



PRAYER REVIEW

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PRAISES & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Swazi Pastoral Couples Conference – God’s presence was felt throughout the pastoral conference that took place in Manzini, Swaziland from August 16-19, 2011. About 200 pastors and spouses gathered for godly inspiration and to be equipped to tell the truth about AIDS to their congregations. Our BFC family provided leadership through Pastor David Busic as the evening keynote speaker. Dr. James and Colleen Copple led a plenary session. Rev. Michael LaVigne and Elyn Marsh provided timely workshops. Pastor Bob Miller and Jerald Nantze worked to provide good sound and media. Dr. Filimao Chambo, regional director of Africa, provided the leadership for the conference along with all Swazi district superintendents. There were times of seeking God around the altar and times of joyful singing.

The Luke Commission provided free health evaluations where pastoral couples could also check their HIV/AIDS status. This took courage as most attendees received this test to verify if they were positive or negative.

Pastor Michael LaVigne stayed a few days beyond the GO Team and preached a service in Embekulweni Church of the Nazarene the Sunday following the conference. The pastor told his congregation that he wanted everyone to greet each other with “grace and peace,” inspiration from Pastor David’s first evening sermon. He also told his people that the following Sunday they would meet to talk about AIDS and how they could minister to the community around them. His heart was full by the time spent at the conference.

Please pray for all pastors and spouses who attended the conference for courage and strength to say the truth about AIDS to their people and to encourage heart holiness, abstinence, and faithfulness in marriage.

August GO Team – The GO Team did an outstanding job as they ministered and partnered in Swaziland. Here are some highlights from their visit to Swaziland:

- The compassion and construction teams provided a Vacation Bible School at the new **Ntandozi Child Development Centre**. They spent three days ministering to the children and building a new kitchen facility. The local chief was so impressed with the new garden, kitchen, and loving friendship from BFC that he gave additional land to Rev. Glory Dlamini and the congregation at Ntandozi Church of the Nazarene.
- **Dr. Paul Rothwell** and a medical team ministered to people throughout the week at the Ntandozi Child Development Centre, the New Hope Centre, through visits with the HIV/AIDS Task Force, and with The Luke Commission.
- **Elyn Marsh** provided training to three support groups in a 12-step recovery program and Dr. Rick Farmer provided lectures on the electoral process of the United States.
- **Amy Curry** returned to Swaziland to give overall leadership to the GO Team and Rev. Michael LaVigne coordinated the final preparation for the pastoral conference.
- **Evan and Andrea Mosshart** are now established and doing an excellent job as our new onsite coordinators in Swaziland.

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