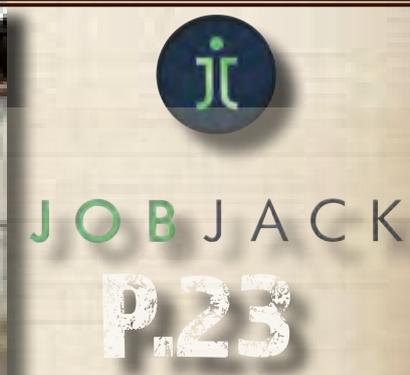
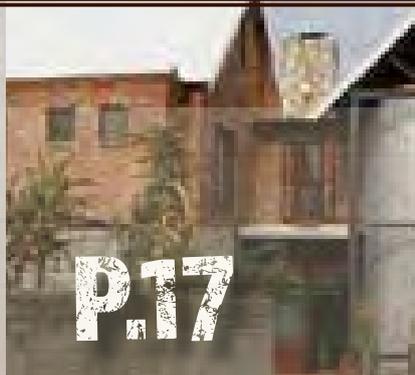


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WRITE AND SHARE YOUR STORY

We all share one common vision on different forums and in different ways: We are all part of the Kingdom of God! We need to tell our stories as we grow in sharing the vision! Please participate in the compilation of the TAG and use this forum to tell your story to the rest of the network.

You can send your contributions, thus sharing the vision and KINGDOM STORIES with each other. We can share stories regarding doing “normal business” the Kingdom way. We also want to share our corporate stories, how we work together and how we impact society. Any news and notes – let’s share and grow in UNITY!

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Stormproof Living

(continued)

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Mirror Word - (www.mirrorword.net)

In John 10:30-36 Jesus quotes from Psa 82:6 I say, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you!"

John 10:30 My Father and I are one!"

John 10:31 This filled the Jews with renewed rage and they picked up stones to stone him.

John 10:32 Then Jesus questioned them saying, "I have openly shown you many good works confirming my union with my Father; for which one of these works do you stone me?"

John 10:33 They said, "We are not stoning you for something that you have done but for what you have just said! You blasphemed God! You are a mere man and you make yourself equal with God?"

John 10:34 Jesus said, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said you are gods?' (Gen 1:26; Psalm 82:6 All of you are like Elohim since you are all sons of the Most High. You are all equal image bearers of the same likeness!)

John 10:35 He called them gods, since they encountered the word of God face to face; and the prophetic dynamic of Scripture does not dissolve in time! (Again the word, pros, face to face. Scripture cannot be 'broken' - the Greek word is luoo, to be loosed, or dissolved.

Sonship implies union with the Father. See Heb 1:1-3. Rev 12:7.)

Hebrews 1:1 Throughout ancient times God spoke in many fragments and glimpses of prophetic thought to our fathers. Now, this entire conversation has finally dawned in sonship. (In these last days [eschatos] he has spoken to us in sonship. Mankind's redeemed sonship defines eschatology.)

Revelation 12:7 Mikael and his celestial shepherd-messengers led the war in the heavenly realm against the Dragon and his herding-heralds. (Mikael means, "Who is like God?" The context of the onslaught against the human race has always been identity-related! The fruit of the "I-am-not tree system!" Jesus victoriously faced this temptation on mankind's behalf, "If you are the Son of God..."



See my commentary on Luke 3:7, Brood of Vipers - begotten of a mindset, poisoned by the serpent that snared mankind in the garden of Eden and abandoned them in the wilderness of a lost identity. See John 8:44 You are the offspring of a perverse mindset and you prove its diabolical parenthood in your willingness to execute its cravings. The intention was to murder humanity's awareness of their god-identity from the beginning since it is in violent opposition to the idea of the image and likeness of God in human form. It cannot abide the truth. Lying is the typical language of the distorted desire of the father of deception.

See John 1:51 & John 2:25. Just like Eve was deceived to believe a lie about herself, which is the fruit of the "I-am-not-tree". Also 2 Cor 11:3 I am concerned for you that you might pine away through the illusion of separation from Christ and that, just like Eve, you might become blurry-eyed and deceived into believing a lie about yourselves. The temptation was to exchange the truth about our completeness (I am), with the idea of incompleteness (I am not) and shame; thinking that perfection required your toil and all manner of wearisome labor! [Which is what the Greek word ponerous means. Often translated, evil.]

Luke 11:33 No one lights a lamp, only to hide it in some secret compartment or under a business-basket; it is rather placed strategically on a lampstand, where its light is of maximum advantage to anyone who enters the house at any time. (The word εἰσπορευόμενοι eisporeuomenoi is a Present Participle which expresses the continuous sense of the verb; thus, entering in from time to time. See notes in verse 35.)

Luke 11:34 The eye is the lamp of the

body. When the eye is entwined with light, the entire person is illuminated! But when the ponerous-system of wearisome rules and regulations is its focus, it's all darkness. (The word, haplos, from ha, particle of union; hama, together with + pleko, meaning to plait, braid, weave together. If the eye is "single" [entwined with light], the whole body is full of light! Entwining our eyes with Papa's eyes is what enlightens our entire being! Which is exactly what the word Kawa in Hebrew means in Isa 40:31, they that entwine with the Lord's thoughts mount up with wings like eagles! We are wired by design to entwine! The word, ponerous is often translated, evil; it suggests the intoxication of a futile mentality of hardships labors and annoyances - which is what the system of performance, is all about! See Rom 3:27)

Oh what an amazing, global opportunity we have, for light to dispel darkness. For love to dispel fear. We don't need to first get rid of darkness! Light deals most effectively and effortlessly with darkness. The light of the gospel does not reveal sin; it reveals our freedom from it! [2 Cor 13:5]

Light is so irresistibly attractive, and oh so needed where darkness has found such a presence in societies across the planet! The mission of Jesus was not to begin a Christian religion or a Christian political party - or to win votes against Caesar or the Sanhedrin - he came to exhibit the image and likeness of the invisible God in the most visible possible way - human life; not as in a display window, but as in a mirror!

And the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord even as the waters cover the sea! And all flesh shall see it together!



“Arise and shine for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you! And the nations shall come to your LIGHT and their leaders to the brightness of your rising!”

Multitudes are in hell on this side of the grave; we have the keys to unlock a door that was already opened when Jesus went there as a man to free the human race from Adam to Noah, to now! Wow, what joy to introduce people to the freedom of sonship! Let’s not make the other brother in Luke 15 our reference when we can know the Father’s heart!

Jesus, the great Rescuer of the human race has given us the key that unlocks the prison doors of our every futile effort to define our lives, and translates us seamlessly into the romance of the ages. Our redeemed union, the blueprint life of our design is celebrated once more in the adventure of uncluttered oneness.

Luke 12:22 He looked his disciples in the eye and said, “Do not be distracted by any anxious thought about your life! Don’t waste a moment worrying where your next meal is coming from, or what you’re going to wear. (Phil 4:6 Let no anxiety about anything distract you! The word 1merimnao, anxiety, through the idea of distraction, from meritzo, to divide.)

Luke 12:23 Your inner person is so much more than food and your body than the clothes you put on it!

Luke 12:24 Ponder rather, how carefree the crows are! They do not sow or reap; neither do they have secret store chambers or granaries - God indulges them. Now, compared to birds, to what greater lengths do you think, would God

be prepared to go for you, in order to nurture you? (The word, κατανοησατε katanoesate, means to observe carefully. Now, here is a beautiful word, διαφέρω diapherō; to bear or carry through any place; to carry different ways; to carry in different directions; to different places; of people who are carried hither and thither in a ship; driven to and fro; to travel up and down. Imagine how far and wide birds would fly in order to find food for their young!)

The peace we have in the most ideal circumstances is the same peace we have in the most adverse situations!

We do not need to invent our own if we can tap into the peace of God - it passes all understanding and keeps our hearts and minds secure in Christ!

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Wm Paul Young - Author of The Shack



WE ARE THE

of His

GLORY

Story

STEPHAN PRETORIUS

This TAG reflects a wide variety of projects and activities that Touching Africa is involved in and portrays what our network members are doing on an everyday basis – living their dream. From teaching to consulting, from healing our people to serving on the streets, from farming the land to touching the city – all giving people hope and touching their lives. Above all, the WORD is becoming FLESH in our midst! (Joh 1:14).

Paul explained to the Ephesians that we are predestined to be SONS of God through Jesus Christ, according to His PURPOSE and His WILL. Therefore, we ARE the “praise of His glorious grace” (Eph 1:5,6). The Greek word for praise (ainos), means to tell a story! If we live God’s dream, our lives are telling the story of His GLORY!

We are preparing ourselves in Touching Africa for growing opportunities to make a difference through our projects. We are structured to BE an institution of

integrity, managing project funding for the benefit of the people in Africa. As part of this preparation, we are busy developing various co-operatives to host projects within different business sectors, from water supply to business development, agricultural services to enterprise development, and social to commercial and development programs.

Through this process, we are building a basis of PARTNERS within the Touching Africa network to facilitate this project and co-operative development. These partners contribute a monthly fee that assists us in developing the Touching Africa framework to be a “host of integrity” for the establishment of greater mega-projects in our midst. I am excited that we are moving towards a very practical approach to make a difference on a broader scale. I invite you to participate in this process. The more we identify opportunities to work together, the more we will reflect the STORY of HIS GLORY, being part of the BODY of the Corporate Christ in the marketplace.

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Stephan Pretorius has a passion for the Kingdom of God. He has been dedicating his life towards living for the Kingdom of God, and we can share in these fruits as we embark on the journey of reading his book, “Dit is Tyd - vir Koninkryk”. This book explains the TRUTH of God’s WORD in such a way that we understand God’s Kingdom and His plan for our lives. This book was published in 2019, but

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TOUCHING THE CITY OF

Tshwane

HANNEKE PRETORIUS

A recent project completed through the co-operation between several Touching Africa Network associates is a demonstration of how we can make a difference by working together. This is evident from a Disaster Risk and Vulnerability Assessment project completed for the City of Tshwane, by DMS NPC (Disaster Management Solutions, a non-profit company) and AGES (Africa Geo-environmental and Engineering Science).

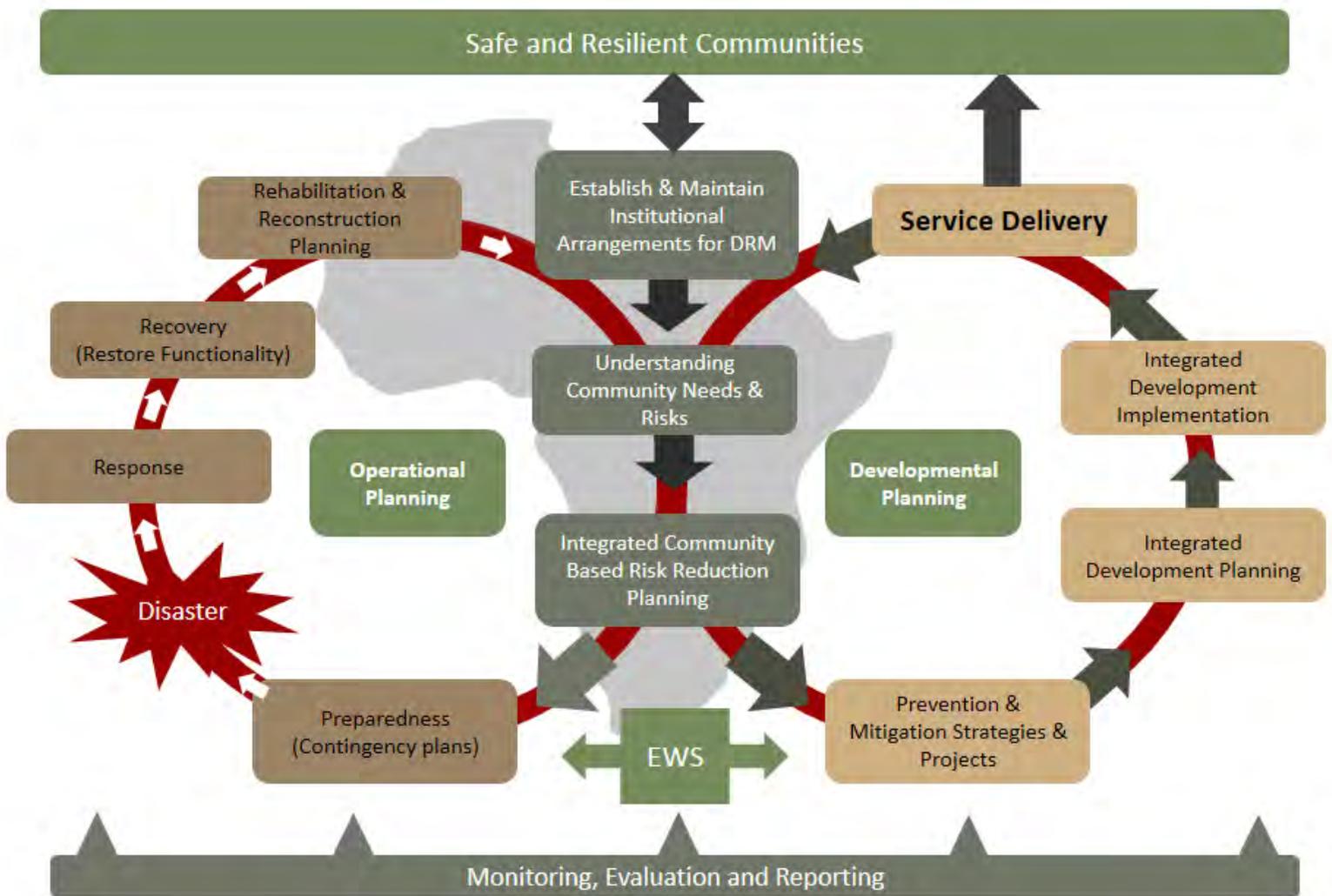
Through this co-operation it was possible to apply international best practices within the South African Disaster Risk Management environment.

As partners within the Touching Africa network, DMS NPC and AGES Alpha are looking forward to changing the way municipalities tackle their disaster risk management practices—to become hands-on so that not only legal requirements are met, but also enhancing communities' resilience on a practical level through skills and training and involvement throughout the project.

More about DMS NPC

DMS NPC's strategy, as portrayed in their brand new logo, is to enhance community resilience by ensuring sufficient inter-linkage between proactive disaster risk reduction and developmental planning, as well as operational response and recovery planning. The DMS NPC logo is visually expanded and represented by two inter-linking cycles illustrated in the figure on the following page.





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The developmental planning circle located on the right of the figure above; illustrates pro-active planning in terms of developmental planning that aims to enhance community resilience.

By integrating Disaster Risk Management (DRM) efforts into development planning, service delivery can be improved (i.e. enhancing services delivered where they exist, and delivering new services where there are gaps).

As illustrated in the circle on the left side of the DRM, preparedness, response and recovery plans must be developed and implemented for all priority disaster risks that cannot be prevented (i.e. those derived from natural hazards).

More about AGES

AGES brings geo-environmental solutions to the community of Africa through an integrated scientific AND people-centered approach for the past 30 years.

The AGES logo resembles, from right to left, (like reading in Hebrew) a once dark Africa, with a colorless man to resemble as in Gal 2:20 that it is no longer I who live, but Christ in me. Then the Africa turns blue to illustrate God's Kingdom.



EAGLE'S NEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



PIET BARNARD

A drive through Polokwane is not often with the idea of visiting the Eagle's Nest Christian School (ENCS), a place of small beginnings and astounding results. Marie and I were met with open arms by Mac and Elsa van den Berg, the current vision leaders and principal. And we, after a tour of the school, could only marvel at what our great Lord can do through the obedience of His sons and daughters.

But first, I will be amiss in not mentioning Gert Pretorius, Elsa's father; who at 91 vividly recalled his experiences as a young boy on his father's farm in Chipata, Zambia and later in Zimbabwe. What an inspiration he is.

The 3 pillars of the school that Mac and Elsa started with a group of Christian families 25 years ago, are Prayer, Education and Outreach. Starting off with 7 temporary classrooms on condition of these being

removed from a site within a month, to obstacles such as rezoning, transport, services and finances over the years and being one of the first multicultural schools in Polokwane, has become a turnkey solution from preschool to Grade 12, including boarding facilities. Large sportsgrounds and country surrounds complete the picture.



ENCS CHOIR BLESSING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR FARMING GROUP



I have encountered some of the kids who schooled there and what a blessing they are; watching their ease and freedom of association within our multicultural society.

Mac and Elsa have also launched an impressive project (one of many), to cultivate medicinal herbs which has progressed to the harvesting and drying of Artemesia annua and Moringa among others. This all becomes part of the curriculum, hands on and progressive. Artemesia is used as a repellent against malaria and some use it as a first line of defence against the Covid virus. Value is added to these medicinal herbs in the form of tea and cream for hands, face and body.



DRYING HERBS, ORGANIC GARDEN SPRAY, WORM TEA



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Another such is Foundation for Farming workshops which highlight Africa's diverse needs and solutions, practical farming and compost making. Foundations for Farming also forms a part of ENCS's curriculum, which is described in more detail on the following page.

A quick glance through the Official Newsletter of ENCS gives an immediate impression of excellence, commitment and community. During our walkabout, which was during school holidays, we met teachers from faraway lands preparing for the new term. They were so open and free in their expression and love for their work.

If you wish, do yourself a favour and Google ENCS, click on Newsletter T1 2020. It is an inspiring read and Touching Africa is proud to be associated with such a committed institution.



GREAT GRANDPA GERT, FERLEE AND MAC VAN DEN BERG



FOUNDATIONS FOR FARMING

A PART OF EAGLE'S NEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM

Foundations for Farming is a message. The message is about our Father, the Creator who desires to have a living relation with us, His children. He calls us to be faithful stewards of his creation, to see our work as our greatest act of worship to Him. We enjoy what we do.

Foundation for Farming is all about making disciples for Jesus Christ, believing that He is the only foundation, also for agriculture (1 Cor 3:10).

The school curriculum of Foundation for Farming is formulated as a revelation of God. We are using God's principles "into" the subject to reveal God's promises. If you obey God's instruction, He always starts with the heart, then the head and then the hand will bear righteous fruit (Luke 8:15). In the school, we are teaching the children to be faithful stewards of God's creation with small things then the Lord will bless you with a lot. Children are taught not to disturb God's order of creation. For example: The importance of the order of creation as a faithful steward :

Light – we need the light of God in us as well as the plant needs light to grow. Gen 1:3-4;

Water – faith steward of water. We need to catch it, keep it and then release it. How do we catch water? With a blanket. Air – every living thing needs air to live and grow. Plants need air. God's breath in us to live. Gen 2:7;

Soil/land – Soil belongs to God. Gen 1:9 In God's farm no inversion of soil always a blanket;

Vegetation/Plants – All plant are for God who is in control. We are just caretakers. Gen 1:11, Gen 2:8 God is the master farmer. If we have water, light, air and land – then we can farm.

We use Godly principles to teach, evaluate and guide the children into God's purpose and responsibilities given to man for work, which is the "act of worship" – practically. Gen 2:15 – take care and work. During the process of disciples; we develop while discipling to restore that relationship which was lost. Gen 1:28, matt 28:18-20 and Gen 2:15.

We teach the children principles of being a good steward of the land. Four principles to make a success :

On time – God gives us time. He is always on time Ecc 3:1-2;

At standard – God's work is on standard Genesis 1:31 "It was very good" God gives precise measurements;

No wastage – Our God is not wasteful, everything made for a purpose
Do not waste : time – not planning Jesus was not wasteful – Matt 14:20;

With joy – If we do all things on time, at standard, without wastage, hope will come into our heart.

Principle of caring of things taught to our children in class and outside classroom because it is for life. Romans 15:13; Proverbs 28:19, Proverbs 14:23

At the end of the training, we want to see a disciplined child, who is going to implement God's principles in his or her life to be restored fully to Christ and be part of the solution for Africa in the field of "work". We have everything in our hands, to feed and develop Africa by doing our work in God's way. And remember that work is NOT a curse but a BLESSING.

In His Service,

J.N. van den Berg, Principal: ENCS

**Elsa van den Berg, Co ordinator:
Foundations for Farming**

FOUNDATIONS FOR FARMING TRAINING, DONE BY BOET AND CELIA PRETORIUS



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Ani Jileli

PIET BARNARD

A recent visit to Tzaneen brought into touch a lovely couple by name of Herkie and Corinne Sanderbergh. You may have heard of the good work Corinne, with her husband Herkie's assistance, is doing in that community and have done for years elsewhere in an effort, inter alia, to Stop Human Trafficking.

Here we have an exit program, where the pinnacle of God's creation had turned to begging, was then exploited, eventually to end in prostitution. A terrible fate and degradation to face initially, and finally face alone.

Many years ago, Corinne confronted this anguish head on, compelling her to seek Gods intervention and wisdom to address the abuse. What Marie and I encountered during our visit, was a Godly plan to take the abused women off the street to enter an exit strategy initiated by Corinne called ANIVILELI.

There stood the old bus shed turned into a skills development centre, a fully equipped kitchen, and space enough to teach sewing, cooking and other skills. To top it all, a solar audio device with an audio bible in various languages is gifted to overcome illiteracy. The women are taught the saving grace of Christ and salvation that awaits the act of repentance. An exit strategy we know is true, faithful and kind.

Indeed, as we shared and witnessed, five of the women who had joined the program earlier arrived back after their successful registration as berry pickers. They would start working the next day and were all smiles. Others are taught baking skills, vegetable gardening and sewing. The

idea is to share these skills from home in their communities.

Evident to all this is the beauty of the setting, the standard of training and the quality of the structures.

So what can we do to support this project as an exit to the scourge of human trafficking?

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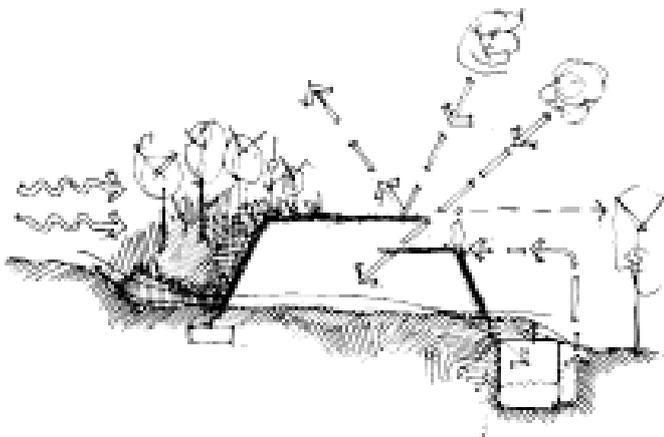
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ERNIE STRYDOM

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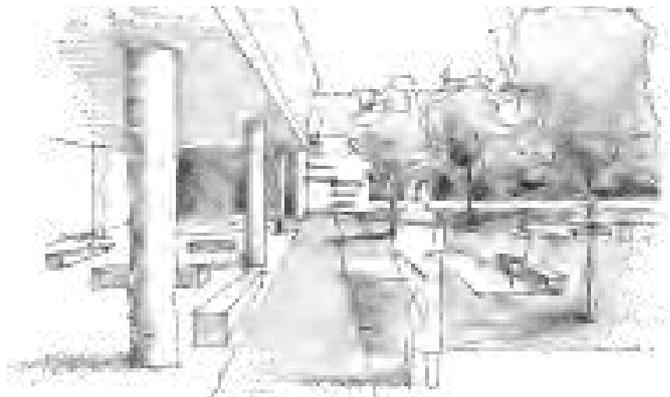
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1. Ecological aspects



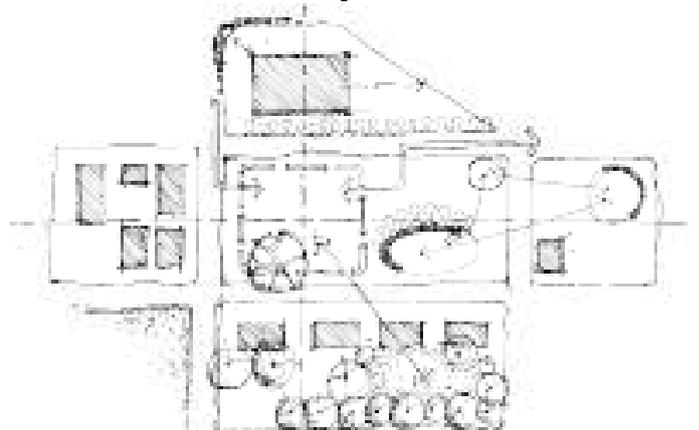
- We seek to integrate buildings and landscapes with natural systems.
- Environmental protection, restoration and conservation.

2. Social aspects



- Through social inclusion, we contribute to a more humane environment.
- Heritage and cultural identity contribute greatly to the design process

3. Economic aspects



- Cost effective design.
- We intend to promote profitability and growth through architecture.



Every building, landscape and public space is responsibly designed to fit in seamlessly within its greater context with the aim to contribute to the dynamic development of our country. We embrace Africa's unique cultural diversity.



Our values

- God is our source and provider.
- We value each person with dignity and respect
- We utilize our God-given talents and resources, aiming to design creative solutions to practical issues on site.
- Unashamedly Ethical.



Lydia Lulama Ernie Hercules Lettie
 Administrator Architectural Technician Architect Candidate landscape architect Liason



ENVIRONMENTAL

Impact Assessment



MARI VAN DER WESTHUIZEN & MARCEL PRINSLOO

When is it necessary to obtain Environmental Authorisation for agricultural activities?

According to the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998), there are several agricultural activities that require environmental authorisation. For **smaller activities** a **Basic Assessment** is sufficient to obtain environmental authorisation, but for larger activities a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment is required. Not complying could lead to hefty fines (up to R10 million) or even imprisonment.

There are several Listed Activities that are applicable to proposed developments or improvements within the agricultural sector. These include activities related to livestock production (stock units, slaughter facilities), packsheds, fuel storage, effluent ponds, the physical alteration of virgin soil to agriculture, removal of indigenous vegetation

through ploughing, establishment of bridges / weirs, water extraction and storage in dams, composting and waste management, release of genetically-modified organisms and the subdivision of land.

The location of the development site is also relevant, as some areas have a higher conservation priority. These include sites outside urban areas; in Protected Areas, Conservancies or Biosphere Reserves, within 5km of a Nature Reserve or within 10km of a World Heritage Site or a National Park; in sensitive areas identified in terms of the Environmental Management Framework; in critical biodiversity areas; or in areas zoned for open space or conservation use. The types of Listed Activities for these areas include: construction of reservoirs; erecting masts or towers for telecommunication; the construction of roads or aircraft landing strips; the clearance of indigenous vegetation and the construction of storage facilities for dangerous goods.



THE THRESHOLDS OF SOME LISTED ACTIVITIES ARE GIVEN BELOW:

- The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the **concentration of animals** in densities that exceed (i) 20 square metres per **large stock unit** and more than 500 units per facility; (ii) 8 square meters per **small stock unit** and (a) more than 1 000 units per facility excluding pigs where (b) applies; or (b) more than 250 **pigs** per facility excluding piglets that are not yet weaned;
- The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the **concentration** of (i) more than 1 000 **poultry** per facility situated within an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days; (ii) more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days; (iii) more than 5 000 chicks younger than 20 days per facility situated within an urban area; or (iv) more than 25 000 chicks younger than 20 days per facility situated outside an urban area;
- The development and related operation of **hatcheries** or **agri-industrial** facilities outside industrial complexes where the development footprint covers an area of 2 000 square metres or more;
- The development of (i) **Dams or weirs**, where the dam or weir, including infrastructure and water surface area, **exceeds 100 m²**; or (ii) **Infrastructure or structures** with a physical footprint of 100 m² or more where such development occurs within a watercourse, in front of development setback; or if no development setback exists, within 32 m of a watercourse;
- The development of facilities or infrastructure for the off-stream **storage of water**, including dams and reservoirs, with a combined capacity of **50 000 m³** or more;
- The infilling or depositing of any material of more than **10 m³** into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of **more than 10 m³ from a watercourse**;
- The development of a **road** with a reserve wider than **13,5 m** or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than **8m** and more than **100 m** long;
- The clearance of an area **1 ha** or more of indigenous vegetation;
- **Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments** where such land was previously used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation;
- The physical alteration of virgin soil to agriculture, or forestation for the purposes of commercial tree, timber or wood production of **100 ha** or more;
- The development and operation of facilities or infrastructure for the treatment of effluent, wastewater of sewage with a daily throughput capacity of more than **2000** cubic metres;

It should also be noted that additional Listed Activities fall more under aquaculture and the production of finfish, crustaceans, reptiles, amphibians, molluscs and aquatic plants are specified in the EIA Regulations. Environmental assessments are also required for the expansion of agricultural facilities, according to certain thresholds.

Should any of the above be “triggered” by a proposed activity on a farm, the applicant is required to appoint an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to conduct the environmental authorisation process (Basic Assessment or Scoping and EIA) on behalf of the applicant.





ALTA LINDEQUE

Siposetu Mjolo is a qualified Social Worker that started her own practice in King William's Town. SM Social Wellness conducts counselling services or therapy to children, families, and employees through an Employee Assistance program. Limited resources left her with few options for a business logo and social media marketing ads. Everything about her brand was a bit wrong. As a Professional Graphic Designer, I know the challenges that Start-Ups face in developing an appropriate brand and marketing material when embarking on a new business venture. For every small business that succeeds, a household and a community benefit. The aim of BRANDNEW SUPPORT

PROGRAMME is to help young Entrepreneurs like Sethu stand out from the crowd with an excellent brand that portrays their values and vision. BRANDNEW SUPPORT PROGRAMME offers support in various ways:

- Graphic Design
- Marketing advice
- Liaising with printers
- Liaising with **brandnew support programme** partners

My heart warmed up when I got this from Sethu: "Did you see we got a client from the Facebook page – she saw the ad on the page."





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Hello, I am Sethu and I care.






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Although my clients are from all over South Africa, I am based in Worcester, Western Cape, where I do business as a Graphic Designer, using the name Ekzaltim Visual Problem Solving. My services include logo design, lay out, marketing, illustrations, stationery and

more. I only recently started with art classes for children and my hope is to contribute to the community by enlisting students that are not fortunate to pay for class. I am a firm believer in networking, supporting local business and building bridges to various communities.

If you need more information or want to partner with us, please contact me Alta Lindeque on 084 580 8682 or altalindeque@ekzaltim.com <https://altalindeque.wixsite.com/ekzaltim>



TOP 10 REASONS FOR A

Testament

ADV, HUIBRÉ LAMPRECHT DISCUSSES THE ESSENTIAL AND INVALUABLE REASONS FOR SETTING UP ONE'S TESTAMENT

HUIBRÉ LAMPRECHT

Did you know that approximately 86% of South Africans have not made plans for their death? For some reason setting up our last will and testament makes us think about our own mortality, and so we tend to put it off. During this season of Covid 19 the world as we know it, is turned on its head, and we are directly confronted the impermanence of our existence on earth.

Having a will is arguably one of the most important things you can do for yourself and your family. Not only can a will legally protect your spouse, children, and assets, it can also spell out exactly how you would like things handled after you have passed on.

While each person's situation varies, here are the top ten reasons to have a will.

1) You decide how your estate will be distributed. A will is a legally-binding document that lets you determine how you would like your estate to be handled upon your death. If you die without a will, there is no guarantee that your intended desires will be carried out. Having a will helps minimize any family fights about your estate that may arise, and also determines the "who, what, and when" of your estate.

2) You decide who will take care of your minor children. A will allows you to make an informed decision about who should take care of your minor children. In the absence a will, the court will take it upon itself to choose among family members or a state-appointed guardian. Having a will allows you to appoint the person you want to raise your children or, better, make sure it is not someone you do not want to raise your children.

3) To avoid a lengthy probate process. All estates must go through the process of registering with the Master of the High Court, with or without a will. Having a will, however, speeds up the process and informs the Master how you'd like your estate divided. If you do not have a Will in place when you pass away, you die 'intestate', which means your assets will be distributed in terms of the law of Intestate succession.

4) Minimize estate taxes and provide for liquidity in your estate. Another reason to have a will is because it allows you to minimize your estate taxes through proper consultation and the advice of your financial advisor. Liquidity refers to the cash available in an estate or to the assets such



as investments that can easily be turned into cash. Your executor needs to settle all your debts when you die; all relevant taxes and costs need to be paid - these include estate duty, capital gains tax, transfer costs for fixed property as well as valuation costs, Master's fees and executor's remuneration. Liquidity would also be required to provide for the immediate financial needs as well as to provide for the long-term financial needs of your loved ones, especially minor children.

5) You decide who will wind up the affairs of your estate. Your executors play the biggest role in the administration of your estate, you will want to be sure to appoint someone who is honest, trustworthy, and organized (which may or may not always be a family member).

6) You can disinherit individuals who would otherwise stand to inherit. Most people do not realize they can disinherit individuals out of their will. Yes, you may wish to disinherit individuals who may otherwise inherit your estate if you die without a will. Just keep in mind should you decide to disinherit your wife or minor children who are dependent on you, they can bring a claim for maintenance against the estate.

7) Make gifts and donations. The ability to make gifts is a good reason to have a will because it allows your legacy to live on and reflect your personal values and interests. Certain bequests are excluded from estate tax, so you're also increasing the value of your estate for your heirs and beneficiaries to enjoy. Be sure to speak to your appointed executor, and keep in mind that The Touching Africa NPC is such a tax exempted entity.

8) Avoid greater legal challenges - there can be disputes between your intestate heirs, or heirs which stand to inherit which your executor is unable to trace, which can also cause long, unnecessary delays.

9) Because you can change your mind if your life circumstances change.

A good reason for having a will is that you can change it at any time while you're still alive. Life changes, such as births, deaths, and divorce, can create situations where changing your will are necessary.

10) Because tomorrow is not promised.

Procrastination and the unwillingness to accept death as part of life are common reasons for not having a will. Sometimes the realization that wills are necessary comes too late – such as when an unexpected death or disability occurs. To avoid the added stress on families during an already emotional time, it may be wise to meet with an estate planning lawyer to help you draw up a basic estate plan at the minimum, before it's too late.

Adv. Huibré Lamprecht is the founding director of HLBK(Pty) Ltd. She and her team specialize in drafting of wills, administration of deceased estates, trusts and “special trusts”, independent trustee appointment, tax advice and -planning, drafting of legal agreements and documents and company secretarial services. They can be contacted in Potchefstroom on 018 294 3722 or hl@hlbk.co.za.



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Within the Touching Africa network Prof Fika Janse van Rensburg, Mr Jonatan Baron, Mr Johan Janse van Rensburg, Ds Willem Louw and Mr Willem Coetzee are positive about the change that a system like JOBJACK can bring

to Potchefstroom and are assisting to identify businesses that will benefit from JOBJACK.

Once business have listed available posts on the platform, the applicants can start to apply!

Every successful appointment will have a positive effect on the economic landscape of Potchefstroom and we look forward to supporting the transformation process, especially in these challenging times.



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