



Nakekela News

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ from everyone at Nakekela Newsletter for the Year 2017

WORD FOR TODAY BY REV PAUL MAHLANGU

Love God truthfully and you will love man genuinely Matthew 22:35-39

In our mentorship class, we recently discussed sin, asking ourselves which sins are greater and which sins are smaller. We concluded that before God, sin is sin and God hates all sin. There is no such thing as smaller sin or bigger sin. Often in our actions we live in a way that suggests that there are smaller sins and bigger sins. So what we constantly declare with our mouth is in many cases contrary to what we actually do.

Lawyer: Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?

The reason people wanted to know the greater of the laws is they felt that they were not going to be able to keep all the laws, and therefore they wanted to know which ones were more important so that when they kept the important laws, they will be regarded as having kept all the laws. This is contrary to the understanding of the apostle James. The Bible says that when you break one law you have broken all laws (James 2:10-11).

The Bible says this man, a lawyer, was testing or trying Jesus. Being a lawyer, he thought he knew the answer. The debate about which law is the most important was great among the lawyers of that time and whatever answer Jesus would give, He would show himself to be on one side or the other. Jesus gave his questioners more than what they had bargained for. He answered their question and then He went on to give them a second law, one that is equally important.

Jesus said "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength" and He said "love your neighbour as yourself".

Jesus is effectively saying all the Ten Commandments are important. The first four commandments say love God (vertical) and the last six say love your fellow man (horizontal).

God wants us to love Him and to love our fellow men. What does it mean to love God and what does it mean to love your neighbour? Jesus answered the question.

Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength

1. **With all your heart:** nothing in comparison to him, you are ready to give up, do, or suffer any thing in order to please and glorify him: Think of Joseph when tempted by Potiphar's wife. He refused to commit adultery with her, saying, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Gen. 39:9. Loving God with your whole heart makes you hate sin because it separates you from Him.

2. **With all your soul,** or rather your life: Ready to give up life for his sake, to endure all sorts of torments, and to be deprived of all kinds of comforts, rather than dishonouring God. Think of the martyrs about whom it is said that their blood became the seed of the Church. *They overcame through the blood of the Lamb, and loved not their lives unto death,* Rev. 12:11.

3. **With all your strength** (Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27): Exert all the power of your body and soul in the service of God. Sacrifice your time, body, health, ease, for the honour of God, your Divine Master. Employ in your service all your goods, talents, power, authority, and influence to the glory of God. We can best demonstrate this in our freewill offerings, for the church, the ministry and for the needy. Give and do not expect anything in return.

4. **With all your mind:** apply yourself only to know God, and his holy will. Banish from your understanding and memory every useless, foolish, and dangerous thought, together with every idea which has any tendency to defile your soul.

Keeping the first four commandments would be the full expression of this love for God. Then Jesus went on to tell this man and the Pharisees the second important law. This will be concluded in the next newsletter.

Rev. Paul Mahlangu is the vice-chair of the Nakekela Board and Pastor of Christ the King Church in Phola Park, Kwamhlanga.

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GOOD RELATIONSHIPS



Working Together with Local Clinics

Martha Mtsweni (Home Based Care Coordinator), Dorcas Mathibela (General Manager) and Sister Verina Sithole (Professional Nurse) had a meeting with Sister Sibongile Skhosana from the Department of Health concerning future partnership and ways to continue working together with local clinics.

Women’s Day at Nakekela

Nakekela women had a day of seeking the Lord in prayer. It was a wonderful day as they all had the opportunity to encourage one another with the Word of God. Learning from women in the Bible.

Encouraged to be strong in the Lord, to share, to love, giving with love and knowing the needs of others, giving what you have, to serve God, to care and humble ourselves, walking in obedience to God, doing the Word of God, representing God in our homes and our work place.



Support Group

After Martha Mtsweni and Sello Nhlapo attended the Farming and Garden training in Kwazulu Natal provided by Guy Stubbs. They came back with good ideas for the garden to help our support group. They learned a lot of things like the following: how to construct a tower garden, chicken farming and Bee Keeping.

Our support group was busy planting seeds in the tower garden. It is an easy and simple way of planting as you do not need to worry about all the hard work in the sun cleaning the garden, it uses less water and it helps those who do not have enough space for the garden. You can even use the water from washing dishes or laundry washing water to save our precious water.



CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for people that can volunteer their expertise to Nakekela and may be considered as future board members. Some examples are:

- Human Resources advisor
- Government agencies – health and social department advisor
- Fundraising consultant
- Treasurer (accountant)
- Medical doctor
- Legal advisor

Please call the General Manager, Dorcas Mathibela at +27 71 355 3531 or at dorcasmathibela@gmail.com

“You are the Light of the world, like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14

Encouragement

We thank God for the visit of Heidi Pronk, Makenna Pronk and Harry Kooistra from USA representing Word and Deed who brought us a donation. They had a meeting with our Management team, Dorcas Mathibela (General Manager) and Home-Based Care workers and did some house visits with the Home-Based Care workers. They also had the opportunity to meet all staff members.



We truly appreciate Word and Deed’s support throughout the years.

SCHOOLS



Discussions

Sr Verina and Pinky Mokoena had the opportunity to teach learners at different Primary and High Schools.

They covered the following topics: Teenage pregnancy, sex and sexuality, sexual transmitted infection and HIV/AIDS. The learners were most interested in the topics and asked insightful questions.

We hope to reduce a number of teenage pregnancy and HIV/AIDS infection through holding open sessions like these.



MANDELA DAY AT NAKEKELA

Mandela Day

We had a very good and well spent Mandela day at Nakekela as different organizations came to give their time. We appreciate all the different groups of people who gave to dedicate their time at Nakekela.

A schedule was drawn up and different tasks were allocated to a group of about 35 people. We had a group of 17 people from Miliva Fire Station, a group of 16 (Home Based Care workers) from Thembaletu Sakhile Centre, Rosina Maya and Vusi Moloi came all the way from Casa-mia Factory Nance Field and did some work in the garden. Our kitchen was cleaned by Miss Earth and two men from the Fire Station of Miliva.

We had another group working in our vegetable garden and seedlings were provided and a tree planted by a lady from Department of Agriculture.

Windows were washed by the Thembaletu Home Based Care and a group from Fire Station. Ironing and washing was done, and so was general maintenance work. The floors were washed and doors varnished, and name boards were brought for all our offices and patient rooms. And our vehicles were washed clean by another group. There was also a donation of biscuits given by The Casa-Mia Factory Nance Field for the patients and some staff members on duty. A national model star also visited Nakekela which caused much excitement for the patients and staff.



Farewell

Saying Farewell to Sfiso Mavimbela sent by Manaleni Achievement Centre who came to do his internship at Nakekela.

He will be remembered for his hard work and caring ways.



Making a difference

So proud of our Home Base Care Workers Job Ngwenya and Sthembile Shabangu who helped a 17-year-old boy to get an Identity Document and to receive food parcels from the Department of Social Service.



Be part of the work of Nakekela

DONATE

Nakekela relies on donations to meet the needs of our patients and keep our facility available to the community. If you would like to support the work of Nakekela financially, know that every cent is tracked and invested carefully.

All gifts can be EFT'd to

Nakekela, Standard Bank, Account: 348123027
Branch: Bronkhorstspuit (052850)
Swift code: SBZAJJ

This is our PBO Registration 930040184 should you require a receipt for tax purposes.

KEEN TO BE MORE HANDS ON?

Nakekela constantly needs the following items for our in- and out-patients:

- Clothes: pyjamas and sleepers
- Medication, wheelchairs, walking frames
- Toiletries: wash clothes, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and feminine hygiene items
- Blankets
- Bibles in English, Zulu, Ndebele, Pedi and Tswana, notebooks, pens and pencils

DONATIONS



We received a donation of sleepers, socks and some sweets from Mrs Mampana and her son from Verena. The donation was for the in-patients and they prayed with them. So thankful for the gift and may God bless her and her family.

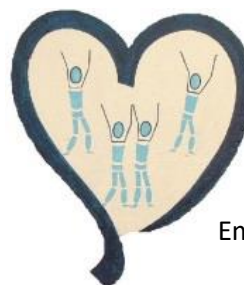


A sanitary pad donation was received with thankful hearts for patients at Nakekela from the Women's Catholic Association, St Mary's at Kwa-Mhlanga. May God bless them richly.

STATISTICS TO DATE:

Admissions:	87
Discharge to Home:	24
Deaths:	29
Hospital:	16
HBC Field Patients:	1281
HBC Field Visits:	799

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