

In the tracks of a missionary Chapter 26:

After Action Report - Molinar's Mission in Kruger National Park

Team Molinar's Mission continues. We wish to give you an after-action report on our latest journey. In May 2022, we sent out a special update on the re-launch of "***Kruger for Jesus Christ***," in the Kruger National Park (KNP). Following the relaunch, camp managers were extremely receptive to receiving teaching on Christian Leadership and Service, with the Gospel always being clearly presented. Without salvation, we are only chasing the wind!

We are always humbled knowing that many of you journeyed with us in prayer and followed our mission as God opened gates into this unique teaching opportunity. On August 14th, we set out for the first camp. During the next two weeks, we journeyed to four different Camps (Berg en Dal, Pretoriuskop, Skukuza and Letaba). We conducted nine separate training sessions of between 2-3 hours each. General Managers invited leaders, supervisors, workers, and general staff from every department. There was a good cross-section of Rangers, Field Guides, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Front Office, and Management. One leader who attended the 1st session, requested a special workshop for his entire department at 7am. There were over 50 staff who attended, opening with a hymn and prayer; a truly inspiring demonstration of their desire to learn.

Kruger National Park is a world stage. The 2,000+ employees (98% Christians) are "performers" on this stage to international visitors from all over the world. They are witnesses who could represent the Lord Jesus Christ to an international audience. Christian professionalism in their service is critical. During the training, KNP Camps were 100% fully booked. We met large groups and individuals from Germany, Italy, Spain, America, UK, and Israel. Many were celebrating the fall of covid, and once again enjoying freedom; the stark contrasts coming from the hostility of civilization to the serene beauty of the uncivilized wild African bush. Although a world stage, KNP is a harsh, challenging, and debilitating environment. Leaders and workers are often separated from their families for months. A typical workday is from 6am to 6pm, when all camp gates close. In an environment larger than the countries of Israel or Wales there are no vehicles on the roads when gates close at 6pm. Yet, in spite of the hardships, KNP enjoys a degree of loyalty and trust amongst its leaders and workers, which is uncommon elsewhere. Many whom we have taught over the past 13 years, we continue to see today! Sitting in our classes are men and women with over 20-35 years of service, with the kindest, most humble faces, eager to learn about God's Design and to serve Him.

We thank God who provides opportunities to water the souls of His children. *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8).*

Prayer request: That Christian Leaders in the Kruger environment will stand up with courage and increased faith to give the Gospel and lead other Christians to become stronger witnesses to others through their lives and service to God. *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be strong, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).*

