



Samaria Buzz

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“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” – Isaiah 6:8

Dear Friends

Happy New Year to you all in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that 2012 will be a wonderful time and that God will work richly in all of your lives.

We are very excited to see what the Lord has in store for us this year. Already things are looking promising with the new additions that we have to the mission this year, along with the upcoming teams and short-termers we are expecting later this year.

Samaria Mission Welcomes Darren, Member, and Hannah



This month has brought three new missionaries to our ranks, so far. Darren Early joined Samaria Mission full time at the beginning of this month. In addition to being part of Samaria Mission, he has also started attending Christ Seminary. Please pray for him as he adjusts to his new life in a foreign country, as well as his progress throughout seminary.

We are also very excited to welcome Hannah Anderson, who has committed to serving with Samaria Mission for two years. Hannah has served as a short-termer with us a couple of times and now we look forward to having her for a longer period of time. Hannah is still in the progress of

raising support; Hannah has currently raised 51% of her total needed support. She has stepped out in faith, following the Lord's call on her life.

In addition, Hannah is trying also to raise money for a car. Please pray that God will provide the necessary funds that she still needs. For further information see Hannah's blog:

<http://hranderson.com>.



Member has been serving alongside Samaria Mission for the past couple of years as a translator whilst studying at Christ Seminary. Now that Member has graduated he has joined Samaria Mission full time. He will be working on translating the chronological teaching which we use in Mozambique. He will also be teaching the mission's staff how to speak Shangaan. Please pray for Member as he continues to raise support.



Graduation Salutations!!!

Samaria Mission congratulates Member, Amosse, Masango, as well as Lazarus, who is a pastor of one of our church plants in Mashushu.

– Class of 2011



Thank you for your partnership and interest in our ministry.

We ask that you continue to pray for us!

Your friends at Samaria Mission

Please Pray for Us

- **Raise funds for visas:**
For our American Samaria Mission staff the price for visas has become a big expense which is taxing on our Leadership Training budget. It currently is R560.00 (approx. \$80.00). Any extra support we can raise in this area is appreciated.
- **Bus Replacement:**
Our aging China Bus has served us well over the years, but it is getting old and we are struggling to find parts for the repairs it needs and the parts that are available are highly expensive.
- **The Hixon Family:**
Please pray for the Hixon's as they seek the Lord in joining Samaria Mission later this year.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Amosse & Nomathemba



This past December we were blessed with the wedding of Amosse and Nomathemba, which took place in southern Zimbabwe. Amosse, who has served as a translator with Samaria Mission for the past couple of years, graduated from Christ Seminary days before he tied the knot!

Samaria Mission provided one of their tents for the wedding. Joseph Mahlaola and Doug and Debbie Crawford were able to attend the wedding. Getting through the border was no easy task. Finally, after 8 hours in the heat and long lines, they headed for the village where the ceremony was taking place.

Dancing and singing is a big part of the wedding celebration, even the groomsmen entered by dancing!

Joseph had the pleasure of marrying the happy couple.

A cow was slaughtered that morning and was served to the wedding guests, together with rice or pap.

It was such a joyful celebration! Doug and Debbie expressed that they may be thinking that they need to have an African style ceremony to renew their vows in five years time for their 30th wedding anniversary.

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