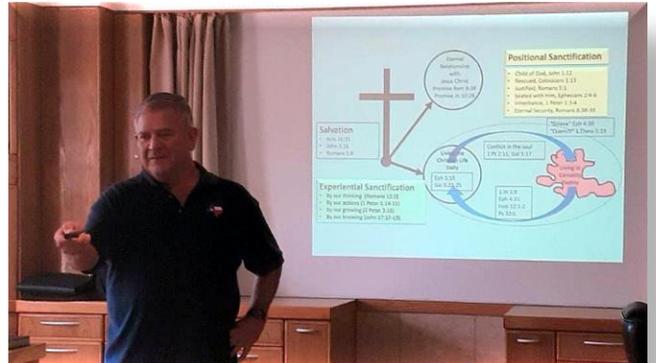


## ***In the tracks of a missionary – Chapter 19***

South Africa is going through a severe drought. As we journeyed from one camp to another, where Tom was teaching in 124 degrees heat, we came upon a dehydrated Tsessebe antelope, barely hanging on between two thorny acacia trees. We were reminded of Isaiah 55:10-11, how even in adversity, the Word of God is like rain falling from Heaven which refreshes the believer's soul, just as rain brings life to a drought stricken area. It rained shortly thereafter, and continues till now, enough to wet parched grounds and give relief to the animals.

There is no drought where Truth is sought and the Word of God is taught. If you look at a twilight satellite image of the earth, and spot South Africa at the bottom, you might see a dim light growing brighter. That's where we are, in South Africa. In a world where there is so much darkness, Jesus Christ said, "I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12). Look closely, and you will see Barberton, Matsulu and Kruger National Park. These are 3 of the areas where God has sought for us to camp and teach His Word. It has been in the villages of Barberton and Matsulu, 10 months now of 4- to 5-hours of teaching every Saturday. Pastors drink from God's Promises and feed on the teaching of the Word of God. They have asked, actually demanded that we continue in 2020. We have been totally encouraged to see positive volition, consistency, repetition and a desire to grow and continue learning God's Word.

As part of the training, pastors will stand up and practice teaching the top and bottom circles of positional and experiential sanctification, which is emphasised every time we meet. Most of them get it right: "Salvation by faith alone in Christ alone," (*Zulu: Kholwa yiNkosi uJesu – Acts 16:31*); and one young Pastor, even used the word, "Rebound" (*Uma sizivuma izono zethu – 1 John 1:9*), though Basketball is not a common sport in South Africa. He was listening!



Kruger National Park (KNP) is another incredible door that is opening. It is one of the largest wildlife game reserves in the world. In 2009, one of the senior executives of KNP, Dr. Ezrom Mathumbu began a mission called, "***Kruger for Jesus.***" All 13 camps, bush lodges, ranger outposts, management & staff, with literally thousands of workers have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour through the ministry extension of Ezrom Mathumbu. This Mission has grown exponentially, with a full Executive Board administering it professionally. We first met Ezrom in 2009, when we were lecturing at all of the Kruger camps.

One of our most memorable pictures is when Tom was teaching the "pencil story," which is so well-remembered as taught by our Pastor, the late R B Thieme Jr., when he said, "God still holds the pencil" (referring to John 10:28). Ezrom was translating.

*NB: You may find that picture of Ezrom & Tom on the missionary board of Berachah Church.*

We have kept in touch with Ezrom all these years. As it turns out, or rather, "in God's timing," the leaders, preachers & pastors in KNP need Bible training. Ezrom & the Executive Team, fully supported by the Government-owned national park, have asked us to assist with this training. We have already begun.

*NB: God even put all of this into motion 20 years ago when Tom and the company he was with, developed, built and operated three 5-Star game lodges in Kruger National Park. Even then, it was a training ground for our future mission work, which 20 years later has now come into effect.*



**November 2009, "God still holds the pencil".  
Tom teaching and Ezrom translating**



**Ten years later! November 2019  
With Ezrom at "Kruger for Jesus" Board Meeting**

Since our last update, we still marvel in the supreme Masterpiece which God is weaving into our mission. Every spin of the Weaver's wheel opens new doors; every stitch is a prayer from home; every thread and loop are the local pastors who are learning and being strengthened by His Word; every intertwining knot of adversity and twists of mistakes are the tightening of the threads as His Grace pulls us up from failures.

As always, it is God's Integrity which carries this mission and sustains this ministry. We are ever appreciative for your prayer support, and are grateful to have you on this journey with us.

***Prayer Request: That as Molinar Mission continually prepares to teach God's Word, the availability of grace Bible teaching will become widely known throughout the areas of Barberton, Matsulu, Kruger National Park, or wherever the Lord may lead (2 Timothy 2:2).***

As always, in His Abundant Grace  
& Unfailing Love.

***Wishing you all a "Wonderful Life" in God's  
Word & a very Blessed Christmas & New Year!***

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