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FMI UPDATE

LETTER FROM JOHN

Dear FMI Family

The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1 v 26-27)

We have hope because the God of all hope has appeared to us through His Son, and has removed from us the core reason of all hopelessness. Hallelujah - what a Saviour!!!

The spiritual atmosphere around the Body of Christ is being marked by spiritual hunger in this season, with increasing passion for the advance of the Kingdom, and the outworking of the preparation and maturation of the Bride. What a time to be alive. This news update contains reports of our South African leaders retreats, some international trips, and the Gathering of the rising generation being encouraged to run with the horses.

May I encourage you to keep "looking to the Lamb" no matter what else is happening around you, and to continue spreading everywhere the knowledge of the fragrance of Christ.

For the King and His Kingdom,

John Crumpton

UPCOMING DATES

16 - 20 May 2024	Kenya Outreach
17 - 18 May 2024	FMI Men's Camp
17 June - 04 July 2024	Zambia Outreach
01 - 07 July 2024	Burundi Outreach
03 - 07 July 2024	Breakthru Worship School
07 - 13 August 2024	Malawi Outreach
21 - 25 August 2024	Zambian Annual Conference
26 - 30 August 2024	Uganda Outreach
24 - 26 September 2024	FMI Spring Conference
02 - 03 November 2024	Cathcart Community Church 40th Anniversary Celebration
04 - 06 November 2024	Coastal Regional Relating Leaders
20 - 23 November 2024	Northern Regional Relating Leaders
4 - 8 December 2024	Moving On Up Youth Camp

If you would like to know more about this Men's Camp held in Underberg, KZN, and hosted by *The Well Family Church*, please follow the link below.

Tell Me More

If you would like to join us on our Zambia outreach, please register using the button below.

Register Here

REPORTS

Coastal Regional Relating Leaders

The Well, Underberg
07 - 10 February 2024

What a blessed time we had as the Coastal Relating Leaders gathered in February at *The Well* in Underberg. Wednesday evening saw everyone arrive and gather with the Underberg body for Robbie and Kit Kötting's setting in service. The worship was heard across the town as Jesus was lifted up. Many from the Apostolic team were with us and, along with the elders from *CCMC* and *The Well*, prayed for and anointed Robbie for his new role. Many promising words were given over the Köttings and it is clear that the Lord has much in store for this region. The folk from The Well were greatly encouraged to meet so many from the wider FMI family. It was confirmation for many that our hearts are aligned.

Thursday and Friday saw the men gather in worship and the word. It is always so great when the hungry come to gather in worship. We were all challenged and encouraged as the apostolic team shared with us. Great times of fellowship and bonding were had during our time together. The promised land, Underberg, did not disappoint when it came to the food, weather and the views. Revival is breaking out in many of the churches in the region and it was such a special God-time to gather in this place. *The Well* looks forward to hosting many more events and being part of what the Lord has for the network.

Submitted by,

Richard Perks

Northern Regional Relating Leaders

Esperanza

19 - 22 February 2024

Our recent Northern Relating Leaders retreat in Viljoenskroon was an unforgettable gathering - blending deep personal connections with spiritual enrichment. It offered a chance to get to know one another, discovering each other's stories and strengths in a setting that felt worlds away from the everyday. The exceptional food served throughout our time together was amazing and really facilitated meaningful fellowship.

At the heart of the retreat was the powerful sense of Jesus' presence during our worship times. Coupled with inspiring messages that challenged and encouraged us, these moments left a lasting impact, reinvigorating our spirits and uniting us in our shared journey. Reflecting on our time in Viljoenskroon, I'm reminded of the strength found in community and the transformative power of shared worship and reflection.

Submitted by,

Rob Maude

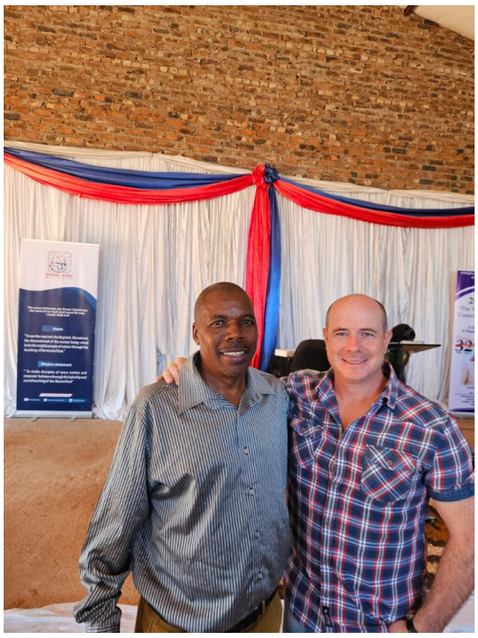
Zimbabwe Outreach Report

Harare, Zimbabwe,
22 - 25 February 2024

As we reflected on our time in Zimbabwe, we felt encouraged and inspired to see what the Lord is unfolding in the community. Tatenda has emerged as a visionary leader, unafraid to mobilize resources for budding schools and orphanages, even dispatching teams on bicycles to reach the most inaccessible areas of the country. He consistently presented us with experiences that were both faith-building and incredibly thought-provoking — challenging us to expand our perspectives.

Our weekend was brief but deeply impactful for us as a team and the team on the ground. The four of us—Rob Wardle, Mark Gilson, Benjamin Friedemann from CCMC, and Hansa Underhay from Nuwe

Lewe Tygerberg—were picked up from Robert Mugabe International in a rather suspicious Toyota Taxi, whose door only yielded to Tatenda's apostolic grace, denying access to all others. Thursday afternoon was spent visiting a local school under construction, where 50 children were cramped into a room smaller than a typical lounge. They were handcrafting bricks, as it proved more cost-effective than transporting them across Harare.



Friday and Saturday were dedicated to a pastors' conference, providing an opportunity to equip leaders from across Zimbabwe, many of whom had saved for months to attend. Tatenda was relentless in extracting as much as possible from us, scheduling four sessions before lunch on both days. On Saturday, he even requested an additional session before allowing us a meal. The team delivered impactful leadership teachings, instilling hope for Africa and facilitating a baptism of the Holy Spirit. Sunday featured preaching sessions from Rob and Hansa in two local churches, followed by a frantic dash to the airport. Although the trip was brief, its impact was profound. It served as a valuable opportunity to invest in the FMI churches in Africa and proved to be a blessing for those who participated.

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Submitted by,

Benjamin Friedemann

The Gathering, Young Adults Conference

CCMC, Kokstad, Eastern Cape

21 - 24 March 2024

How does one report on all the doings of the Lord? No matter how many words we use, it'll still fall short in conveying His goodness. But one of the things that I can attempt to report is that The Gathering 2024 cultivated space for a trans-generational exchange – a preparation to carry the baton - of saying 'yes' to carry and steward well what the Lord has entrusted to those who have paid a price. In His kindness, He gave us, the younger generation, glimpses into what He has for the FMI family through the testimonies, wisdom, and grace on the lives and words of the FMI apostolic leaders.

"What made this year's The Gathering different from previous years was that there was a strong focus on getting equipped and going out into different spheres to bring the Kingdom."

Steve Perks, Four-year Gathering Attendee

Inspired by Joel 2:4-5, FMI apostolic team member, Rob Wardle, launched the conference with an encouragement and provocation for this generation to run like war-horses – being led by the Holy Spirit in every move and action, leaning into His presence and cultivating a sensitivity to His voice.

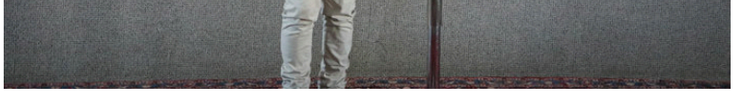
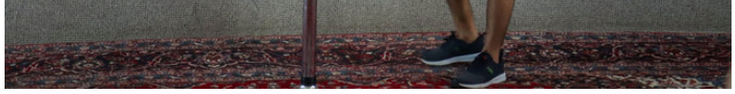
"They have the appearance of horses; they gallop along like cavalry. With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle." Joel 2:4-5

Hearing about the history and testimonies of the FMI network from FMI Apostolic Leader, John Crumpton, instilled a sense of awe, gravity, and responsibility over what our generation is invited into – to reap a harvest we did not sow the seed for, and to steward well what others paid the price for – so that 'the Lamb may receive His reward!'

Listening to those speaking during the power-packed ten-minute 'bullet sessions' excited and ignited the attendees with fresh fire and an appreciation for the wisdom from their fellow team members and leaders - with a lingering prayer that we may be worthy of these words, 'Come and follow us, as we follow Him."

"The future is in good hands." – John Crumpton

Welcome to
the Gathering, 2024

"This year felt like a send-off of the younger generation to go and run – to bring the Kingdom wherever they go. There are people here from all over and we hope that they will take what they've learned here and put it into practice – to run like war-horses!"

Sean De Metz, three-year The Gathering Attendee

Friday afternoon brought with it the opportunity to go out and minister to the Kokstad community through prayer, prophetic encouragement, healing those who were sick or injured, and carrying the love of God to those who desperately needed it. The testimonies from the outreach poured in during the Testimony Session, and delegates were overcome by God's goodness, because for many this had been their first time stepping out of their comfort zones and watching His faithfulness unfold. Hallelujah!

Getting to sit in on a Q & A session with John Crumpton and Rob Wardle was a highlight for many. It felt like getting a private backstage pass into the lives of these Kingdom leaders and their personal history with the Lord. A golden thread that remained prominent throughout was the intense desire to serve the Lord well, in humility and love – whether through flushing toilets, sweeping floors, or presenting every hour of the day in submission to His leading. "We never stop 'flushing toilets'', John Crumpton said as he implored all of us to continue serving wholeheartedly – even in the most menial tasks - with passionate zeal for the things of God's Kingdom.

"We want our ceiling to become your floor but know that the ceiling is still rising – we're still running, and we're not slowing down."

John Crumpton on inviting this generation to continue running after the things of God and to not slow down.

With times of worship and praise reaching deeper depths and higher heights, the commission to get up and 'Go!' was fuelled by this Wesleyan covenant prayer prayed by each delegate from a heart of true surrender and conviction:

"I am no longer my own, but Yours.
Put me to what You will, place me with whom You will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for You or set aside for You,
praised for You or criticized for You.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things
to Your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator,
Redeemer, and Sustainer, You are mine, and I am Yours.
So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it also be made in heaven. Amen."

Submitted by,

Bianca Barnard

Introduction to Kenya Joining FMI

We met Joseph and his brother, Peter, in 2018 after a mission trip from Burundi at the Kigali airport.

We connected from the start about planting churches and their discipleship movement which has been running for over 30 years – from Joseph's coming to know the Lord and going to bible college.
They asked if FMI would consider getting involved in Kenya and assisting in equipping their leaders.

After prayer and consideration, our Apostolic team decided to get involved. We invited them to the FMI Spring Conference 2018, which they attended. Chris and James went to do a conference in Awero in Kenya, about 100km from the Serengeti and 60km from the Masai Mara, Tanzania border side (Joseph is also involved in planting churches in Tanzania).

In 2019, Chris and James went to do a conference with the leaders based on the book: *The Rule of God* from Colin Dye's *Sword of the Spirit Series* and again in 2022 for a further conference in equipping the leaders.

In 2022, Joseph asked if they could join the movement of FMI as they embrace our values and want to come under the covering of FMI.
Then in 2023 Joseph and other leaders from Kenya came to Spring Conference and spent an extended period here in SA.

Submitted by,

Chris Liebenberg