

## ***In the tracks of quarantined missionaries!!***

**H**ow long will this pandemic last? 2, 3, or 6 months, or maybe it will change our lives forever? Must we hide forever in our houses and tents? Maybe, just maybe, we can find some sort of relief? Ahhh.... but we still have a mission, and God continues to guide us in His Plan. (\*\*\*lessons learned from Psalm 13).

**I**n the Year B.P. (before pandemic), Tom was to teach Christian Leadership throughout Kruger Park, starting April 2020. Though mainly for Christian Leaders, other management and rangers would be invited to attend. However, the pandemic put all National Parks in lockdown mode. As of 16 May D.P. (during pandemic), we're in lockdown for 50 days! Lock-down, gave us a heads-up to convert Tom's Leadership notes into a short Christian Leadership book (2 months in the making, 14<sup>th</sup> draft!)

The book will be complete with Zulu context to give literal cultural meaning to difficult English translations, like: Humility [*ukuthoba*], to bow down in respect; Loyalty [*ukuthembeka*], to trust and be faithful; and Arrogance [*ukuzidla*], to eat one's self! Greater Love (Impersonal Love) would be a challenging trait to include in USA leadership classes (political correctness and all), but in SA, not a problem; They understand [*onothando olukhulu*] Great Love, because they need it every day; they know the word [*bekezela*] which means patience and endurance, because they live it every day!

The most exasperating task has been between the author (Tom) and the editorial staff (Cheryl). However, there are Proverbs that guide: *Proverbs 30:6a – Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you!!!*  
*Proverbs 10:19 – When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable.*

**W**here we live in the Village of Barberton, there happens to be just one doctor and one dentist. The doctor is old and the dentist is Muslim. Even they are under strict lockdown orders! As we are making this "Pilgrim's" progress into this leadership book, the editor-in-chief (Cheryl) is struck down! First with a recurring bout of *discitis*, mutating to *endocarditis*, with no *hiatus*, as she awakened one night to the *mightiest* pain in her mouth (of all places!); with a cheek compared to a chipmunk. Nowhere to go. No one to see. No appointments till end of June! What to do? Though Dr. Mohammed, the Dentist was not in his office, he took the call. Although, never having examined Cheryl, he listened and prescribed antibiotics that would help even the other ailments. Dr Mohammed exhibited the compassion as did the Good Samaritan, of Luke 10:30, who stopped to help a patient in need even though he knew her not.

**God works in ways we may not know, His wonders to perform.**

**A**s this Lockdown continues, our prayer for America is that her enemies will not be allowed to triumph, just as God answered David's prayer (Psalm 12:5-8). **The Words of the Lord are flawless!!**

