

ARISE and BUILD

4 December to 10 December 2022

Encouragement:

Pray to the Lord for the city because if it prospers, you will prosper.

Jeremiah 29:7

Praise God for the many wonderful answers to prayer during NMB in 2022:

1. The Ward Breakfasts seeking to create interaction between the Church leaders and Church leaders in each Ward, as well as between the Church Leaders and the Ward Councillor in every NMB Ward
2. The Gospel Outreaches – resulting in the salvation of many NMB people, as well as resulting in backsliders returning to the Lord
3. The establishment of a new, very necessary Rehabilitation Centre in West End
4. Many more people praying for a move of God in the Bay e.g. 24/7 Prayer Watches
5. Sufficient rain in the Catchment Area to prevent NMB from totally running out of water
6. Congregations reaching out to the needy
7. Congregations helping with skills development.
8. Some very positive Service Delivery feedback, plus several other answers to prayer.

(Nehemiah 2: 17)

A. Prayer re: Service Delivery feedback

1. A group has been instituted to verify all tenders being awarded. This is to ensure that the particular vendor has the correct equipment to perform the task.
2. Of the 20 000 potholes 12 000 have been repaired; many road markings have been painted; 4 000 of the 10 000 street lights have been repaired; and 5 000 water leaks have also been repaired.
3. **Problems:** not possible to do all repairs per Ward, as other Wards will feel deprived, the municipality is trying to share the repairs amongst the different Wards; there is a very heavy workload; cable theft is extremely serious – they are replacing cables with aluminium; various traffic lights have been vandalised. To replace a traffic light costs between R150 000 – R 200 000. There is a backlog of 90 000 RDP houses that needs to be addressed. This housing problem is causing people to sleep in the streets or in other forms of 'informal' shelters.
4. So, please pray for **our NMB Executive Mayor and the Local Council:** for wisdom, knowledge, understanding, discernment and strategy; as well as for them all to have the vision of restoring NMB; our Councillors to have a passion and a love for our city and her people; political stability and the rooting out corruption; strong unity among the coalition partners; the Lord to crush the spirit of greed in NMBM; the NMB Council to be able to operate without hindrance, as they seek to improve conditions in the Bay.

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- B. **Pray for all the NMB Essential Services:** The members of the SAPS; the Armed Forces; the Correctional Services; the Medical Staff; and all Educationalists! Grant them health, protection, wisdom, guidance and great success in every initiative.

C. Continue to pray for rain in our catchment area

(Isaiah 41: 17-18)

PEFM to regain their Broadcasting Licence!

(Isaiah 54: 17)

All Congregations to experience great love; unity and Revival!

(Psalm 85: 6)

The outcomes of the ReAWKN YOUTH FESTIVAL 2-3 December. **(Psalm 119: 9)**

Remember the promise: ... *pray to the Lord for the city because if it prospers, you will prosper.* **(Jeremiah 29:7)**