

**Newsletter No 17: Year 2**

**Oktober 2007**

It is the month of October, the most beautiful month. We want to praise the Lord for creating the seasons so wonderfully. We praise the Lord also for the new life which became our portion through Jesus Christ. Every morning He gives us an abundance of new. (Psalm 143:8).



**What are all the things that happened this month? European Spiritual Health and Deafness Congress in the Netherlands (Haarlem). Congress theme: “Joining Forces”.** The Seventh European Congress about Spiritual Health and Deafness took place during 11-14 September 2007 in Haarlem. Rev Jan and Hennie Burger of DCMA were privileged to attend the Congress as NID members. It was a wonderful experience. We learnt how to promote spiritual health in the Deaf. Our dream however, is to, together with the co-operation of the Eben Dönges hospital in Worcester, establish a Psychiatric department where the Deaf who require psychiatric treatment can be helped. Pray with us that this

dream can be realised.

**Wonderful message during Spring Day:** DCMA is so grateful that our students can be equipped to preach. The second year students brought the most wonderful message to the learners of the school during “**Spring Day**”. Although the weather was not too warm on Spring Day, the message touched and warmed our hearts. The message was taken from Genesis 1:24 and the theme was: “**God made summer, spring, autumn and winter**”. We thank the Lord for each student. We are also very proud of Hennie Burger, our sign language facilitator, who delivered a beautiful service on Sunday 02 September 2007 to Worcester De la Bat congregation, as part of the International prayer day for the Deaf. We are very proud of all our students. To God be all the glory.

**Donations and gifts received**

The following organisations and persons made a donation or gave a gift to DCMA: An anonymous donor gave us toothpaste and other toiletries. A Veritas supporter made a payment into our account. And the following persons made financial contributions which made a huge difference to DCMA. They are the following individuals and organisations: WWE Worcester, E Snyman for the outreach. A partner who says only “it’s for DCMA”, PF Louw, AGS of SA 6001, ME van Tonder, Mr Roelofse, NG Church Kenridge, NG congregation Pretoria Deaf, ALR Gibbs, Christopher Galada, Elsabe Doman, Polymorph, Melkan, NG church Oosterzee, Effata for the Deaf, an outreach donation, AGS of SA Bredasdorp, W Stoumann, NG church Westville, C Saayman, Dirkie van Zyl, money for outreach tents, B Jensen, M Smit, Rensie Aggenbach, Dutch Deaf Christians, JH v.d Merwe, U-Care, Porterville – M Visser, another anonymous donation, United Church, A v.d Walt, Radio Pulpit, “For theology training”, Mrs S. Gouws, HB Puren, D de Villiers, Mrs A Visser and anonymous from Van der Bylpark.

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We thank the Lord for all the gifts and donors. May the Lord bless you richly. We praise the Lord for all the contributions you made because with your donations and gifts the Gospel can be brought to about 400 000 Deaf in SA. Your contribution will result in many Deaf hearing the Written Word that Isaiah 29:18 speaks about. We honour you as a partner working together in the service of God.



**Phumie Jemane and Jaco van Wyk are in Gauteng for training and outreach:** The two first year students are in Gauteng to complete their module for small group ministry with Rev. Andries Scholtz. While they are there, they will also be visiting the schools for Deaf in the North West. They will also lead prayer groups at Effata for the Deaf as part of their practical. We pray for their safe travelling, for spiritual growth and that they and their families in Worcester, will feel the presence of the Lord every day..



**Rev Mia** thank the Lord best with the particularly in giving you. special to us.



**Lintvelt is on maternity leave until 01 February 2008.** Wedank for you, Rev Mia. We wish you and Herman everything of the birth of your firstborn. May you feel the presence of the Lord the days ahead. May you enjoy the the gift of this baby that He is We grant you a good rest and time spent together. You are very May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you richly. We pray for you.

**Please pray**

**this month for the following:** Pray for the students who have applied to come and study with us in 2008. Pray that the Lord will allow the admission discussions to go well. Pray for Pretoria Deaf and Effata for the Deaf, both the ministers of the congregations have accepted their calling to Worcester De La Bat. Pray that the Lord will help the congregations of the two parishes make the right decisions regarding their future. Pray for the registration and accreditation of DCMA and the courses. We also pray for Rev Andries Scholtz and his family, who has accepted the call as head of Living Space. Blessings and strength with their move to Worcester.

**Our students write as follows:** "I have gained a much deeper background about exegetical studies. In particular to read and understand correctly before preaching or doing bible study. I had a lot to learn not to use my own interpretation or to say that I think I know and understand. I looked back at last year (2006) and this year (2007) and had to learn a lot not to make my own interpretation. In the beginning I could not understand why I had to do exegesis, but now I have a deeper understanding of why exegesis is important." **Rensie Aggenbach.**

Greetings in Jesus Christ until next time.

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