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## **Gospel Meeting; One Baptised**

It was planned to have two preachers for our gospel meeting—Simon Sikhakhane (in his 50's) and Michael Groenewald (in his 40's and recently having begun preaching full-time.) But Brother Sikhakhane became ill, so Michael did all the preaching for the week. He did a good job.

But he was assigned to bring lessons on sexual sins. So each of the six sermons dealt with one or other of the many sexual sins in the world. They were needed lessons.

A young man, who attends worship in Margate with his mother where Michael preaches, was baptised. We are rejoicing.

During the days, there were classes that were geared mainly toward preacher training. A good number of young men attended those classes, and some of the ladies attended the morning classes as well. In the afternoon, the ladies had classes taught by Brittany, who is Joel's wife.

But the evening attendance was rather disappointing.

The meeting did us good. We got good teaching, and weaknesses among us were exposed. We thank you for your prayers and plead for them to continue.

## **Sicknesses—Neli and Simon Sikakane.**

We are rejoicing and thanking God that the cancer treatment of Neli Ximba, a sister in Christ who works half-days for me, has so far been successful. The very expensive treatment is paid for by contributions from my sons in America, as well as what some of us were able to do. The church at Jones Road in Athens, AL, decided to pay for her second round of chemotherapy that she is currently having.

But Simon Sikhakhane, in his 50's, who preaches for a rural congregation a 2-hr drive from Eshowe, has really been suffering. He has not been able to urinate without a catheter.

The medical treatment he was receiving seemed rather poor, so I sent Zipho to fetch Simon to our doctor—Dr. Brits—who sent blood to be analysed. The result indicted that Simon does not have cancer. What his future treatment will be is not yet clear. Pray for him, please.

## **MY GENERAL HEALTH**

I am now 92 years old and in excellent health for my age. But I feel my age. I tire easily, my eyesight is so poor that I cannot drive, and my short-term memory is sometimes poor.

But I am able to study my Bible, to visit with people, and to carry on quite nicely. I am greatly blessed.

My grandson, Joel, and his wonderful wife, Brittany, take good care of me at the house. I have my own, special room fixed the way I like it. Over and over I praise God for my blessings.

**Caution:** Because my eyesight is poor, I ask you not to send special cards or other (canned) material which require reading. I love to hear from you and to read your personal greetings, but because I struggle to read, I skip all those lovely articles and poems you send to me. Just leave them off and give me your heartfelt feelings in your own words. I appreciate them more than I can say.

## **SOUTH AFRICAN GENERAL NEWS**

### **Electricity Load Shedding**

We are all seriously affected—and complaining—by what is called “electricity load shedding.”

South Africa’s electricity is made and distributed by a government-owned utility. For a long time it has not been run properly and is now in very difficult straits. There is simply not enough electricity to meet demand.

So—ESKOM limits electricity distribution by what they call “load shedding.”

They announce in advance how many hours a day there will be no electricity. They stagger the hours so that there are rarely more than two hours without power at a time, but there might be 10 hours in 24 (usually 4 hours in a day) when we are without electricity. You can imagine the cries of distress from citizens.

So far this has not hurt our family very much. Nothing in our fridges has spoiled. We have battery lights and radio. Brittany is a very good planner and manages to cook good meals. But we all are hoping and praying that things will get much better.

Thanks for continued support.

### **Family news:**

**1)** Zipho's wife working.

Zipho is in his 40's and has been our foster son since he was eight years old. He really takes care of me. His wife now has been hired as a clinic nurse and will begin this week.

**2)** Oldest son, Kenneth, retired.

Kenneth, 68, lives in Bangor, Maine, and retired from work this year. He is keeping very busy with work with the church in Bangor.

**3)** Two of our other sons (I have five sons) are living in north Alabama, very active in the Lord's church, and doing well physically. We are thanking God.

**3)** It makes me very sad that our other two sons are not faithful to the Lord. They are great guys, but they're not interested in spiritual things any more.

My brethren, you are such a blessing to me and to the work of preaching the gospel in South Africa. Your continued financial support, your prayers, and even your visits are appreciated more than we can say. May God's blessings continue with you.

### **Malachi running around.**

Although he was slow starting to walk, he is now, at about 16 months, running (not walking) all over the house. He is a cheerful guy and everyone loves him. (He is the third son of Joel and Brittany.)

My grandson, Joel, and wife, Brittany, are taking good care of me.

We Christians need your prayers.

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**For October, November, December (same each month)**

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College Park, Garland, Texas-----\$600.00  
Kelly Spring Road, Harvest, AL-----\$200.00  
Jones Road, Athens, AL-----\$450.00

Humble, Texas-----	\$800.00
Hughes Road, Madison, AL-----	\$700.00

**TOTAL: \$2,750**