



South Africa, December 2024

Dear friends,

It's been quite a long time since we got in touch with a newsletter. From May to September, we were in Germany and visited congregations, friends and relatives. That was an intense time.

Shortly before we left for Germany, we had a crusade in Wembezi, the township of Estcourt. There we had to overcome some difficulties. It started when my co-workers had an accident with our pickup truck on a business trip shortly before the crusade. They had to avoid a truck, and a schoolchild was hit in the process. Since the child was unconscious, they drove him to the hospital in Greytown. In the meantime, the child has completely recovered. But for us, of course, it was an unpleasant situation.

The political tensions in Wembezi were showing at night by shootings that robbed us of sleep. Our generator failed because my team knew better and had never turned off the fuel tap. And the first service almost fell through after a sudden thunderstorm paralyzed the public power grid just as Sboniso took the microphone in his hand for the sermon. But he managed to preach loud enough despite the torrential rains. The next morning, we also had to find out that someone had dug out our power cable under the cover of darkness and taken about twenty meters of it. Nevertheless, the campaign was a success because we were able to preach the gospel, and the Holy Spirit did His work among the people. Whenever the gospel is proclaimed, people come to faith.

Soon after our return to South Africa, we had visitors from Germany. A Royal Ranger leader with his three teenage children stayed for two weeks. Together we visited my colleague Akki, who works in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland). The dear brother from Hanover then also supported us with 154 Zulu Bibles. This came at just the right time, as we had run out of Bibles!

Now in November we had a crusade in a very rural area between Ulundi and Babanango. From the beginning, the tent was well filled, and every evening people came forward to entrust their lives to the Lord. Our starter course, which we began at the end of the first week, was particularly successful. Not only the new converts participated, but also church members. Many things were new to them.

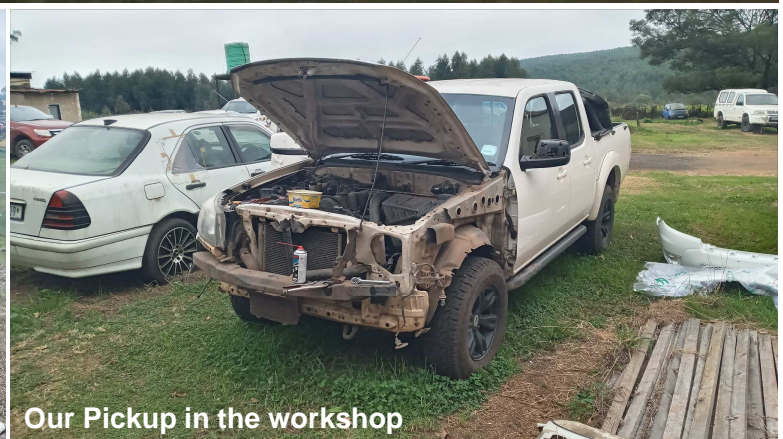
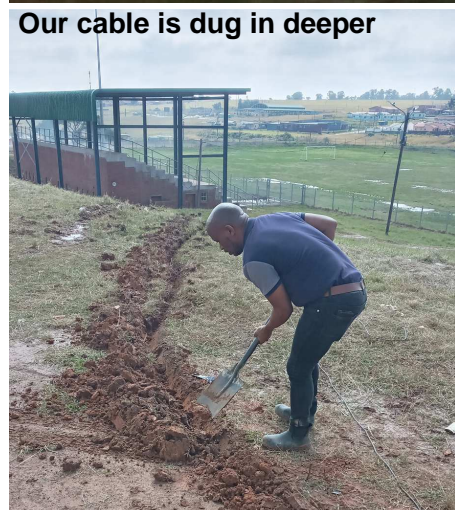
Towards the end of the crusade, it was time for the lesson "The Filling with the Holy Spirit". The people were so moved and engrossed in prayer that they did not find the 50 m way to the large tent for the evening service but walked around the site praying and praising for a while. It was a moving sight.

We look back on an exciting year and are grateful. This gratitude goes on to you who support us with prayer and finances.

Our next campaign is planned for the end of January.

We wish You all blessed holidays. In case this letter doesn't reach you in time before Christmas, have a Happy New Year!

Greetings from Hoffmann Family





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