

Report for WCF, October 2009 – Bro. David White

My weekly responsibilities now consist of:

1. Teaching individuals and groups of friends at the Durban BEC.
2. Leading an evening study class for young members and friends from the Durban, Westville and Pinetown ecclesias.
3. Sharing the Lamontville Bible Class with Bro. Cam
4. Leading an evening study class for our Congolese brethren.
5. Attending and speaking at local ecclesial Sunday , Bible Class and special events.

Additional duties are:

6. Contributing to the Durban Sunday afternoon seminars for less experienced brethren and sisters, and interested friends.
7. Helping with the Saturday monthly preaching activities in Lamontville.
8. Teaching in Johannesburg, Rustenburg and Soweto, mainly when en route to, or return from, visits abroad.
9. Writing additional resource materials for those with English as a second language.

Reports on:

1. **The Durban BEC:** We maintain a steady flow of interested friends coming to the BEC for lessons. The regulars are making good progress, and some attend Sunday meetings in Durban. Recently baptized members also continue to come for development studies which I see as an important aspect of their continuing spiritual growth.
2. **Young peoples class:** Attendance has remained good, with new young people adding to our members. Our new P2P volunteers also attend this class for extra study and fellowship. Members are now doing more personal Bible research, and are developing their ability to share their findings. I am optimistic about group members becoming more active participants in the preaching work, as their interest, confidence and abilities increase.

3. **The Congolese Class:** This class continues to be enjoyed by all. Members are enthusiastic willing learners and full of questions. Their feedback from the Bible research has improved in quality, and confidence in presentation has increased. Members love the scriptures, are keen to learn and I'm sure that they will make an increasing contribution to ecclesial life in South Africa. Bro. Cam wants to be involved in this class and will be excellent. From November, we shall each lead the class on alternate weeks.

4. **Lamontville Study Day:** We experimented with holding a Saturday evening open air meeting bringing young singers from Mariannhill to support the effort. We preached and sang at the gates of the Lamontville hall. Passers by were limited in number, so we plan to repeat the effort at a busier spot. Ideally, we want to have meetings fortnightly. One will be a study day, the other an evening open air meeting, supported by excellent singing in Zulu. Our aim is to train the young Zulu brethren to give short talks in Zulu, rather than Cam and I speaking in English.

I made a brief visit to the USA recently, and was able to give talks on preaching in South Africa in Meriden and Brooklyn, New York. Clearly our "Touch and Teach" approach created much interest and raised important questions about our usual "remote control" preaching (hands off approach!). Rather than just expecting people to "come in" to our meetings, may we continue to "go out" to preach, and touch the lives of needy people, both naturally and spiritually.

Photos:



1. Baptism: Brother Funo – BEC (underneath)



2. Monday evening - youth class

With love in Jesus,

David.