answers to life's questions, or seeking Christ Himself, or wanting to be refreshed and inspired in their faith, or wanting their sons and grandsons to experience the presence and power of God, or simply to find God's blessing promised to those who gather in harmony to glorify Him (Psalm 133).

The sheer scale of the camp, the sweet spirit of brotherhood and peace, the passionate "amen!" of all those male voices in unison echoing awesomely and prophetically up the valleys, all combine to move even the hardest man to tears, and open him to God's call... perhaps also giving us a picture of Israel on

the march in their 40 desert years, and the sound of shofars and voices bringing down the walls of Jericho. Having heard that shout in unison at Shalom farm, I now understand how Jericho fell.

No man can attend such a meeting and remain unaffected. The prophetic Word of God, the Spirit of God and the Fellowship of God all unite to ensure that no man is untouched. In Angus' words, "Boys, we're being changed from a nation gripped by a spirit of fear to one gripped by revival, filled with men who understand how to be men of God: holy, free of fear and uncompromising in their stand for Jesus Christ as leaders of this nation in every walk of life. What we are seeing here is revival." I agree with all my heart. This is my third conference. I know that from each conference I come away blotted by the fire of God's love and passion, hungry to know Him more intimately and to hear Him better, convicted to be less compromising in my faith, convicted to stand on His Word (Jesus in print) more trustingly, and inspired to take leaps of faith totally foreign to my own carefully cautious nature.

Angus endorsed Martin Luther's point bluntly and powerfully: when we are too busy to minister personally to God, or to spend time with God in ways that please Him, we have totally lost the plot....we are no longer serving Him, we are serving ourselves.

With love and blessings in Christ Jesus our Lord, to all who read this, from Terry. (Read the full report on our web page)

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