

TCN: Report January to June 2009

1. TCN partners SASCOL EC for 2010

- * TCN has played a supporting role in the establishment of SASCOL EC. This provincial initiative is being rolled out and managed from the TCN office in NM Bay. The **South African Sports Coalition** (SASCOL) is affiliated to the **International Sports Coalition** (ISC) whose focus is to organize a sports ministry during all major world sporting events e.g. the World Cup.
- * SASCOL has organized a project around the World Cup called **THE ULTIMATE GOAL**. The vision of the project is to share the Love and Message of Christ in many different ways with players, their families, coaches, officials, game organizers, visitors, fans and local residents.
- * **The EC Region is** focusing on the following: promoting sound **values and leadership** development; **fighting crime; HIV & Aids; families; nation building** and building a **legacy** for beyond 2010.
- * Our vision: to appoint a **“soccer” life skills coach** in every school; to assist schools to establish **community based sports academies** and to take “church” to the sports fields of our country.
- * SASCOL is also rolling out a **16 option menu of outreach initiatives** for churches who wish to become involved in 2010. We are utilizing the already established 7 provincial districts to promote 2010 in the EC. In conjunction with 106 DRC congregations in the Eastern Province, we are working on establishing a network throughout the EC. Our initial priority is the establishment of HUB churches and schools in each ward in NM Bay and the training of Ubabalo eAfrica life skills coaches.
- * The four critical factors that will determine the success of this project are: the formation of devoted **prayer networks**, effective **marketing and communication**, the **training** of coaches and the establishment of **local organizing committees**.
- * Ubabalo eAfrica and TUG will be officially launched in NM Bay Stadium when the ex **Brazil** world cup team meet the **Bafana Bafana** legends on 9 August 2009.

2. United Prayer Movement

- * The United Prayer Movement has been exceedingly blessed this year as this network has seen God answer prayer in miraculous ways. All Glory to God!
- * The movement has experienced a very fruitful period and has been actively involved in 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting for the economy, for a boost in **motor industry** orders and for rain on the farms.
- * The UPM is playing a supportive role in preparation for the 2010 World Cup. They have been actively involved in a **workshop** with Cassie Carstens and Neville Goldman to familiarize the UPM with the needs of SA during the World Cup. They have also been prayer walking the new stadium and rolling out EC Church Net to the whole of the EC Province.
- * In the schools the UPM is involved with children’s prayer requests coming through **“Parents-who-care” prayer teams**.
- * **Crime and Violence** is a major focus area of the UPM. A new initiative is supporting the police with their fight against crime by street walking the very areas where gangsterism and violence are

rife. More and more prayer networks in the NM Bay are joining hands. The Air Wing and SAPS Garage units have come on board while the “Listeners” group is now also networking with the UPM. For a full report see www.tcn.org.za under UPM

3. HIV and Aids

- * After being actively involved in the establishment of the **Emmanuel Haven Wellness Center** for the last 4 ½ years, it was decided to hand over the reins to local directors. TCN played a supportive role in the establishment of all facets of the center. We were grateful that we could serve the Motherwell community in their fight against HIV & AIDS.
- * Closing one door provided an opportunity to open another. TCN through its involvement with SASCOL in “The Ultimate Goal” project has embarked on a 5 year HIV & Aids project aimed at all the Grade 7’s in our schools. A pilot project is being conducted in 4 schools in the NM Bay. The pilot is using material developed by the “**Whitney’s Kiss**” organization and will use the number of teenage pregnancies as the key criteria in measuring the outcome of the initiative.

4. Family

- * TCN continues to partner FAMSA and 8 other family service related bodies in the city in promoting the “**Family 1st**” initiative. Family 1st will be launched with “Ubabalo eAfrica” and “The Ultimate Goal” on 9 August 2009 at the new NMB Stadium, also with Rob Parsons visit to the city on 2 and 3 September 2009 and to the city senior church leadership on Thursday, 5 November 2009.

5. Men’s Ministry

- * “**All Men Praise and Worship**” evenings continue to be held frequently with speakers focusing on men accepting accountability for their own actions, being worthy husbands and fathers, mentoring the next generation of men and adding value to their communities. Pastors Jimmy Crompton and John Scholtz spoke on fathers as mentors. This is being followed up on Thursday, 30 July 2009 by Bishop Bethlehem speaking on the role of the father and Ds Danie Mouton, on the role of the husband. TCN is partnering SASCOL EC in its focus on families with the special focus on the role of fathers. Africa has been labeled as the fatherless continent. With our 100 000 child soldiers and 11 million orphans we as fathers need to be more than just fathers to our own children but need to be fathers to all the children of Africa.

6. Church

- * Regular, well attended breakfasts are held for **Senior Church Leaders**. The city is starting to benefit from the strong relationships that have been built up between these key leaders.
- * The TCN **Pastoral Reference Group** (PRG) has been restructured to represent an equal number of pulpit pastors and workplace Christian leaders. TCN is endeavoring to ensure that the composition reflects representation of all 5 NM Bay municipal clusters.

7. Youth

- * The first 6 months of this year have been very exciting. We begun with the **IGNITE** conference in February where 350 delegates from all over the Eastern Cape came together for equipping and inspiration in the areas of youth and children’s ministry. Over 50 churches from a variety of denominations all over the region were represented.

- * **Change Agents** was held in March. This camp is an opportunity for those who feel called to impact their nation through positively influencing young people to, come together, create lasting relationships with like minded people and leave refreshed and inspired to build into the emerging generation.
- * **Worthy young women's** conference was held in May. It was so exciting to see 150 young ladies come together from various cultural backgrounds and high schools to share their life experiences, worship our Lord and leave feeling far more confident in themselves and their immense value in Christ.
- * A new initiative ran on June 16th for youth day. Over three hundred young people gathered for an event called **OUTLIT** where we worshipped the Lord and prayed for our city. The following day was spent reaching out to the needy all over the city, with incredible reports of healings, and various other moving testimonies.

8. Business

- * The 9.2.5. Workplace Prayer initiative continues to meet at the **City Hall** Committee Room and **PERCCI** Boardroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 07:00
- * Although **Mike Smith** has been assisting the Coega Industrial Development Corporation for the last few months, he has also been actively involved in monitoring the implementation of the workplace ministry initiative at Harvest Christian Center. When Mike completes his commitment to Coega at the end of July, he will resume his role at TCN and focus on the workplace ministry approach in the NM Bay.

9. Education

- * On 13 and 14 March 2009, under the auspices of TCN, the Harvest Institute hosted a Teachers' Workshop on the **Integration of Biblical Values** in the National Curriculum statement. The workshop was for any teachers teaching any Grade in any South African school and was attended by approximately 100 teachers. Parents, teachers and the public were invited to an open session on "Understanding the role that values play in post-modern education in South Africa".
- * As a result of the workshop it was decided to form a working group to explore the formation of a "**Teachers' Network**". The working group would be made up of persons reflecting the diversity of our city and they would hold biannual meetings. The focus would be on sharing ideas on the strategic management of the curriculum and providing a source of ongoing inspiration and support for teachers. The network, assisted by TCN, has been organizing frequent lunches for school principals to discuss topics of common interest.