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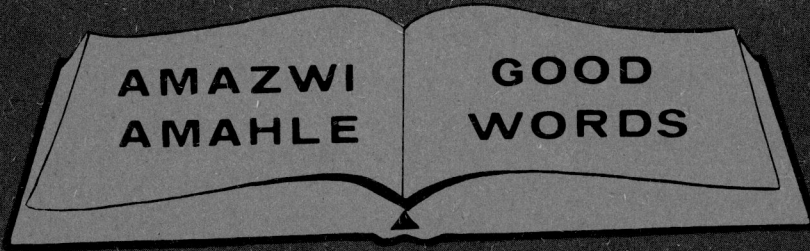
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"UJehova wayesephendula ngAMAZWI AMAHLE" Zak. 1:13



Kunyangana ezingengaki ezedluleyo besidumisa ngokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu ngesikhathi seKhisimusi. Lokhu bekukuhle ngoba uJesu lo nguye owasilethela insindiso, uthando lokuthula. Kule inyanga sizadumisa njalo ngoba sesisiya esikhathini lapho uJesu anqoba khona ukufa ukuze lathi sinqobe.

Mhlawumbe bakhona abamangalayo ukuthi singadumisa njani njengoba kumele sikhumbule langokufa kweNkosi yethu. Ye ukufa siyakukhumbula kodwa lakho sekwalahlekelwa yibuhlungu bakho ngoba uJesu wakunqoba kane eseselapha emhlabeni. Wavusa indodakazi kaJayiru, wavusa indodana yomfelwakazi eNayini, wazavusa loLazaru owayeseqede insuku ezine esethuneni. Kodwa-ke ukunqoba okukhulu yilokhuya okwa mhla yena ngokwakhe evuka kwabafileyo. UKristu wemukela ihlazo lobuhlungu bokufa ukuze lathi abalandeli bakhe sithole impilo entsha.

Ngaso sonke isikhathi nxa sikhumbula ngokufa lokuvuka kukaJesu kufanele sikhumbule ukuthi lokhu kwenzani empilweni zethu. Mhlawumbe thina amakholwa singafaniswa lentanga. Ukuze imile, ikhule njalo ithéle kusafanele ife kuqala. Intanga iyafa ukuze kuvele impilo entsha, enhle engafani lentanga leya. Kwesinye isikhathi kuvela isihlahla esiletha izithelo ezizadliwa eduze lakhatshana. Kwesinye isikhathi njalo kuvela iluba elizahuga amavevane, inyosi lezinye izibungu ezinjalo. Ekufeni kwakhe uJesu laye waletha impilo entsha kubo bonke abazimiseleyo ukumamukela. Kulabo abazimisele ukufa laye kukhona ukuvuka okutsha emandleni okunqoba kuzo zonke izikhathi.

Njengoba sesibanga kwesinye isikhathi sokufa lokuvuka kukaJesu kasivumele ukufa kunqobe zonke izigaba ezimbi empilweni zethu. Nxa sidumisa sisithi, "UJesu uvukile Aleluya" kusamele lathi sivuke laye sijahe ukulima lokuvuna amasimu asezulwini hatshi awalapha emhlabeni. Kasizameni ukuthanda ngamandla, ukusiza singanxwaneli imbadalo, ukubekezela loba sekunzima kanye lokuzithiba ukuthi singajahi ukujabulisa inyama siguba umphefumulo.

Wena lami silamalungiselelo athile aqondana lalesi sigaba somnyaka. Ake sizame ukuthi lonyaka sibeyizibusiso kwabanye abantwana bakaNkulunkulu esihlala labo.

UMsindisi Unqobile



"Amhlophe, amhlophe," batsho njalo abantu nxa omunye ezuze ingane. Kwabanjalo lakuMariya mhla ethola ingane eyathiwa igama lokuthi nguJesu, okutsho ukuthi uMsindisi.

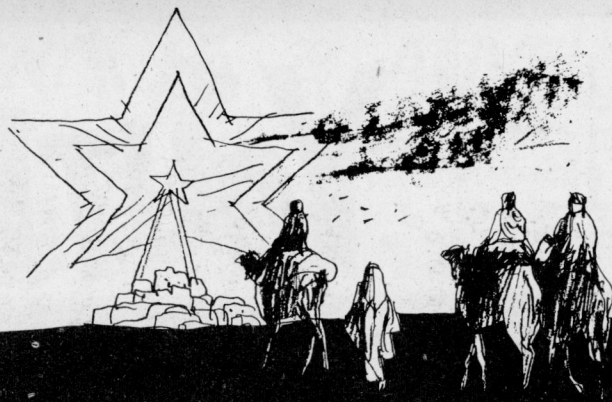
Uma sikhangelala lolusuku lokuzalwa kukaJesu siyathokoza. Kanti-ke kuyadanisa ukuhlutshwa lokufa kwakhe, kuphinde kujabulise ukuvuka kwakhe. Isikhathi sePhasika kwabanye sitsho ukuvakatshela izihlobo, kwabanye lithuba lokuphumula nje, kwabanye njalo yisikhathi sokuzijabulela nje labangane kanti-ke sona siyisikhathi sokufa lokuvuka kweNdodana kaNkulunkulu enguMinqobi.

UJesu ekhuleka esensimini yaseGetsemane wayesizwa ubuhlungu. Wanikelwa nguJuda ngokwangiwa, waphikwa nguPetro phambi kwezitha zakhe. Ababusi ababezondana baphenduka baba ngabangane ngenxa yeNdodana kaNkulunkulu kodwa loba kwakunjalo abalifumananga icala kuye. Mhla ezalwa bathi, "Amhlophe, amhlophe, kodwa lamhla sebesithi, "Mbethele, mbethele" yena engelalo icala. "Ufike kwabakhe kepha abaze bamamukela." Joh. 1:11. Mkhangele esesiphambanweni esithi, "Tixo wami, Tixo wami, ungitshiyelani na?" Wayeselenga esiphambanweni engekho emhlabeni ngoba wawusumalile umhlaba lasezulwini wayengasela ndawo ngoba wayesethwele izono zethu. Akungeni sono ezulwini, laye wayengeke angene ezithwele ezami lezakho.

Wakunqoba ukufa wavuka ngosuku lwesithathu. Kimi lolusuku lukhulu ngoba umhlengi wami wavuka. Abanye bathi usuku lweSabatha waluhlonipha yikho engavukanga ngalo waze wavuka ngeSonto. Abanye bathi kakukho ukuvuka, kodwa-ke kangazi ukuthi bathini ngamalembu ayegoqele umzimba lekhandla likaJesu aficakala elokhu esethuneni. Lolu lusuku olukhulu ngoba ngaye, ngegazi lakhe elachitheka esiphambanweni sithola ukuthethelelwa kwezono. Namhla uvukile, namhla sixolelwe ezonweni. Malibongwe igama lakhe! Masi-khumbuleni lolusuku siluhloniphe ngoba uMsindisi uvukile kwabafileyo. Unqobile, lathi sizanqoba.

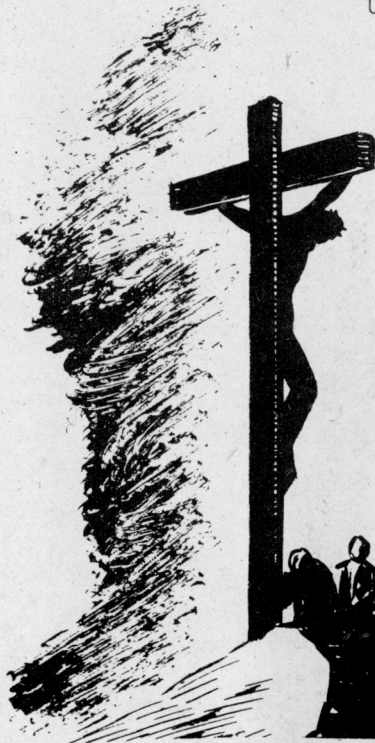
Catherine Ncube

Amakhefu Aqakathekileyo



Umnyaka umunye ulamakhefu amanengi. Abasebenzayo labafundayo bayawalangazelela kakhulu amakhefu la ngoba bathola isikhathi sokuphumula. AmaKristu alangazelela kakhulu amanye al' amakhefu ngoba ngelezo zikhathi akhumbula ngoMsindisi wawo. AmaKristu alangazelela iKhisimusi lapho akhumbula ngokuzalwa kwakhe, lePhasika lapho akhumbula ukufa lokuvuka kwakhe. Nxa ngikhangela amalungiselelo enziwayo ngaphambili, ngibona angathi iKhisimusi iqakathekiswa ukwedlula isikhathi sokufa lokuvuka kwakhe. Lokhu ngikutsho ngoba ngeKhisimusi izindlu ziyaceciswa, kuthengwa izigqoko ezintsha njalo lokudla okunengi. Angazi kumbe bakhona abawenzayo lawa malungiselelo ngesikhathi sokukhumbula ukufa lokuvuka kwakhe! L' amakhefu aqakathekile wonke ngoba womabili agoqela insindiso yethu. Akucabange ngalokhu: Nga uJesu kazalwanga kambe nga siloMsindisi na? Nga kafanga uJesu besiyathethelelwa njani? IBhayibhili lithi, "Yebo, cishe zonke izinto zihlanjululwa ngegazi ngokomthetho; ngaphandle kokuchitha igazi akukho ukuthethelelwa." Heb. 9:22. Lokhu kusitshengisa ukuqakatheka kwamakhefu la empilweni yomKristu. Akumelanga kube lokunye okuqakathekileyo ukwedlula okunye, kuhamba ndawonye.

Loba ukufa kuletha ukudana ezinhliziyweni zabantu, okukaJesu kuletha intokozo ngoba wavuka ngelanga lesithathu, wanqoba ukufa. Ukuvuka kwakhe kusiphatha ithemba lokuthi lathi sizavuka kwabafuleyo ngesikhathi esezothatha abakhe.



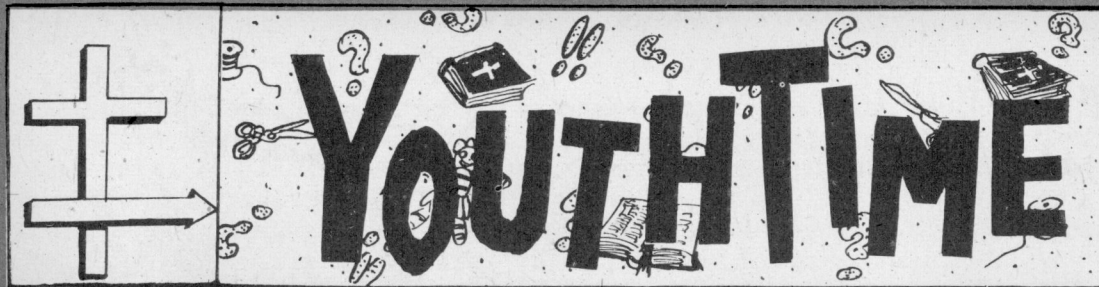
Ubufakazi bengatsha zonke zeMatopo Book Centre

"... kambe wena wenzani okungcono kulalokhu?..."

Intombazana eleminyaka engalinganiselwa kutshumi nambili yangena esitolo. Omunye wabathengisi wayibuza ayengayinceda ngakho. Intombazana yaphendula ibihla ithi yayilahlekelwe yimali yokuhlalula ehasini isibuyela ekhaya. Umthengisi esebuze eminye imibuzo mayelana lalohlupho wayipha intombazana le i-10c yebhasi. Ngemva kwe-nyanga ezithile intombazana leyo yeza njalo esitolo. Yahle yadinga yena loya umthengisi yamtshela ngodubo lokulahlekelwa yimali yebhasi. Mhlalokho umthengisi wathi eyipha i-10c leyo wabuye wayilaya njengomama ngo"nanzelelo".

Lesi yisibonelo esincane kodwa sitshengisa uthando lomusa womunye wabathengisi beMatopo Book Centre. Abathengisi beMatopo Book Centre balamathuba amahle amanengi okuzitshengisa behlukile kwabanye abathengisi. Banengi abantu abeza esitolo bedinga

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April Fools' Day

Of all days in a year, the first of April has a characteristic typical of itself only. On this day many people (especially young ones) enjoy playing jokes on their unsuspecting neighbours and friends. They make them April fools. For this reason some people may find themselves running unrewarding errands or involved in some equally unpleasant tasks. There are of course many who manage not to let the joke on them hurt. They laugh it off and that makes the end of it.

It has been found that many people can be made April fools in the early hours of the day, before their minds have wakened to the fact of which day of the year it is. The added advantage to this time is that none of these people have been victimized and so they are less likely to be on guard. For successful April fooling one has to have a considerable degree of foresight and tact in order to detect how far to go with any individual. A lot of harm can be avoided if all people could fool only those who can appreciate such a joke.

It has been most difficult to trace the origin of the custom or to say how long it has been in existence. There are many possibilities but one of the most common ones is that on 31st March 1913, two Frenchmen and a lady decided to amuse themselves by "contriving a lie for tomorrow". Three days before that a man

called Noble had been hanged. On April the first the three friends sent out notes telling people that Noble had come back to life and could be seen at such-and-such a place. All who went out to check this fact were called April fools.

Anyone can be made an April fool. In France a Duke and his wife who had been held in captivity managed to escape on Fools' Day. They dressed as peasants and walked out of the city right under the eyes of the guards who realized when it was too late that they had been fooled.

Sometimes the joker can be outwitted by his victim. A certain lady is known to have stolen a watch from a friend's house on Fools' Day. When arrested and charged she stated that it was an April trick. She called the policeman who searched and found the watch in her apartment an April fool. This joking did not end happily for her. She was detained until the first of April in the following year.

Perhaps some of you who read this article will still be made April fools yet you have been forewarned. Its just like life. The Bible warns us about many situations in life but we still get caught up in them.

Question: Why is a soldier always tired on April 1?

Answer: Because he's just had a March of 31 days.

A Verse to Live By: What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? (Matthew 27:22).

Think It Through:

- What does Jesus' death on the Cross tell us about His love?
- Can you think of any examples of people suffering, or even dying, because of their love for others?
- What are some of the different ways that persons respond to Christ?

He is RISEN! He is ALIVE!



The night was very long. She lay in bed thinking of what was before her. In the morning she would go to the tomb and anoint the body of her Master with spices. "If only He were still alive", she thought, "I would listen to more of His teachings and even see Him heal more people. But why did they kill Him?" She sobbed herself to sleep.

Mary did not understand why Jesus had been killed. He had cast out demons from her and since then she had been a follower of Jesus. She loved and trusted Him for her future but now that He was dead, she had lost all hope.

Very early in the morning she went to the tomb. When she got there she realized that the stone had been removed from the tomb. She was filled with fear as she ran to tell Simon Peter and John about what had happened. They were not expecting this either so they ran to the tomb to prove whether Mary's story was true. It was true, for when they went into the tomb they saw the cloth lying there while the swath that had covered Jesus' head was rolled up in a bundle and was lying at

the side. The disciples saw and believed (that He was not in the tomb) and went home.

Mary must have been very grieved for she remained at the tomb. She wanted to know where they had laid Him. While she was still crying, someone spoke to her from behind but on turning she didn't recognize Him probably because her eyes were filled with tears. Asked why she was crying, Mary appealed to Him to tell her where Jesus was. When He called her, she immediately turned toward Him and addressed Him, "Master". What joy filled her heart when she saw Him! All the fear she had was gone. Though she didn't touch Him, she went back to the disciples rejoicing that she had seen the Lord.

As Easter approaches this year, remember Christ is risen, He has overcome death. Christians are serving a Living Christ.

Ukuthi IPhasika Itshoni Kimi

Isiqokoqela sale indaba sitholakala kula amazwi, "Ngokuba nayo indodana yomuntu ayizelanga ukukhonzwa khepha ukukhonza nokunikela ukuphila kwayo kube yisihlengo sabanengi." Marko 10:45

IPhasika ingikhumbuza uthando luka-Nkulunkulu ngokungembulela ukuthi wani-ka iNdodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa. Yena akayigcinanga iNdodana yakhe, kodwa wayithuma emhlabeni. Kimi isikhathi sePhasika siyimvuselelo emoyeni. Ngaphandle kokukhumbula ukuthi uJesus wafela izono zethu, ngikhumbula ukuthi sifanele sithethelane uma sikholwa ngokufaneleyo, ngoba uJesus wabakhulekela ababemhleka bemkhahlemeza esesiphambanweni. Lokhu kimi kutshe-

ngisa uthando esimele sibe lalo njengama-kholwa. Ngesikhathi sePhasika langazo zonke izikhathi ngangizibuze ukuthi, "Ngingamthethelela na umuntu obulala inkomo yami?" Ipendulo ngezikhathi zonke ithi kumele ngimthethelele ngoba uNkulunkulu uthethelela iziphambeko zami zonke. Kimi iPhasika iphinde ibeyisibonakaliso sokuthi sikhonza uKristu ophilayo osibiza imihla ngemihla ethi size lezinhlupho zethu kanye lemibuzo, akukho akwalayo nxa sikuletha kuye.

Isiphambano siyisikhumbuzo esikhulu enhliziyweni yami. Nxa ngikhangelala isi-

(iqhubeka kukhasi 8)

Some Easter Customs



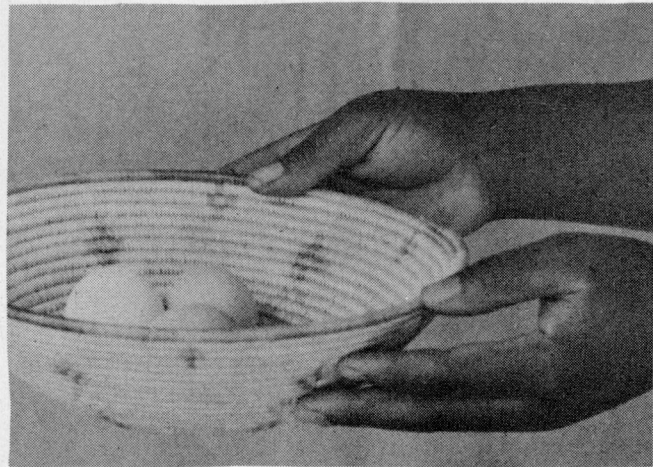
Easter is associated with many customs at different times and places. Some are popular e.g. dramatisation of the passion and resurrection of Christ. There are many people who remember the entry into Jerusalem by having a Palm Sunday procession. Others have the visitation to the tomb which ends in the praise, "Jesus is risen Alleluia".

Some of these practices may be adaptations originally associated with pagan festivals or with local folklore. Eggs for example are part of the Easter festival. A possible reason why this is so is that formerly eggs were forbidden during the weeks prior to Easter day. On Easter day people freely feasted on them because they marked the end of a penitential season and beginning of joyful celebration. Eggs are a traditional symbol of life and creation so they blended well with the resurrection.

Now many people exchange eggs during Easter. These may be hen laid eggs or the other types made by confectioners then beautifully wrapped in patterned foil paper. Also associated with Easter are flowers especially the

white lily. White is a colour of purity. On the cross we were washed and became as white as snow. The rabbit which is an ancient symbol of fertility has its picture shown in many Easter decorations. In some places it is customary to prepare baked goods shaped like lambs. The lamb signifies the coming of spring in certain areas of the world while also symbolizing "the Lamb of God" - the crucified and risen Christ. The "hot cross buns" are also part and parcel of Easter celebrations.

Every year Easter falls between March twenty-second and April twenty-fifth. This then makes it the Christian's Passover and means quite a lot to different people. To Christians it is the morning to a new life in Christ.



Izindaba Ezivela Ewofisini KaBishop

Ummuzana Joel Mabhena obenguMphathisikolo wesinye sezikolo zikaHulumende lapha koBulawayo usetshintshelwe eSelukwe esikolo okuthiwa yiCharles Wraith.

UNkosazana Lois Jean Sider owafundisa okwemnyaka eminengi eMtshabezi leMatopo usebuyile njalo eAfrica. Ufike mhlaka 5 February esezefundisa eDavid Livingstone Teacher Training College eZambia.

Amabandla amabili, eleZambia leleRhodesia asezimisele ngokwemali, ukuthwala umsebenzi webandla laBazalwane eLondon. Siyayicela imikhuleko yenu emsebenzini lo. UDr. Hoover ovela eMelika ufike khonale eLondon mhlaka 22 February. Uzaqeda inyanga ezintathu esungula izindlela zokuhambisa l' umsebenzi. Kulungiselelwa ukuthi kubunjwe ixuku labazamela amabandla eZambia, Rhodesia leMelika. Iel' ixuku lizasebenzela khonale eLondon.

Mhlaka 24 February kwabalokudubula emzini kaTelamanzi Ncube owakhele eduzane nje leMatopo Mitshini. Kwahle kwafa abantu abatshiya minwe mibili (8) owesitshiya munwe munye (9) yena wafela esibhedlela eMpilo. Imikhuleko yethu mayigxile ebazalwani lezihlotsheni zalabo abalahlekelweyo.

Imuli yako E.D. Hock yasuka kwelakithi mhlaka 28 February, yayaphumula ekhaya eMelika okwenyanga ezintathu. Kucatshangelwa ukuthi abakoHock bazachitha ikhefu labo bevaka-tsha eCanada, eIndiana, ePennsylvania kanye lakwezinye izindawo eMelika.

Kulezi insuku uMnumzana Agrippa V. Masiye nguye onguMphathi weMatopo Book Centre. Ubambele uMnumzana Hock.

UMfundisi Omkhulu uBishop Kumalo loMnumzana A.V. Masiye balungiselela ukuyachitha i-insuku ezimbili eSozibeli (17-18 March). Lapho kuyabe kusiyanikelwa eNkosini ugatsha lweMatopo Book Centre olukhonale. Luzanikelwa ngoMgqibelo emini. NgeSonto uBishop Kumalo uzakuba yisikhulumi enkonzweni yeSonto yaBazalwane eGlen Norah.

Kusukela mhlaka 23-24 March kuyabe kulomhlangano wabaPhathi bamabandla. Umhlangano lo uzakwenzelwa kholapha koBulawayo.

UMnumzana Iddo Kumalo wakhethwa yiExecutive Board ukuba nguNobhala wezeMfundo oweBandla laBazalwane.

Mhlaka 11 March bekulenkonzolo yobudlelwano phakathi kwamaKristu eLobengula kusukela ngo 12 kusiya ku 1:30 emini. Inkonzolo le ibingeyabadala.

AbaBonisi bethu bonke bebethekelele amabandla eziqintini zabo kumaviki adlulileyo. Imibiko yabo iyakhuthaza. UMfundisi E. Ziduli uqede iviki eseVictoria Falls, uMfundisi J. N. Ncube ubeseShabani okwamalanga athize, uMfundisi J. N. Dlodlo uyethekelele amabandla aseziqintini zempumalanga lentshonalanga yeMatopo okweviki ezimbili, uMfundisi P. M. Mlotshwa laye uyethekelele amabandla amanengi empumalanga laphakathi kweziqinti seMtshabezi.

CCOSA: UDr. W. K. Warner, uMphathisikolo weCCOSA uphenduke mhlaka 14 February evela eMelika. Usethumeze kuExecutive Board ingwalo ezitshengisa ukuqhuba kukaMfundisi Elias McMojo loMfundisi Bruce Khumalo ezifundweni zabo eCCOSA.

UMnumzana uMichael M. Ndubiwa, osebenza kuCity Council lapha koBulawayo, usebe ngoNsundu owakuqala ukuphumelela emhlohisweni othiwa yi "Institute of Town Clerks of Southern Africa". Simenzela amhlophe!

UMnumzana Gibson Ngwenya loNkosazana Denetia Nkomo abeBandla laBazalwane eLobengula batshadiswa mhlaka 3 March.

UTemba Nyathi, uMdikoni weBandla laBazalwane eGlen Norah uselapha koBulawayo. UNyathi wakewaba ngumPhathi webandla leLuveve leleMagwegwe engakayi eSozibeli.

UMnumzana loNkosikazi Caleb G. Khumalo babusiswa ngendodakazi mhlaka 16 February, 1979 eMpilo.

UNkosazana Caroline Bonginkosi Ndlovu, umntaka Mnumzana loNkosikazi J.T. Ndlovu, usefunda eUniversity yeToledo eseOhio eMelika.

Sifisa ukuthatha lel' ithuba ukubonga bonke abaphathisa umsebenzi wAMazwi Amahle ngendlela ezithile. Sibonga kakhulu labo abaphathisa ngemali. Sesamukele imali evela kwabanye benu ngezikhathi ezehlukenyayo. Siyabonga kakhulu. Kasiliqambi ngamabizo ngoba siyethemba ukuthi lizabongwa ngophezulu. Siyabonga lalabo asebenikile ukuze kuyesizwa abazalwane bethu abaseWha Wha.

Abazalwane bethu abaseWha Wha bakhala ngesizungu. Bangajabula kakhulu nxa bengavakats shelwa ngabazalwane.

phambano ngisibona sikhuluma okwedlula indimi zonke ngothando lukaJesu owasifelayo. Namhla indawo zonke sikhuleka ngoJesu. Ngenxa yokuthi walenga esiphambanweni angithandabuzi ukuthi uthando lwakhe kimi lukhulu okunganani.

IPhasika iphinda ingikhumbuze l' amazwi, "Akuseyimi ophilayo khepha uKristu uphila kimi, kodwa ukuphila engikhuphila yo kalokhu enyameni ngikuphila ngokukholwa okungukukholwa ngeNdodana kaNkulunkulu eyangithandayo, yazinikela ngenxa yami." Gal. 2:20. La amazwi enza iPhasika ibeyisikhathi sokujabula hatshi esokudana ngoba uKristu wafa wavuka, lalamuhla ulokhu esimela. Lesi yisikhathi sokuzihlolisisa ukuthi ngingofaneleyo yini ukuba ngafelwa yiNdodana kaThixo.

Mrs E. Sibanda

The people who are most ready for Christ's second coming are those who are most interested in His first coming to save the lost.

You don't have to go on strike to get an increase in the wages of sin.

Wise Cracks

We have fallen upon an evil time if we are found glorifying in Christ's cross for us, while we shrink from taking up the cross for Him.

You cannot steal quietly to heaven in Christ's company without a cross to bear.

To take up His cross and follow Him is to go right on in the path in which Jesus leads and meet the suffering and shame that lie there.

Since Jesus bore the cross and died on it for us, ought we not to be willing to take it up for Him?

Christian names are everywhere; Christian men are very rare.

If you don't get to heaven before you die, you will not get there afterwards.

The saddest road to hell is that which runs under the pulpit, past the Bible and through the midst of warnings and invitations.

The Message That Set Me Free



It was on an early evening when I went on a casual drive. I was alone and deep in evil thoughts. At the cross roads of Mzilikazi and Luveve I gave a lift to a lady who happened to bring me a message of God that set me free. I will praise God as long as I live on this earth. The message was about Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God and that Cross of Calvary. I did not feel anything as the message was being dished out to me. However, that same night God talked to me directly. Over night I was a changed creature, all the carnal drives that used to push me here and there began to dry up bit by bit and finally were uprooted. Instead, I started to thirst for the Word of God more and more. Eventually the Word took control of my entire life. I used to

thirst for a lot of earthly things with the hope of getting satisfaction and peace therefrom but all was in vain. My beliefs and faith in God and His presence in me are no longer imaginary but real.

Whatever problem I may experience whether it's illness, poverty in earthly possessions, or hatred by my fellowmen, I tell it all to Jesus. In Him there is victory. As long as I keep this heavenly seed (Christ) in me I shall not find life dry or devoid of ease and happiness. In Jesus everything is there in full. I know what it means to kneel down and pray. I always wish my fellow brother to discover the message of truth that set me free from the bondage of sin and experience the miraculous love of the Almighty. The people I used to regard as enemies have become my friends through the power of God. The love of God is stronger than the forces that oppose it. Christ is no fiction but a reality as certain as day follows night.

Redgie Tshuma

WHAT GOD DOES FOR OTHERS HE CAN DO FOR YOU



It Pays To Trust In The Lord

Before leaving Rhodesia I prayed that the Lord would help me to be happy in America and help me to get settled in the place He wanted me to be. After being here in America for four months the Lord miraculously opened up a job for me at Messiah College as supervisor of the College Dining Room. I have enjoyed my work right from the first day. I work with a fine Christian staff, and I have contact with students which will be an open door to be a witness for Jesus. I thank the Lord for giving me all these things.

Also the Lord has provided a place for me to live. When I looked for an apartment (flat) it would not be available for 9 months but I didn't worry about it. Then suddenly it was available immediately and I knew that the Lord worked this out for me.

There are still many things that I need to trust the Lord for but I know that He will be faithful and provide all that I need. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths". Prov. 3:5, 6. The Lord has been so wonderful to me during the last year and a half, and I know it pays to give yourself to the Lord and allow Him to have complete control. His will is always the best, and I want only His will in my life.

Erma Lehman

God Answers Prayer

It is certainly true that day by day God does many wonderful things for us. It is good for us to remind ourselves that it is God who is working out our problems and supplying our needs. It is not because of our own ability, but it is simply because He loves us.

I thank God for giving me guidance during 1978 when I wasn't sure what He had ahead for me. As I arrived home on 29 May, 1978, it was good to see my family and friends again. But deep down inside I had a sense of uncertainty as I was waiting for God to show me what His will for me was for the future.

By the first week of November it seemed that my weeks of uncertainty were over, and I began making plans to go and teach in Zambia by January 1979. But the Lord still had more lessons to teach me. It was discovered that I had to go into hospital for an operation which would require about six weeks of recovery. I knew that would hinder my departure for Zambia, and I began to wonder why the Lord had permitted it to happen. But the Lord kept reminding me that He was still in control of my life and He understood everything that was happening to me. He wanted me to keep trusting Him even if I didn't understand why things were happening to me as they were. I knew He understood, and He helped me to rest in that knowledge. One verse which helped me a lot is Proverbs 20:24. The Living Bible says it this way, "Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?"

I thank God because He still controls our lives as we keep yielded to Him. I left for Zambia on 2 February to teach at David Livingstone Teacher Training College. God has helped me in the past, and I want to keep trusting Him for the future.

Lois Jean Sider

uncedo. Abanye bayabe befuna ukugoqelelwa izipho, abanye befuna ukwalulekwa mayelana lokwesikolo, okomsebenzi kanye lokwakoMoya, ikanti-ke kukanengi umthengisi etshona kwesakhe isikhwama ukuze agcwalisele othengayo inani lemali nxa ingonelanga. Kakuphunyulwa. Kuhlala kuphithizelwa ezitolo zakithi.

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Kambe kulungile na ukuthi ibandla ligxile kangaka ekuthengiseni? Akhona na amathuba okufakaza emsebenzini ongaka?

Nxa sesisekelwa yizimiso zebandla izizatho zokubakhona kweMatopo Book Centre zimbanantantu:

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3. Ukwenza umsebenzi ozasanelisa ukuqhubela phambili imisebenzi yebandla lamaKristu ngokulipha imali. IBook Centre iyancedisa ukuthwala indleko zokuqhubela phambili izifundo zeT.E.E. Iyancedisa ukuthwala intshumayelo eqhutshwa ebantwini phose abantu-4,500 kuzikolo ezingu-49 (Right of Entry). Kukhona njalo usizo kuAmagugu Evangeli. Lolu luhlelo lwezifundo eziphuma emoyeni njalo eziyisibusiso kwabathanda ukulalela izigxingi zabo. Ukulotshwa kwalel' iphepha lAmazwi Amahle lakho kuthwelwe yiyo. IMatopo Book Centre iyajabula ukukwenza lokho ngoba yona ivele inxwanele ukuqhuba umsebenzi weNkosi.

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"Mina sengibusiswe kakhulu yikubala ingwalo zesiKristu ezithengiswa lapha. Lokhu kuyangisiza kakhulu nxa ngincedisa abathengayo ukudinga ingwalo ezithile".

"Mina ngingafakaza kwabazothenga kodwa engibabela khona kucina nxa sisehlukana. Kodwa-ke umuntu angathenga ugwalo lapha luzakhuluma laye lanxa sesehlukene".

"Ukusebenza esitolo sekungenze ngaba labangane abanengi engihlangana labo nxa bezethenga. Kuyangisiza njalo ngoba lapha ngihlangana labangane esikade sehlukana".

"Ukusebenza endaweni yamaKholwa kuyaqinisa ukholo lwami. Nxa ngilingeka kunengi okungithiba inhliziyu kungenze ngibone indlela eqondileyo".

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Mr Isaac N. Mpofo was installed deacon for Mpopoma Brethren in Christ Church on 18th February, 1979, during worship service at 11.00 a.m. Bishop P. M. Kumalo officiated and was assisted by Rev. S. N. Ndlovu, pastor for Mpopoma.

UMnumzana Isaac N. Mpofo ubekwe ukuba ngum-Dikoni weBandla laBazalwane eleMpopoma mhlaka 18 February 1979 enkonzweni yekuseni ngo-11. UMfundisi Omkhulu uP. M. Kumalo nguye obephethe l' umsebenzi encediswa ngu-Mfundisi S. N. Ndlovu nguye ophethe iBa-ndla leMpopoma.



Deacon Elijah Muchindu was called to be Pastor by the Nguboyenja Congregation and was installed on February 18, 1979 by Bishop Kumalo at 3.00 p.m. worship service, he is still deacon for Tshabalala, Nguboyenja and Lobengula.

UmDikoni uElijah Muchindu wacelwa liBandla leNguboyenja ukuba abe nguMphathi wabo. Ubekwe kulesi sikhundla nguMfundisi Omkhulu uKumalo mhlaka 18 February, 1979 enkonzweni yemini ngo-3. Ulokhu engumDikoni weTshabalala, Nguboyenja leLobengula.

Medicine For Laughter

Mother Cannibal to Son, "James, how many times have I told you not to speak with somebody in your mouth?"

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"Jim, what is Egypt famous for?" the teacher asked.

Jim: "It is a land of mummies Sir, where the doctors let their patients die and bandage them afterwards."

Two friends were crossing a street when one was hit by a car. "Call me an ambulance, call me an ambulance man," he ordered his friend.

"You are an ambulance, you are an ambulance man," the friend replied.

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A beggar approached a well to do business-man. "Please sir," he begged, "I haven't eaten anything for 3 weeks".

"Force yourself," grumbled the business-man.

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HEALTH

"Who healeth all thy disease." Psalm 103:3.

CLOTHES

"If then God so clothe the grass, how much more will He clothe you." Luke 12:28.

ALL DAILY NEEDS

"But God shall supply all your need." Phil. 4:19.

COMFORT

"Let not your heart be troubled." John 14:1

COMPANIONSHIP

"Lo I am with you alway." Matt. 28:20

"I will never leave thee." Hebrews 13:5

PEACE

"My peace I give unto you." John 14:27

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." Isaiah 26:3

AN ETERNAL HOME

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John 14:2

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