



NBI NEWS

March 2010

Phaphile brings new energy

Pastor Phaphile Celesi started to work for NBI on February the 1st, 2010. He has taken the place of Rev Siegfried Ngubane who resigned in October 2009 due to health reasons.

While we welcome Phaphile, we also want to say a sincere word of thanks to Siegfried. When we looked for someone to promote and develop the work of NBI among Zulu and Xhosa speaking people, Siegfried became the pioneer. He did a wonderful job to recruit and encourage new students in this group. Since the translation of our course into Zulu was completed in 2009, we have seen very fast growth in this department.

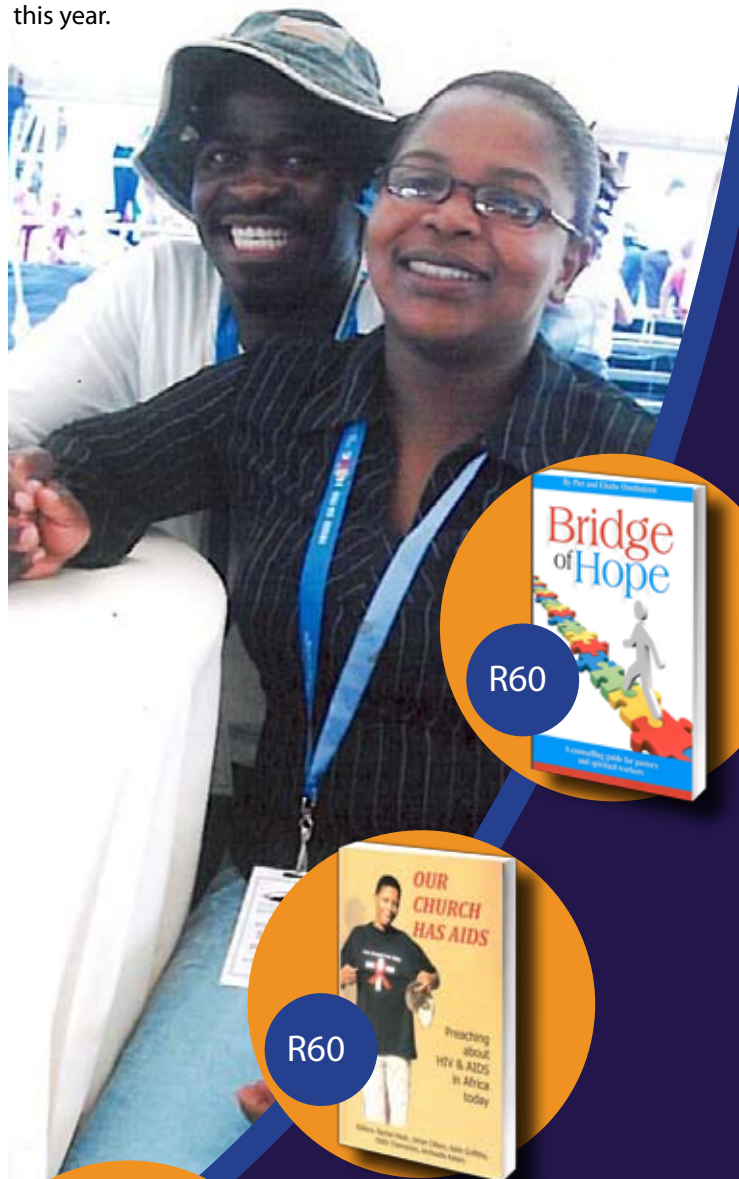
Therefore we also had to take quick action when Siegfried resigned. We met Phaphile and immediately felt that he might be the right person to take over from Siegfried. We offered him a temporary appointment for six months, mainly because the NBI Executive Committee insisted that the post should still be advertised. You will in fact see the advertisement elsewhere in this newsletter.

In the meantime, however, we are very excited about Phaphile. He brings new energy to our institute. He is very enthusiastic about the course and has immediately started to promote it in every possible way. He is well-known, especially in the Western Cape, because of his previous job as manager of the Xhosa programs on Radio Tygerberg and makes use of all those contacts.

Phaphile was born in King Williams Town. He qualified as a teacher at the University of the Western Cape, but has never worked as a teacher. After his studies he worked in schools for the Student Christian Organisation (SCO) to counsel and motivate young people. He became a presenter for Radio Tygerberg in 2001 and was later promoted to head their Xhosa department.

Phaphile loves children and is passionate about Sunday school work. Therefore he is also involved on national level as Sunday school organiser for his own church. He is extensively known for the training workshops and seminars that he conducts for Sunday school teachers in different churches. In 2004 he wrote a book with the title, "How to teach a child". Because of this work his church also ordained him for ministry.

Phaphile is married to Mbasakazi. They have a daughter of three years, Mivuyo. And they expect another child in April this year.



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NBI awards certificates from University of Pretoria

Important announcement for all students

As from January 2010 all successful students of the Nehemiah Bible Institute (NBI) will only receive certificates awarded by the University of Pretoria (UP). Due to the regulations of the Department of Education the NBI will no longer award the Licentiate Diploma which successful students used to receive.

We believe this decision is to the benefit of our students. After all, the University of Pretoria is a respected academic institution, and therefore a UP certificate will carry more weight than a licentiate diploma from a smaller institution like NBI.

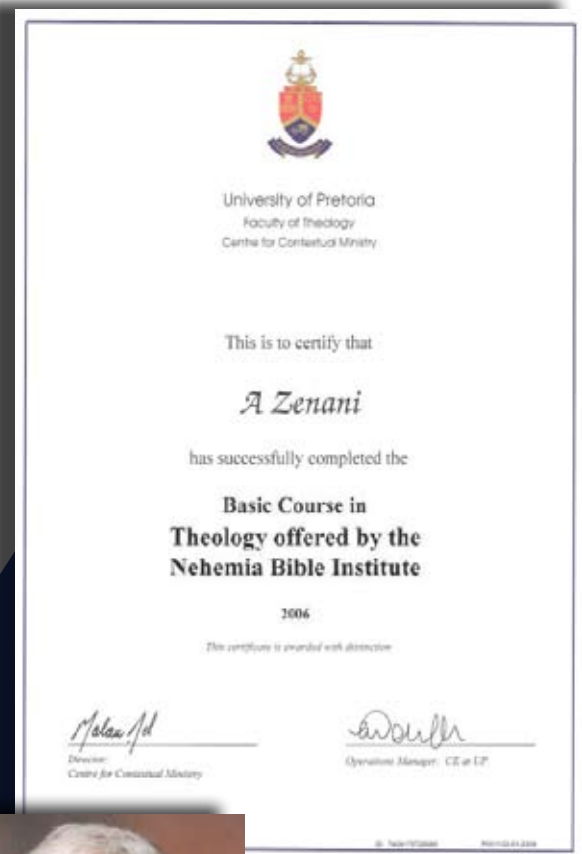
Unfortunately this new ruling will change the way in which the certificates are awarded. In the past any learner who completed the whole course would soon afterwards receive the licentiate diploma. Universities work in a different way. At UP the certificates will only be awarded once a year. Students who successfully finish the whole course before the end of the year will qualify to receive the certificate in May of the next year. In other words, if you do not finish before the end of the year, you may have to wait for more than a year to get your certificate.

At UP there will be a special occasion to award the certificates. It usually takes place in the month of May. All successful NBI students will also be invited to this ceremony. If you are willing to pay your own travelling costs, you would be most welcome to attend this occasion and receive your certificate at the ceremony in Pretoria. If this would be too expensive for you, you will still be allowed to arrange your own certification ceremony near your home. You will just have to wait until the certificates have been issued by the University of Pretoria.

In the past only the NBI students who paid the full price for the course qualified automatically for the UP certificate. Students who received the 50% discount as part of a learning group or Bible school had the choice to avoid the extra payment for the UP certificate and some would therefore not receive the certificate. Such students will obviously no longer have that choice.

All who get the 50% discount will have to pay the additional 10% to qualify for the UP certificate. In 2010 this will mean R190 per module (discount price for the four books in each module) plus 10%, which is R19. The discount price per module will therefore be R209. Bible school students who have not yet paid this extra amount, will pay it at the end of the course.

We trust that the situation is clear, but you can still write to us if you have other questions about the issue.



Prof Malan Nel, director of the Centre for Contextual Ministry (CCM) at the University of Pretoria. The NBI course is accredited by CCM.

Applications for NBI post

The NBI executive committee decided to advertise the post of “Manager for the NBI program in the Nguni languages”. The main aim of this post is to promote the NBI course among people who speak Zulu and Xhosa. It will involve translation work, the recruitment of students and the management of student affairs (registration, marking of tests, correspondence with students and contact classes). The training of facilitators may also become an important task.

Profile of candidate

1. Candidates must come from a Zulu or Xhosa background. The ideal candidate will be fluent in both languages. Fluency in various other South African languages will be an advantage. Competency in English will be required.
2. Both male and female candidates will be considered for the position.
3. The person must be able to work in a cross-cultural situation and build bridges between people from different backgrounds.
4. Candidates must have a theological foundation. At least the person must have completed the NBI course.
5. Practical experience as minister or church leader will be regarded as an important recommendation. Experience in the training of other church leaders will be an asset.
6. Computer literacy will be required.
7. Candidates must be able to do public speaking, facilitate workshops and training programs and build public relations.
8. The successful candidate will have to work in Wellington and therefore live nearby.

Applications

1. If you are interested in the position, and meet the requirements listed above, you can contact the NBI office for an application form. (See contact information on last page).
2. If you know of anybody who is qualified for the post and might be interested, please encourage that person to apply. Please also pray with us for the right candidates.
3. The job description and other necessary information will be supplied to interested candidates.
4. Applications will close on May 31 2010. The best candidates will then be selected for interviews.

Books from Sokhanya Bible School

The following books may be helpful for your ministry. They are available from Sokhanya Bible School. You can order the books directly from them. Pay the correct amount directly into Sokhanya's bank account (Sokhanya Bible School, ABSA San Tiger Branch 630-510, Account no 9072490254) and then fax your order and the deposit slip to 021 913 4857.

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- Ukuphila ngokujongise phambili and Singabanyangi bakaThixo (On HIV and Aids and the responsibility of the church in this regard) – sold together @ R 10-00



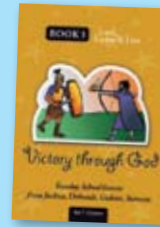
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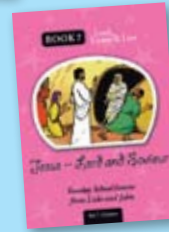
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Doctoral student completes NBI course

Somikazi Deyi is a pastor of "Voice of God Ministries". In 2007 she got her Masters degree at the University of Cape Town (M Phil in Education in Applied Language Studies). She is now busy with her Doctor's degree (Ph D). She is also a lecturer at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. For her work as a church leader, however, she decided to do the NBI course. She got her certificate in 2009 and says the course helped her a lot, because it is so practical.

This is her testimony:

"The course helped me to understand the basic steps for building up a church. It has given me a deep insight into the way I should work with the church. I learnt how to develop certain aspects of the church like fasting, worship, fellowship and the departments that build the church.

"NBI offers a rare course that acknowledges the existence and the works of the Holy Spirit. I was challenged to think wider and pay attention to things that look small but are very important. We learnt how to treat one another well and respect one another. The course made me understand that pastors are called to serve rather than to be served.

"We realised that in the process of serving we need to be really humble and obedient to God. We need to listen to God and to the church members and involve them in decision making. It is very, very important to understand that we build the church by involving every member who supports the vision. The brothers and sisters must all be helped to see their place in the church. Each member has a part to play in the church, but they must do the work in fellowship with each other. This was highlighted and strongly emphasised in the course. It is crucial for church growth and stability."



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