

RADIO REPORT

We received 192 calls on one single day (318 responses in total) mainly for the "For Better, For Worse" topical booklet. **Lenten Devotions** are available now. For your free copy, please call Desmond at 011-791 1661.

DRAMA REPORT

Lucas performed the "Prodigal Son" drama at the Krugersdorp Prison and at the Sunday evening service, St. Pauls in Pretoria. He also completed the **training** of 10 inmates in the Johannesburg Prison. They are now ready to reach out and minister to other inmates.

PRISON MINISTRY

God opened the door for prison ministry at the Krugersdorp Correctional Centre. Lucas was introduced to the staff and inmates on the 31st January and presented the work of LHM, especially the prison ministry. He also performed the "Lost Son" drama. Everybody wanted to participate! He told them about the free booklets and Bible studies; and that there would be Lutherans from Kagiso to visit them every week to share the Word of God with them. Especially the young men in the Juvenile Section are in critical need of ministry. The Head of Prison, Mr. Gama left early to meet the new deputy of correctional centre in Cape Town, but promised that he would tell him about the LHM Drama Ministry.

We had 224 requests for Bible Study lessons, Bibles and topical booklets in January.

BREAKING NEWS

REGISTER now for the **Prison Ministry Certificate** at UNISA. For assistance or more details, call Desmond at 011- 791 1661.

ELCSA Elections of Parish and Congregational Councils are currently being held and need to be concluded before the end of February.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EEP Events

18th February – Equipping To Share workshop in Philippi, Cape Town, presented by Leon Heyl.

Other Events

19th February – Youth Ministry presentation by Lena Pfitzinger at the Lutheran Church in Philippi.

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EEP News



South Africa

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Historical Workshop

- by Pastor J. Henning



Dr. Robert Scudieri

Pastors from the LCSA, and the FELSISA met for a **historical church planting workshop** in KwaZulu-Natal with Dr. Robert Scudieri.

Looking at the Biblical understanding of the purpose of the church - to bear fruit. "**The true fruit of an apple tree is not an apple, but another apple tree,**" he went on to look at the life cycle of churches, and how to extend our vision to help the churches and their visions grow with and for the times.

Dr. Scudieri is the Associate Director, LCMS World Missions: National Missions for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). His role in the Ablaze initiative is to direct the sharing of the Gospel with 50 million in the US by 2017, both through new churches and revitalizing existing churches.

"Ablaze can help Lutherans live out our inheritance of sharing the Gospel of free salvation through faith in Christ alone. To be faithful, we need to both preserve true doctrine, and then share our doctrine through making disciples - more disciples, and more mature disciples," says Dr Scudieri. "I was very impressed with the seriousness of the leaders of FELSISA and the LCSA, about doctrine, and about sharing the doctrine. I came away jealous of the opportunities in South Africa - it is clear the country is at a pivotal time, a time when the Gospel is desperately needed."

So what is "50 Days Ablaze" ?

It is a Daily Devotional and Bible Study program that is part of the Ablaze initiative. What's so great about it, is that it's better than the Purpose Driven Life that so many know. It's Lutheran, it has great

Bible based readings, and it has quotes from the Book of Concord for each day. The Bible Studies and discussion groups are accompanied by a DVD segment that helps introduce the theme of the week to come.

-At long last something Lutherans can get excited about -

50 Days Ablaze has been set to run this year from Easter, the **16th of April**, through to Pentecost, the **4th of June**. - A total of 50 Days.

The 50 Days Ablaze movement is reaching all Confessional Lutherans in the world. There are even congregations in Germany that will be participating. Together with many other congregations, ELF will be participating and encouraging friends and family to participate too.

The Devotion Books and Bible Studies in printed form are available from Lutheran Hour Ministries - SA. The pastors will have the material, including a promotional section, on DVD so that all can see and hear what Ablaze is about.

For those that would like to read more about Ablaze, visit the web site: www.lhm.org/ablaze.

“50 Days Ablaze” material is available from LHM-SA or from Pastor Josef Henning at 011- 791 7356

Knowledge is Power

by Doc Fick

Today the LHM office received a call from a distraught mother seeking assistance and counselling as she copes with the rape of her daughter. This listener called in for the book "**How to Forgive and Forget**" and desperately wanted comfort and answers to her personal pain.

That's the value of broadcasting on community radio; we often touch the lives of the un-churched. Since the beginning of 2006, the programme **Knowledge is Power** has been aired on 90.7 Rainbow FM. This radio magazine targeted youth on the West Rand and is produced by Winny, Avril and Victor. The topics range from broken sexuality, HIV/Aids, disability, teenage pregnancy, drug abuse, suicide and relevant issues in our contemporary community. Tune in to **Knowledge is Power** on **Monday at 13.30 and Saturday at 8.30 am**.

THANK YOU for your prayers and for caring for people who don't know that Jesus loves them. We really appreciate the gifts in the amount of R 11,465 received from 20 Donors supporting the work and ministry of LHM-SA.

Pretoria English Services

By Pastor Josef Henning

History is being made in the FELSISA. Pastor Damaske and the Pretoria St. Pauls congregation have begun something different, and it's good!

Every Sunday evening at 18h30 there is an English Service in the St. Paul's Lutheran church cnr. of Arcadia and Eastwood Str. Pretoria. At first glance you might say it is just another evening service, but the music will change your mind. The praise-worship is accompanied by a band of the Johannesburg Youth and Pretoria congregation members, acoustic guitars, electric guitars, vocalists, a drummer, even a flutist and a violinist who often join in. What surprised me was that it is not deafening loud, but you can sing as loud as you like, to the praise of God, without any fear of how you sound.

The music is made up of songs that many of us have heard or know, some new, some old. The congregation bought a data projector and so the sermons bring the message of the Gospel in the way of a powerpoint teaching, rather than a "listen only" sermon.

This past Sunday Lucas Baloyi from LHM-SA introduced the Gospel with a dramatic rendering of the Prodigal Son. Pastor

Damaske then built onto this leaving an emphasis of "us" being commissioned to bring back the lost sons and daughters to our churches, and to celebrate every Sunday that we were once lost, but through Christ we are now found, we were dead, but in Christ we are alive.

These evening services were started to accommodate the growing English youth in Pretoria, and to reach out to the student population in Pretoria. They are well structured, though one could say they are contemporary, but far from charismatic. So make some time and come one Sunday evening and see what it's all about.

(LHM-SA received a donation of R585.85 from this last service. Thank you. Lucas also received an invitation to visit the Pretoria Boy's High School. The Lord is good. Ed.)

To invite Lucas to your congregation, please call him on 011 – 791 1661.

WEEKLY REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

EFP REPORT

EFP Three "Greeters" workshop was held by Pastor Josef Henning in Arcadia, Pretoria on the 11th January, with 14 participants.