

## LHM-SA Weekly Highlights

6<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Mr Royce Makonye (right in the picture with the LHM-SA staff) received his “Shared Life” Bible Study certificate and also the ETS Volunteer Golf shirt and ETS Volunteer pin. He traveled for 15 hours till he reached his home in Kwekwe, Zimbabwe to continue his teaching career. He also took LHM Bible Study lessons, topical booklets and other ETS material along to reach out to the ‘lost’ in his community in his spare time. Within two weeks he already enrolled 8 students! May God bless him!



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“What is the difference between an evangelist and a missionary?” This is the first question in the actual training at the ETS workshop, held in Phoenix on the 11<sup>th</sup> August. Whereas only a very small number of gifted Christians are called to become missionaries outside their country, culture or language group, every Christian is called to be an evangelist in his or her sphere of influence.



**ETS Workshop participants**

Even as saved Christians, we are by our sinful nature continually enticed to selfishly enjoy our vertical relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The ETS Training/Workshop makes us aware of this and gives us the necessary tools to get out of our comfort zones to witness to our family, friends, neighbours and colleagues the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Jesus' love for us and the joy of our salvation compels us to be channels of his love and to give heed to his great commission to make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:19ff). At all times and in all circumstances we are a letter from Christ (2 Cor. 3:3), and when people ask us, why so, we are prepared to give an answer of why we believe in Christ (1 Pet. 3:15). It has cost Jesus his life to save us. Therefore we also are prepared to give our life for him, should our witness to the unsaved or to the backslidden call for this (Lk. 12:28). The greater the joy we experience in our relationship with Jesus, the greater is our desire and drive to witness this joy in our surroundings.

In this course we learnt that evangelism is not a must, but becomes natural as we simply share the experience our wonderful relationship with Jesus has brought us. Because not all are as eloquent as a very few gifted people, the ETS course gives the participants some valuable tools of how to start a conversation with unbelievers and how to witness our faith without putting any pressure on the people we are witnessing to.

The highlight of the course was the practical side. After we were taught the basic skills of witnessing, we were encouraged to go out into the streets and houses surrounding the training venue to approach people and start a connecting conversation. Everybody was at first scared to do this. But when people came back, the rewards could be seen on their faces. They really enjoyed this experience and were spiritually rewarded and strengthened through it.

Thank you to Christel and her team in LHM for this powerful training in Phoenix. We hope that the pastors and their leaders, who attended this session, will be much better equipped to step out more boldly to witness to our fallen world the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ. (Written by Pastor Rainald Meyer)

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