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Touching Africa Gazette



SCIENCE OF THE KINGDOM

~ By Stephan Pretorius ~

In the olden days, the religious people were very serious about each action of the High Priest. Today we know, it is only a “copy and a shadow” of the spiritual reality (Hebr 8:5). Even the religious laws of what to do and what not, was only “a shadow of the things to come” (Col 2:17). Along the same trend, Jesus explained the complex reality of the Kingdom of God by simplistic stories and parables (Matt 13:24).

In fact, I think, all physical and scientific facts and principles in the physical world around us carry in itself the secret of spiritual values, principles and Kingdom truths! That is why Paul declares in Romans 1:20 that since the creation of the physical world, God’s spiritual, invisible attributes and His eternal power and divine nature can be observed through the very nature of what He made!!

There is one specific physical law that interested me a lot lately as a

prophetic truth for 2018. This law states that:

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

This formula means that **I** (ampere, the measure of stream flow in an electrical current), depends on two things:

- **V** (Volt, electric potential difference). The more the potential difference, the bigger the stream flow.

- **R** (Ohm, the expression of resistance against flow). The higher the resistance, the lower the steam flow, and the more potential difference is needed for a higher stream to flow.

Now back to Spiritual truths and application: We as believers are actually “conduits” through which the Spirit of God from the Spiritual realm can flow into the physical reality around us. Jesus stated that “streams of life-

giving water will pour from our Inner-being”, in reference to the flow of the Spirit through us (John 7:38/39). The Greek word for “inner-being” is koilos, which means our belly, womb, heart or the MATRIX!

If we now apply the physical law of electronic streamflow as seen above on the flow of the Spirit through us, we are able to understand some amazing truths:

- The “potential difference” stands for the contradiction between the Spiritual reality and the facts/circumstances observable around us. There are some big contradictions between sickness in our bodies, lack in our financial needs, vulnerability to crime etc., and God’s promises of provision, protection and access to His power! This contradiction defines our “potential difference”. But the same principals and law apply here: A bigger streamflow relates to a bigger potential difference!! **WE NEED GROWTH IN POTENTIAL DIFFERENCES IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR GROWTH IN STREAM FLOW**, the flow of the **SPIRIT OF GOD** through us!

- The “resistance” against the flow of electrons, stands for the resistance that the circumstances around us in the physical realm render against the flow of the spirit from the spiritual world into the physical reality. The higher the resistance, the more potential differences (contradictions) occur at the same flowrate of the spirit. This resistance is turned higher by forces not in our control! Paul called these forces the “wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly realms, the rules, authorities and cosmic powers of this dark age” (Eph 6:12).

Let’s take all this background into perspective, looking at 2018 and beyond. We experienced a lot of contradictions in the build up to 2018. Everyone all over is witnessing the difficulties they experienced lately. It is as if the contradictions between God’s Kingdom and our physical reality was increasing more and more – growing to an unknown pressure in 2017! From this scientific formula we can now understand that the more resistance there was in the spiritual realm against the flow of the Spirit of God to impact the world, the more we experienced contractions!

A higher “potential difference” is needed to maintain the same flow as was experienced during eras of lower resistance!

But now – back to the setting of 2018. I believe that we stand in a prophetic time, where we are living within the reality of the growing potential difference. We are prepared to experience a massive breakthrough in the spiritual realm – there will be a drastic reduction in spiritual resistance. This will not be due to our effort and good works, but the result of God’s planning as part of the releasing of His Kingdom realities in the physical dimension. It is time, it is a new season. This proses was prophetically introduced to us by Daniel, 600-year BC, when he explained that a ROCK will grow into a position of authority and “fill the entire earth” (Dan 2:35).

There is a massive outpour of Spiritual flow in process due to this lowering in resistance - I believe that we will see massive changes around us!

However, here is the catch, here we need wisdom: If we use this changed scenario to address the inconvenience of the contradictions for our own benefit and build our own Kingdoms, the resistance in our life will grow

again and the flow diminish. We need to accept the contradictions and have a feast “even in the presence of our enemies” (Psa 23:5)! We have to be able to endure a high level of “potential difference” in order to ensure maximum flow!

The purpose of the break-through in the spiritual ream and the lowering of the resistance is not for us to have a better and more convenient life. It is for a higher flow of Spirit through us into the world. That is why we have to “seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matt 6:33)!

It is not time to rest and to sit back and wait for a better economy, a better lifestyle, more benefits in life. It is time to act and move with the implementation of the Kingdom of God from a position of rest and victory! We are busy being trained by the “potential differences”, by the contradictions, to host a growing flow – the “stream of living waters” – from the Spiritual realm within us! 2018 will be a good good year and we are serving a good good GOD! We are entering the time that darkness will cover the nation, but on us as the Sons of God, the “brightness of His presence” will be seen (Isa 60:2).

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OPERATING PRINCIPLES:

1. We undertake to **acknowledge our** FAITH
CONVICTION in all our **OPERATIONS**

2. Our **Ethical Commitment** is to adhere to the **ethical code for businesses** as defined by the UNASHAMEDLY ETHICAL AGREEMENT - to manage and administrate all actions with integrity

3. We commit to the **Principles of Sustainability** to meet the NEEDS OF THE PRESENT without compromising the **Purpose with passion as** future generations

4. We undertake to live out our **Driving Force** on ALL LEVELS OF ACTIVITIES

6. We value the **Power of Visionary Unity** although we TREASURE the **RICH DIVERSITY** in our midst

7. We cultivate an open mind-set in order to have a **Cross-cultural Approach** within the **the diverse community** of AFRICA.

8. We advocate a **Holistic Approach** during all development in order to ENSURE AN INTEGRATED INTERVENTION to the benefit of the **African community**

9. We commit that our project actions will be **shaped Driving** by the acknowledgement of the IMPORTANCE OF THE END USER

10. We **commit** that our project actions will be **shaped** by the RECOGNITION that OWNERSHIP **must be taken** by beneficiaries in order to ensure sustainability

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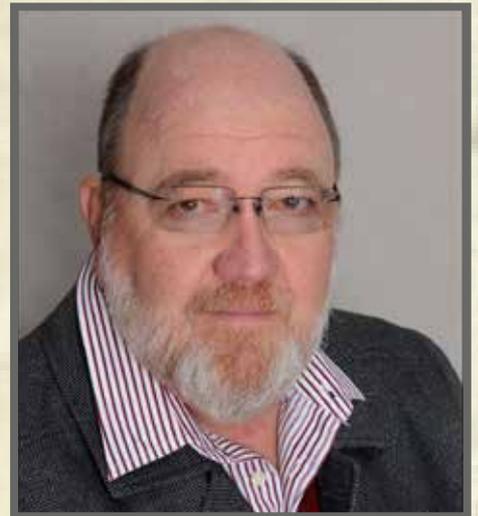
Please take note of the following dates and actions planned for 2018:

- **6 February:** Establishment of the Touching Africa Co-operative
- **9 February:** Touching Africa Trust Board meeting, Potchefstroom, AGES offices.
- **4 May:** Touching Africa leadership workshop with focus on Community leaders in Potchefstroom. This will be a workshop on transformation and making a difference in our community, involving all sectors and aligning with funding options.
- **1 June:** Regional Touching Africa Kingdom Conference - Pretoria
- **24 August:** It's time to play. Interaction between local schools in Potchefstroom
- **17 August:** regional Touching Africa Kingdom Conference – Cape Town
- **9 September:** It's time Potchefstroom. Community prayer event with Angus Buchan in Potchefstroom.
- **23 November:** Touching Africa Gala evening with recognition of contributions for the year

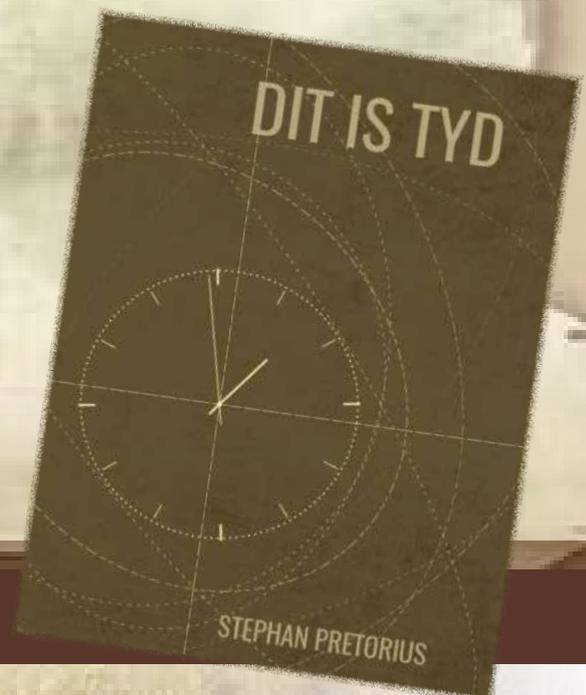
Dit is Tyd

- WAARHEID is `n denkraamwerk wat gebaseer is op LOGOS/WOORD met oorsprong in die GEES DIMENSIE.
- Ons lewe is `n koppelvlak tussen die fisiese en die GEES DIMENSIE.
- LOGOS is die “universal truth” waarna die wetenskap nog op soek is!
- Wat is GOD SE PLAN vir jou?
- Die natuur, wetenskap en die Bybel – in totale harmonie!
- Die WERKLIKHEID VAN GOD SE KONINKRYK vandag vir jou!
- KONINKRYK EN gemeente wees.
- KONINKRYK in die werkplek. Die rol van die korporatiewe wêreld in die KOMS van die KONINKRYK.
- `n LEWE in die GEES.

As jy in hierdie onderwerpe belangstel en uitdagings in die lewe wil aanpak, is dit tyd dat jy Stephan Pretorius se boek in die hande kry; DIT IS TYD. Die tweede druk van die boek is in Desember 2017 uitgegee deur Faith Story Publishing, is nou beskikbaar vanaf:



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DEON DE KLERK

Deon de Klerk came back from December holiday with a medical concern. It was discovered that cancer had to be removed his colon. The operation was successful, and Deon will receive further treatment after recovering from the operation. Therefore, he will mostly be out of the office

during the treatment period and not available as usual. Please contact Stephan Pretorius (office number 018 297 6588) regarding any Touching Africa related aspects for the time being. We all stand together, pray together and PROCLAIM HEALTH over Deon's body!!



MACHANGULO

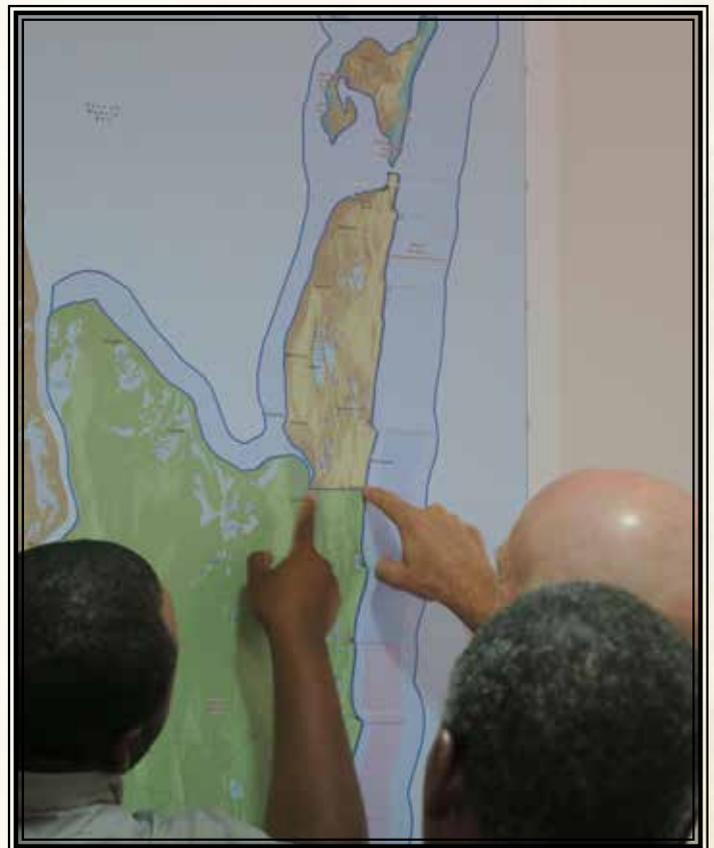
~ By Stephan Potgieter ~

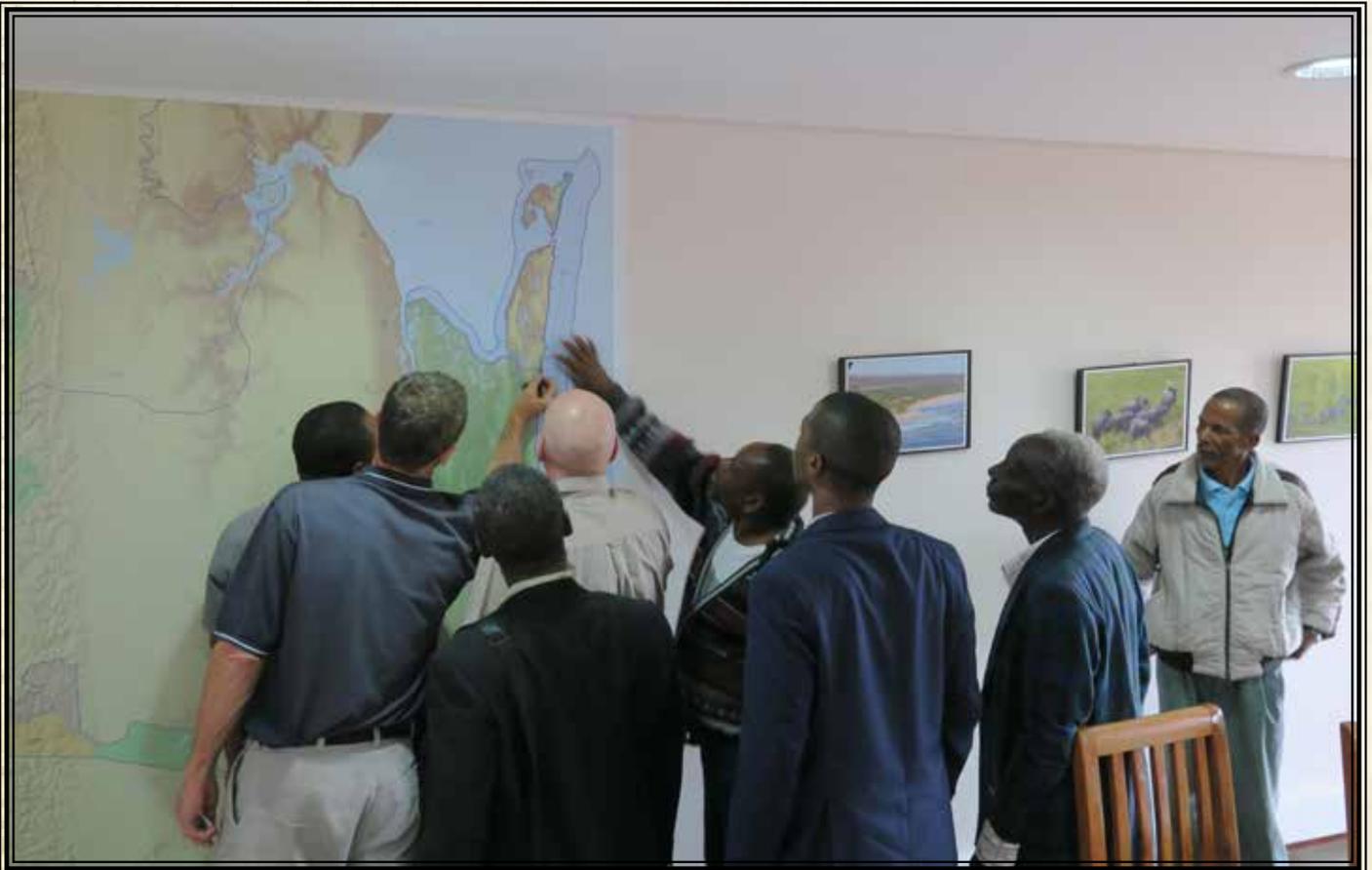
One of the aims of Touching Africa is to unite the following aspects under the same vision “to touch Africa”:

1. Local community and governmental institutions
2. Eco-tourism and conservation
3. Expertise of the Touching Africa Co-operative
4. Funders and investors.

The potential for sustainable development in the Machangulo Peninsula was unlocked when Régulo Zephanias Tembe, the leader in the Machangulo Peninsula, availed 2 400 ha of land with the full support of the people of Mabuluco and Mucombo to utilise the land for both nature conservation and the development of tourism opportunities. This will lead to job creation in the community and the preservation of endangered wildlife species (i.e. rhino). Mr. Paul Richter (representing the Touching Africa Initiative in

Mozambique) agreed to support this community driven initiative in combination with the relevant Touching Africa Associates.



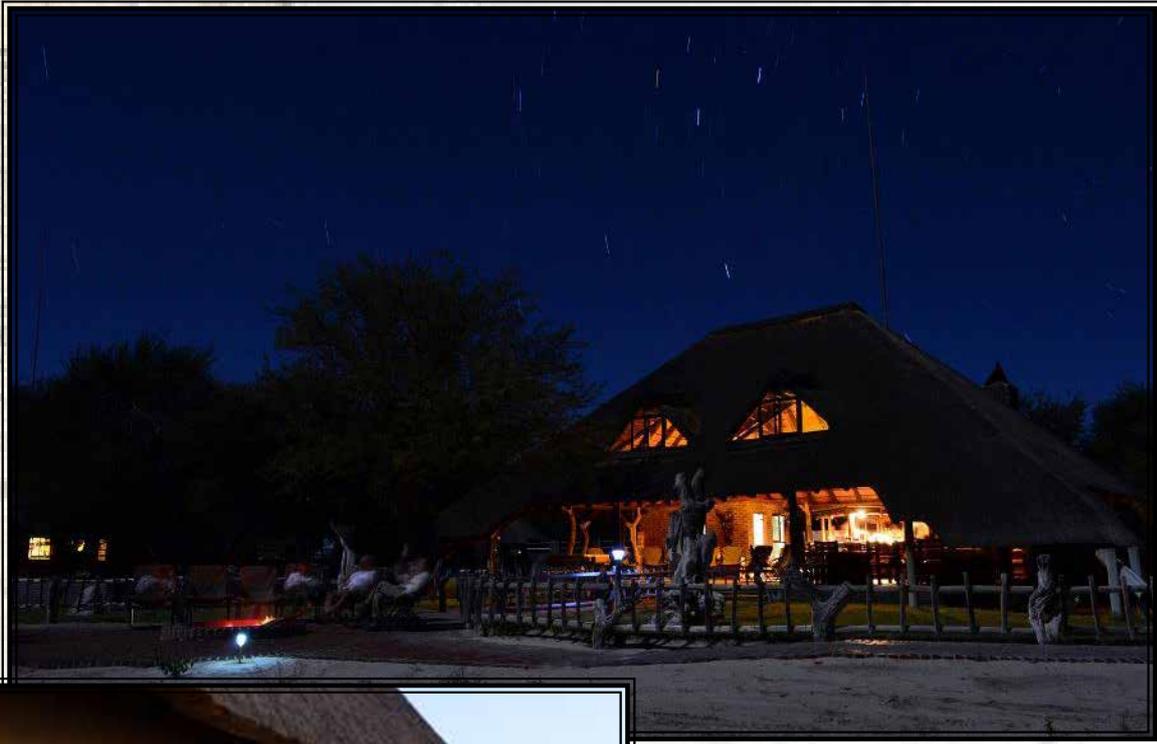


The extent of the project area is indicated on the map.

Eco-Tourism

~ By Stephan Pretorius ~

The dream to “touch” and change is also reflected in a bigger vision to be involved in the African community through eco-tourism!



Through this channel of “alternative tourism” we support sustainable development through VILLA UKUTHULA in Machangulo, Mozambique.

Through VILLA UKUTHULA as well as other facilities related to Touching Africa in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zambia, our focus is to render A HOME AWAY FROM HOME. We want people to come as a guest, but to leave as a friend. The dream of arriving as a tourist and leaving as a friend as part of our global network, involves interaction with our local environment, people and communities and changing the world we live in!

Through the Tourism arm of Touching Africa, we strive to partake in ECOTOURISM according to the definition by The International Ecotourism Society. Ecotourism: “responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment, sustains the well-being of the local people, and involves interpretation and education”.



Building on 2017 as the “International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development”, as declared by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) of the United Nations, we are part of a bigger picture and growing industry, while on the other hand, we simply want to invite people to partake on a local level in this bigger venture!



AGES PHOTO COMPETITION



AGES MISSION

We shall deliver effective and efficient services towards the development and management of the environment, social and natural resources through an interactive-consultative relationship-based approach with our clients.

Service is based on our belief that the “value of a team is greater than the sum of the individual team members”, and

our strength is therefore in our unity within cultural, technical and personal diversity.

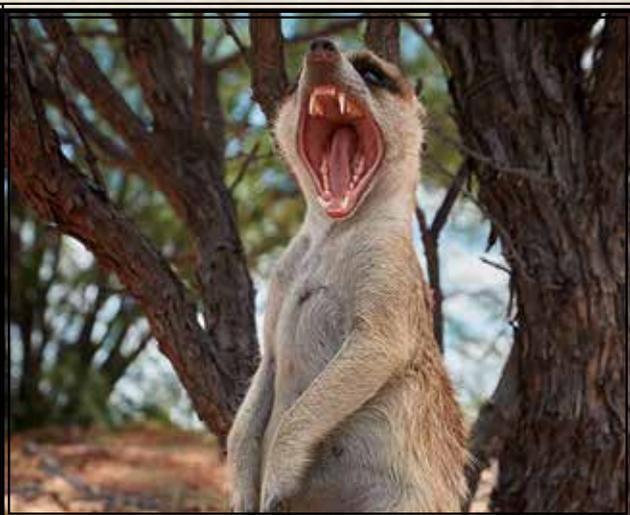
The mission is attainable through the principles of integrity, transparency, commitment, communication and trust, relationship development, and excellence with all deliverables aligned to the highest accredited standards. This is confirmed and declared in our company slogan:

PURPOSE WITH PASSION

AGES Photo Competition

~ By Anrië van Rooyen ~

As part of the Ages Pages released every second month, the AGES offices had a photo competition. All three offices (AGES Alpha, Omega and Limpopo) entered photos for the competition in the categories informal/holiday, environmental/nature and social/projects. This was an enjoyable, interactive opportunity where the offices could share and connect. All members of the offices participated in the voting process and Zikho Fatman’s photo (AGES Omega) was voted as the overall winning photo.



WINNING PHOTO

Zikho Fatman is a remarkable woman. Working closely with her with the Ages Pages, I have come to know her as a dedicated, enthusiastic and optimistic person. Zikho always goes the extra mile for colleagues and friends. It is a joy knowing Zikho and we are overjoyed that Zikho was the winner of the AGES Photo competition.

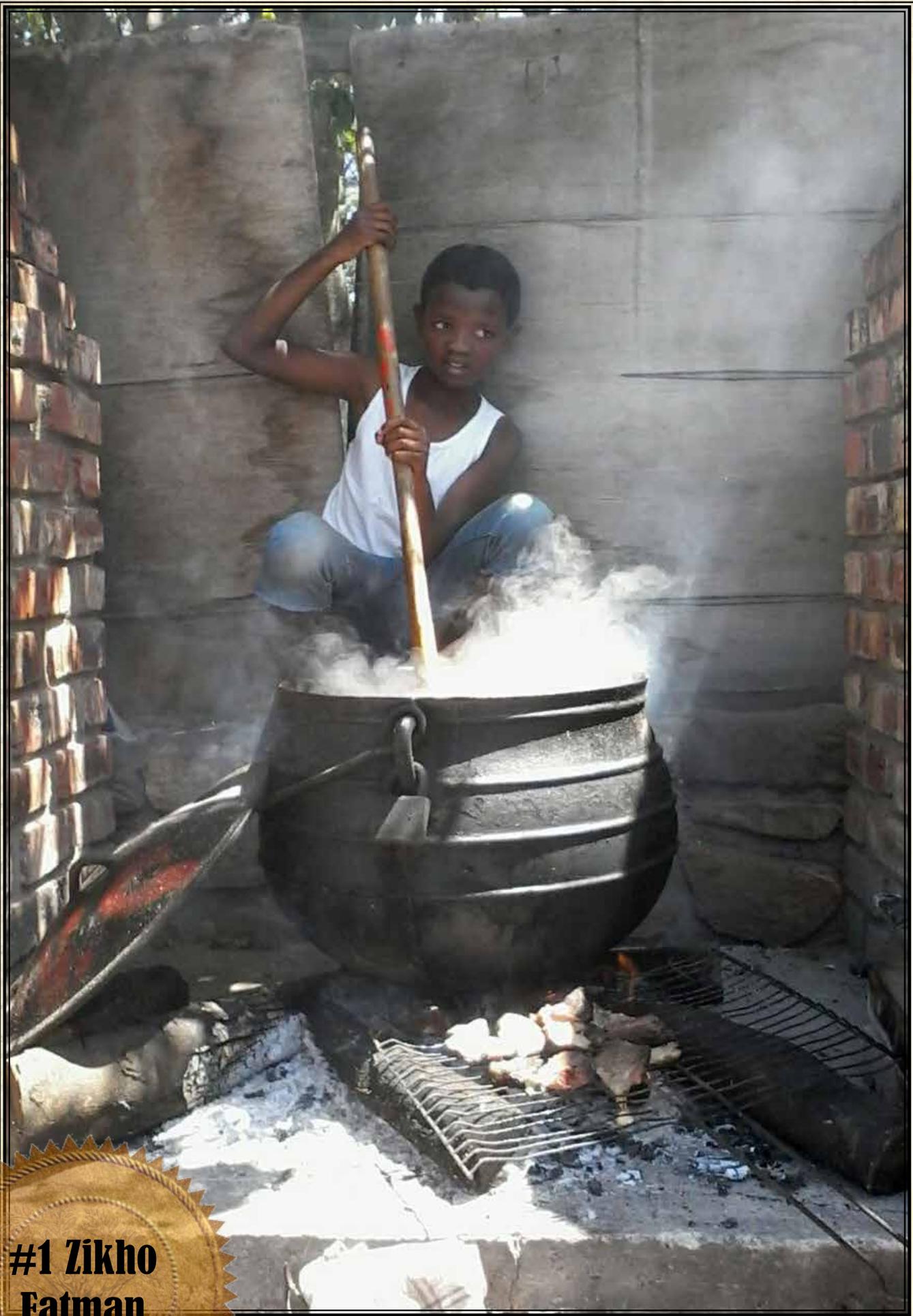
Read more about Zikho Fatman's and her photo.

~ By Zikho Fatman ~

My name is Zikho Fatman. I am a social consultant at AGES Omega EC. I work mostly with service delivery and developmental projects, which affords me to live out the best of me. Being of service is to an extent a kind of worship. I enjoy writing, teaching and sharing life's discoveries with friends and family. AGES is where I get to live out my truth and purpose every day of my life. I do this amongst giants in the industry, my peers and colleagues.



The photo was taken at our family farm in the Rocklands area on the 'll Cape Town route exiting Port Elizabeth. This was the first Christmas we spent at the farm in my years. My father slaughtered cow, a pig and some chickens. Many nights were spent around the fire, where some of the older, more street-smart cousins from the locations got to show off to the toiving Johannesburg cousins on how to make a fire, clean the meat and cook it. The boy in the photo is my nephew from a cousin from a poor home. This boy is very rich in spirit and full of life and dreams. He was sensitive as he was showing the other cousins farm life. He wants to be a medical doctor when he grows up. He is studying maths and science and has very good grades. While taking the photo, he was saying that he wants to cook the best beef for us to show us that a doctor can be a chef too.



**#1 Zikho
Fatman**

AFRICA FRESH COFFEE

~ By Stephan Pretorius, Daiwd Stoltz & Anrie van Rooyen ~

Africa Fresh Pty has been developing over the last couple of years. It all started with a vision that Hennie Hanekom had: to make a difference to the African coffee farmers in the coffee belt.

Hennie spent a few years in Burundi, therefore, he understands the need of the African people and the conditions that poor farmers are living in to render coffee to the international coffee trade! Africa Fresh obtains the coffee beans directly from various places within the coffee belt and then roast the coffee beans in big quantities. Africa Fresh coffee is then distributed to agencies and used for 'special label coffee'.





Touching Africa now offers your company personalised “company-branded” coffee in packaging and quantities to suite your demand. By purchasing Touching Africa Coffee for your staff and clients, your company will be supporting farmers and communities at the source. We offer your company (real estate, dealership, bank, school, church, NGO, Sports team, union, club, etc.) and employees a simple and flexible subscription and direct delivery plan. We supply company-branded coffee (powered by Africa Fresh Coffee) in packaging and quantities as required throughout Southern Africa.

Furthermore, Touching Africa will also directly sell its own special label coffee. The profit will be contributing to Touching Africa projects, while at the same time

building on a Development Trust to impact the coffee farmers in the nearby future. The Touching Africa coffee was already seen during the 2017 Touching Africa Kingdom conference. In the near future, orders can be placed through website support as well as through information available in the TAG. Please be on the lookout!!

We believe that the people who farm the coffee should enjoy the fruits of their labour. Buying Touching Africa Coffee means you are supporting the development of the communities at its source. Farmers and their families benefit from the reinvestment of at least 70% of our profits back into their communities.

If each household in the Touching Africa family buys its coffee through this mechanism, we can start building on a fund that will enable us to “touch Africa” directly within the coffee belt!



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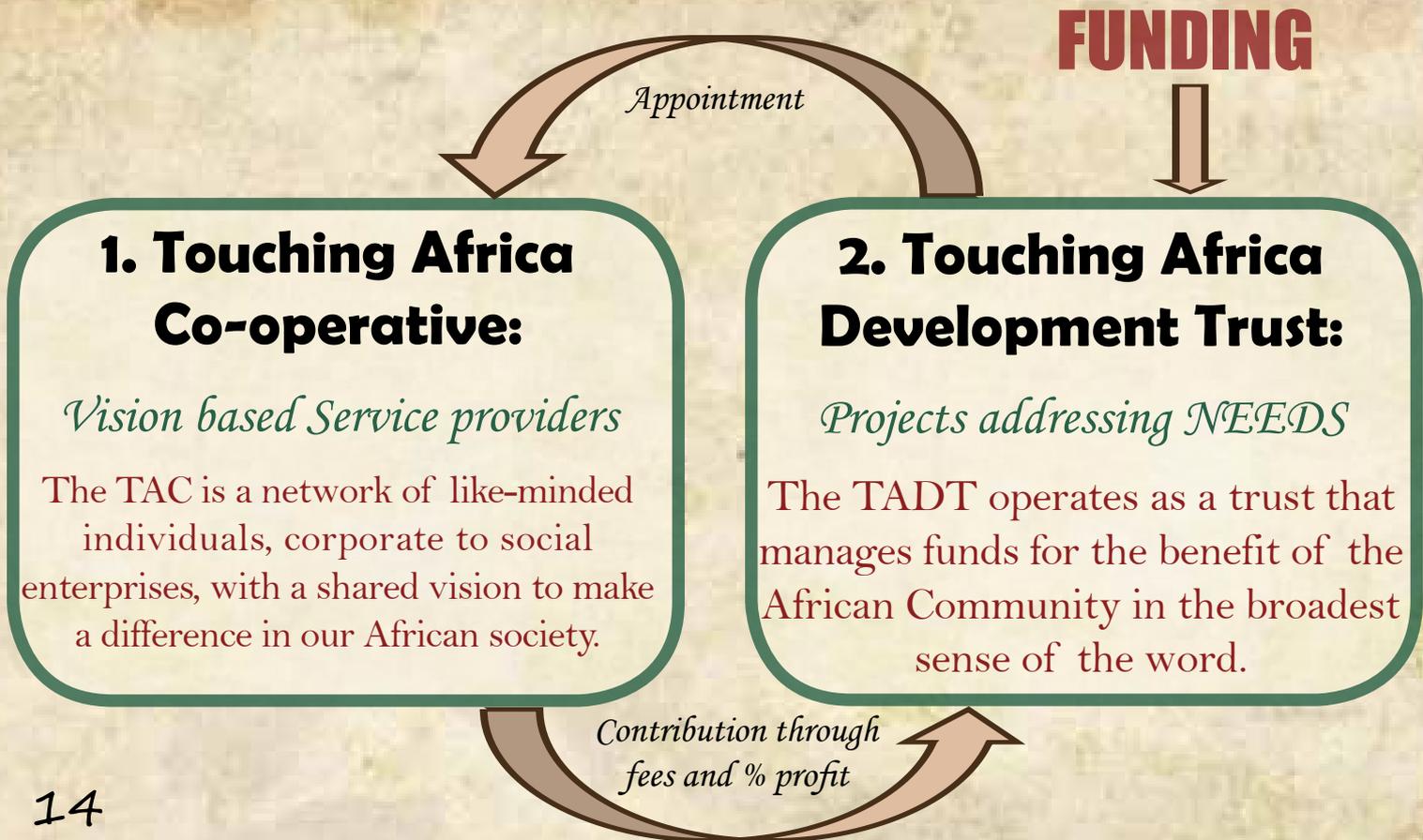
Touching Africa

Born from 25 years of vision driven focus



Touching Africa is a KINGDOM FOCUSED, non-profit organization that primarily aims to make a difference and “touch” the African society. The VISION of Touching Africa is to contribute to sustainable growth and development in AFRICA to ultimately realize the full potential and calling of Africa on a global scale. Touching Africa is founded on vision-based business, project development and relationship-based networking.

Touching Africa's two interactive components:



A wide range of **services** are provided by **members** (businesses) in the **Touching Africa Co-operative** as illustrated in the photos below:



Water Services Sector



Agri Land and Community Development



Land/ Town Development and Housing Sector



Environmental/ Alternative Green Market Sector



Mining and Primary Resources Sector



Alternative Energy



Professional and Business Support Services



Youth and Community Development



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