

ONSEEPKANS MISSION

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Dear Friends

It is with great gratitude and in humbleness that we write this newsletter to you. Once again, like so many times in the past, God has proved His unfailing love and faithfulness to us over the past month or two. We want to give Him all the honour and glory.

RENOVATIONS

During the end of August beginning September God provided for us to fumigate the house that we are busy renovating. The house was full of termites, and we had to get a professional company to do an extensive fumigation process, which cost thousands. God in His grace provided. We then had to start renovating the house by fixing the roof and the ceilings, hanging the doors, painting the interior and many others. When we bought the property, we knew that we



Cedar students at our church service

don't have the money to renovate the house, but we trusted God. Again God proved His faithfulness in not only providing the funds needed to get the necessary material, but He also provided the labour to get the work going!

HELP FROM CEDAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The fourth year students and six lecturers of Cedar College of Education (<http://www.cedar.org.za/>) visited us as part of a missionary outreach. The lecturers helped us to hang the doors and fix the roof and ceilings. The students helped us to paint and with general clean-up work. We were humbled by the selfless way in which they served us and we praise God for the progress that was made thus far. The majority of the work on the ceilings, roof and painting has been done. Our next big challenge will be the plumbing, electricity and build in cupboards.

What a blessed privilege it is to have such a firm foundation in our faith "God will supply all our needs!" We are reminded of the verse in the Bible Matt 6: 19-21 "*Do not lay up treasures on earth for yourselves, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up treasures in Heaven for yourselves, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*" and then verse 33-34 "*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all*



Eugene with beetroot from the vegetable garden

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Some of the Onseepkans congregation members together with the church council of URC Pofadder at the inauguration meeting at the United Reformed Church

these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow; for tomorrow shall be anxious for its own things. Sufficient to the day is the evil of it."

VEGETABLE GARDEN

It is the growing season in Onseepkans, and we thank our Lord for the progress that was made in the vegetable garden. Recently Eugene Visser, a young man from Moreson Mission, joined the work in Onseepkans. He takes charge of the vegetable garden. Eugene comes from a very sad background of drug abuse, but five years ago he met up with the Lord Jesus and since then God had transformed his life in a wonderful way. Apart from his involvement with the vegetable garden, he is also a testimony to the young people in Onseepkans that our Lord is bigger than drugs also and that only the Lord Jesus can fully deliver a person from the terrible bondage of drug abuse. Currently we are harvesting spinach, beetroot and cabbage. We also planted beans, pumpkin, butternut, sweetcorn, tomatoes, sweet melon and water melon. Already we could sell some of the vegetables through our mission shop at affordable prices, assisting the community with access to fresh vegetables.

CLEANING OF IRRIGATION PLOTS

Some will remember that last year October the deputy minister of Environmental affairs visited Onseepkans, and I had the opportunity to do a presentation on the challenges that the farming community in Onseepkans are facing. As a result of this a few weeks ago the department of Environmental Affairs started a project to clean the irrigation plots by cutting

off the Prosopis trees at ground level and spraying the remaining stumps with poison. Please pray for this project, since it is a huge task that lies ahead of the forestry team to clean the 27 plots of 4.5 ha each. Once cleaned to ground level, further means need to be found how to remove the stumps from the ground.

STUDIES AND INVOLVEMENT IN CHURCH

During the next month I will write my first exam for my theological studies. Please remember me in your prayers. My involvement with the United Reformed Church in Onseepkans is also growing. Recently some of the congregation members were inaugurated as members of the United Reformed Church. I had the privilege to take them to the inauguration meeting with the regional church council of the United Reformed Church. My studies and involvement with the church also opens up opportunities to help with some of the funeral services in Onseepkans. There is a general sense of goodwill between the Roman Catholic Church and the United Reformed Church in Onseepkans, and my involvement build relationships and opens up doors with the Roman Catholic people also.

May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to be your Rock and your Strength as you love and serve Him with all your heart, soul and mind.

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