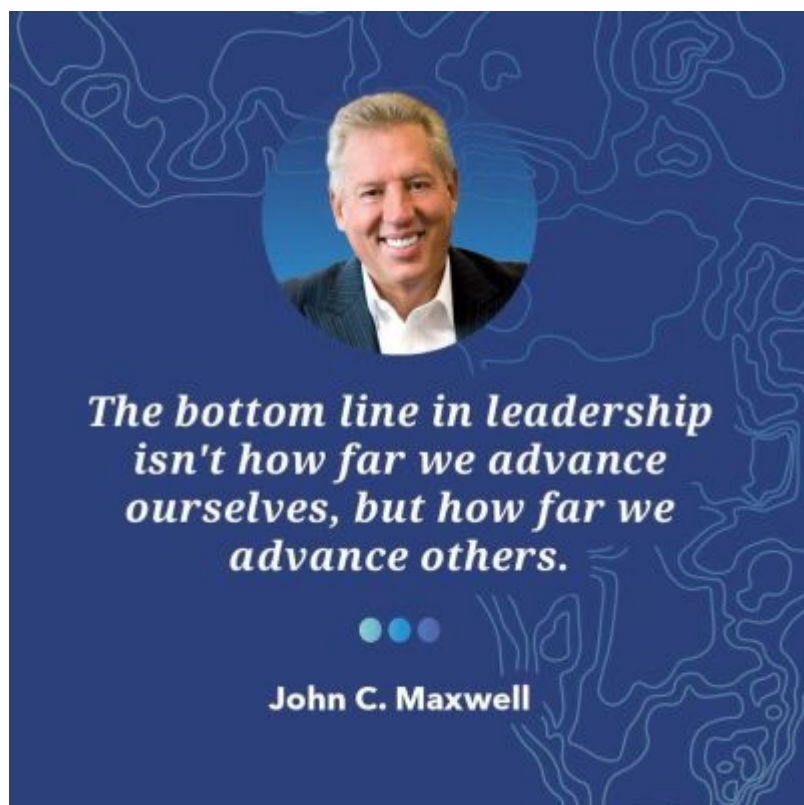


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A snapshot of ACDP successes – Cheryllyn Dudley



The ACDP's three MPs, from the left, Cheryllyn Dudley, Rev Kenneth Meshoe (party leader), and Steve Swart.

Can a small party like the ACDP make a difference? ACDP MP Cheryllyn Dudley lists a number of notable achievements of the party affecting the lives of South Africans in many different spheres.

“The voice of the people of South Africa must not only be heard but be seen to be heard – we in the ACDP have heard you and are grateful for the opportunity to work with you in making South Africa an even more caring and humane society.” – Cheryllyn Dudley

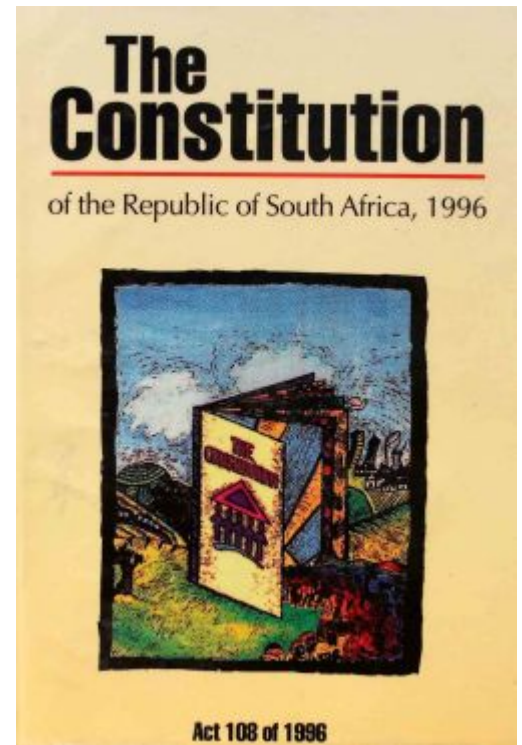
The ACDP has over the years worked on legislation and oversight of the implementation of that legislation – challenging offending clauses and arguing for restraint and

creative thinking on issues in many areas, including basic and higher education, safety and security, trade and industry, agriculture and land, minerals and energy, international relations, health, social development, finance, justice and constitutional affairs, private members' bills, water and environmental affairs, public enterprises and much more.

Our aim is to help build a strong, healthy nation based on solid economic and social principles and values which translate into good governance, equality, respect and human dignity. We aim to produce leaders of substance and integrity who place people first as we serve this nation.

Here is an overview of ACDP successes over the past 24 years:

Secular state – at the time of the drafting of the constitution in 1994, the ACDP was key in flagging issues that would impact negatively on freedom of religion in the years to follow. We were instrumental in helping mobilise the country on many issues including the matter of declaring South Africa a secular state. The ACDP succeeded in having a clause removed from the draft constitution which has made it possible for our courts to give freedom of religion its relevant status in judgements.



Home schooling – the ACDP was instrumental in ensuring that parliament had access to relevant information arguing for home schooling and ensuring that home education is protected by the constitution. This was critical as the prevailing sentiment at the time was one of suspicion that home schooling would be used to undermine nation building and promote segregation.

Mother to child transmission (MTCT) of HIV – the ACDP was active in ensuring access to antiretrovirals, especially prophylactics for rape survivors. In the early days we were at times the only voice in parliament calling for access to Nevirapin and for the roll-out of a nationwide programme to provide ARV's to mothers and babies at birth to prevent the transmission of HIV from the mother to her child. Many years later this became a reality.

Choice on termination of pregnancy (CTOP) – the ACDP has consistently challenged the legalisation of abortion on demand – keeping the issue on the agenda of parliament over the years in committee hearings and debates in the National Assembly. The ACDP has also tabled three private members bills in this regard – firstly proposing a constitutional amendment to

provide for the right to life of the unborn child, secondly a proposal to amend the CTOP Act to provide for informed choice for women through mandatory counselling, and thirdly the Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Bill tabled in Parliament in December 2017.

The 2017 bill proposed:

- ultrasound images of a foetus be shown before all abortions and mandatory counselling before and after abortions to ensure women have the information and support they need. Also to provide education as many abortions are repeat abortions.
- that for abortions between 13 and 20 weeks, a social worker and a doctor must agree regarding grounds of socioeconomic circumstances on the premise that social workers are better placed than doctors to advise women in crises circumstances and ensure that women do not feel they have no option but to terminate when facing challenging financial and/or personal circumstances.
- that a clause permitting a viable healthy foetus to be aborted in the third trimester due to “risk of injury to the foetus” be removed as there is a risk of injury to every foetus during the birthing process. The ACDP held that this clause was vague and made a mockery of the clear intention of the legislators to provide increased protection of the foetus as the pregnancy progressed.

Over the years varying degrees of increased support for improving CTOP legislation and a willingness on the part of some to engage on the issue has been encouraging. Sadly no parties chose to officially support the intention of the bills but the department did agree to look at ensuring through clinical guidelines that the grounds for termination in the third trimester could not be abused. The ACDP will follow up on this. The committee also added the words “at this time”

to the rejection of the bill which was encouraging.

Children's Act re spanking – the ACDP was directly responsible for both delaying a decision on this issue and eventually getting a clause “outlawing reasonable chastisement” removed from the bill to amend the Children's Act. This ensured that parents disciplining children in line with biblical guidelines and churches teaching on the subject were not acting unlawfully. This was just one of many attacks on the Church and as more churches have realised the impact of the ACDP in holding this ground they have taken a more active role to better understand and protect religious freedom.

Street children — the ACDP succeeded in making it compulsory for authorities to respond to reports re street children and to prioritise their safety. Sadly, due to lack of resources this has proved difficult to implement but when you request social and police help for these vulnerable children the law is on your side.



The ACDP has made an impact in the area of early childhood development (PHOTO: [JAM](#)).

Early childhood development (ECD) – the ACDP succeeded in making it compulsory for provinces to prioritise spending on ECD in disadvantaged communities (Children's Act). This was a

unique victory as technically, a national act cannot dictate to provinces re priorities in spending.

Smoking in cars with children – this was made illegal as a result of an ACDP proposal which has helped protect more children from the negative effects of secondary inhalation.

Outcomes based education (OBE) – The ACDP has, over many years, been alone and consistent voice arguing against OBE as a policy and pointing out its failings. The Minister of Education acknowledged these shortcomings and eventually dismantled OBE, addressing the very issues highlighted by the ACDP.

Sex education in schools and loveLife campaigns – at a time when sex education in schools and government- funded public campaigns were getting outrageously inappropriate the ACDP mobilised SA in opposing encouraging sexual experimentation by youth through publications, billboards and media campaigns. We also challenged wording in the sex education curriculum in schools and succeeded in getting the relevant attention and scrutiny in this regard. The ACDP was directly responsible for putting the breaks on the loveLife campaign and our efforts encouraged others in the majority party to continue vigilant oversight of loveLife activities and tight budgets.

Religion in education – the ACDP were the first to oppose former Education Minister Kader Asmal's proposals to remove religion from schools and achieved countrywide awareness.

Euthanasia – the ACDP took up the challenge in the early years of initiating debates and arguing against proposals for an End of Life Bill which would provide for euthanasia. We succeeded in getting the End of Life legislation put on hold and have continued to advise against its resurrection in a country where the burden of disease is so great and quality of life is so relative. To date it has not been revived.

Decriminalisation of prostitution – This has been on the

agenda of many and the ACDP has argued in the National Assembly, in hearings and in public debates for existing legislation to remain in place and for law enforcement to focus on those paying for services. These arguments have succeeded to date but continue to be an ACDP priority with regard to violence against women and children.

Pornography – the ACDP has opposed the legalisation of and easy access to adult pornography throughout our 24 years in office in parliament. On three occasions last year alone the ACDP addressed the National Assembly on the harms of pornography to society, especially for vulnerable groups like women and children. The ACDP also opposed the passing of the Films and Publications Bill this year, calling for a full-scale investigation into the public health costs and social consequences of adults' use of and exposure to pornography for the whole of South African society – before legalising mass online distribution of pornography in South Africa. The ACDP challenged MPs, saying they are prioritising the sexual entertainment of men over the safety of women and children. Failing to debate or consider scientific facts places women and children at greater risk of becoming victims of sexual violence. We also sponsored a petition to parliament in this regard.

Trafficking – The ACDP has consistently called on government, through motions, questions and debates, for legislation to help stop human trafficking and we have worked successfully on legislation to ensure it would be relevant and present minimal unintended consequences.

Environmental issues and GMOs – the ACDP has been vocal on environmental issues, including sustainable energy, nuclear power, pesticides and GMOs – and sponsored a petition to parliament which resulted in hearings taking place in relevant committees on the risks associated with GMOs and herbicides.

The animal protection bills – This is an ACDP initiative and

is presently before parliament. It is primarily focused on banning testing on animals for cosmetic purposes. Although the people of South Africa, and our highest courts, recognise the plight of animals and the need to protect them from abuses there is inadequate protection in law for this purpose and the ACDP took up the challenge in this regard. The concern is that while no cosmetic manufacturers in South Africa confess to testing on animals, it is likely that as other countries shut their doors, South Africa will be seen as a destination due to no restrictions in law. The Committee on Agriculture expects to be briefed on the bill during Aug/Sept 2018.

Equality's not the enemy of freedom of religion – the ACDP successfully argued for a change to a definition in the Woman's Empowerment and Gender Equality (WEGE) Bill to ensure that churches and NGOs were not included in onerous and unreasonable demands for leadership and gender quotas. We had worked with others to ensure submissions in the committee hearings had maximum impact and provided the backup we would need to argue convincingly for the change to be agreed to. It was.

Media freedom – on many occasions the ACDP has been key in protecting media freedom in South Africa. The ACDP has also played a pivotal role as part of the parliamentary task team looking into the SABC Board and related matters. SABC Inquiry – December 2016 – February 2017

Hate speech – the ACDP continues to be a voice of reason as work continues on this legislation.

State capture inquiry into Eskom and other SOEs– December 2017. The recognition and mandate for parliament's portfolio committees to take the initiative and face, head-on, the challenge of looking into the allegations of state capture was in direct response to an ACDP proposal adopted in the Chief Whip's Forum. The process

in committees was then ably assisted by ACDP participation in the demanding and long days, weeks and months of the process.

Historic Labour Laws AB passed in the National Assembly on November 28 2017 – The ACDP made history as the first opposition party and the first member of parliament to have a private member's bill passed in the National Assembly. This bill, which provides for parental and adoption leave, was celebrated widely as workers everywhere and especially young fathers, felt a greater sense of responsibility and of being valued in this important role. The bill is expected to pass through the NCOP soon and go to the president to be signed into law by August this year.

2016 local government elections – the ACDP agreed to cooperate for purposes of strengthening opposition and holds key positions in co-governing metros.

The role of the ACDP in the ZumaMustFall campaign – firstly, in the form of the close cooperation of the ACDP leader with opposition parties and the successful countrywide marches, especially in Gauteng and Cape Town. Secondly the work of the ACDP in parliament and cooperation across party lines to ensure the peaceful, transfer of power in response to the will of the people.

National Prayer Day in parliament (November 24 2017) – this was one of many initiatives by the ACDP to facilitate prayer in parliament and at other levels of government. It was a huge success.

Expropriation of land – The ACDP understands that for socioeconomic justice to be a reality, land redistribution is necessary and expropriation is inevitable but expropriation of land without fair compensation cannot be condoned.

We also acknowledge that the failure or success of our human settlements expansion programme, depends on accessing and releasing optimally-located land. Houses can only be built on

land which is suitable and well-located. It is critical that title deeds for land and houses are in the hands of the people of South Africa and not the state as envisaged by the EFF.

The ACDP has called on government to champion a pragmatic land redistribution drive guided by the principles of equity and justice. Expropriation of land without compensation has historically destabilised economies and destroyed the hopes and dreams that freedom promises.

The ACDP is presently actively involved in the Joint Constitutional Review Committee, which has been mandated to investigate possible amendments to Section 25 of the Constitution. Public hearings are presently being held in all provinces.

Israel/SA relations – the ACDP has been active in helping to manage and improve Israel/SA relations at the level of government, parliament, trade and commerce. We have consistently encouraged and supported efforts by government in respect of facilitating dialogue and negotiations between stakeholders en route to sustainable peaceful coexistence and a peaceful prosperous future for both Palestinians and Israelis. We are always conscious of the huge pressure on government from party structures in this regard. We unashamedly defend Israel's right to exist and defend itself – as much for its own people as for the people of neighboring countries being abused by their regimes. We have seen evidence of good trade and other relations between SA and Israel in the face of much controversy.

Note to reader: Much more has been recorded in press releases and speeches by ACDP MPs over 24 years. This summary tries to include issues perceived to hold greater interest for our constituents and those that may have been less reported on.

Christian, Jewish support for Johannesburg councillor suspended over pro-Israel remarks



Suspended City of Johannesburg Health MMC Dr Mpho Phalatse. (PHOTO: Gallo Images / Daily Sun / Lucky Morajane via [Times Live](#)).

Did ANC, EFF pressure force Mashaba's hand?

Christian and Jewish voices in South Africa have spoken out strongly against the suspension of prominent Johannesburg councillor Dr Mpho Phalatse for declaring at a SA Friends of Israel Conference last Sunday that both she and the city were friends of Israel.

Johannesburg's DA Mayor Herman Mashaba announced her suspension in council on Tuesday pending an investigation into

the context of her words at the weekend, saying “her remarks have created confusion on this complex matter, and created a divisive debate which is counter to the kind of social cohesion that is needed in our city”.

But according to some media reports Mashaba’s actions were probably a result of ANC and EFF threats to derail the critical budget vote which had been repeatedly held up by the EFF. The budget was passed this week. [Politics Web](#) suggests Mashaba may have resisted pressure to fire Phalatse but agreed to suspend her – and left the DA grappling with how to deal with social media. It was tweeting by DA MP and youth leader Yusuf Cassim who was enraged by Phalatse’s pro-Israel tweets from the Saci conference, which brought the issue under the political spotlight.

Expressing “regret” about Phalatse’s suspension, ACDP national chairperson Joanne Downs said Johannesburg City policy is not DA policy and that the coalition partners have never agreed on a position on Israel. She said Mashaba does not have the authority to suspend an MMC without the support of council.

SA Friends of Israel co-chairman Ben Swartz called for Phalatse’s immediate reinstatement, saying: “It is a sad day when elected officials are not free to attend events of their choosing, and express their personal religious or political views. This is indicative of the environment in which Israel is being demonised to a degree that bears no relationship to reality.”

SA Jewish Board of Deputies Gauteng chairman Mark Pozniak said Phalatse had become “become the target of hysterical condemnation for having expressed support for Israel”, despite her subsequent clarification that she did so in her personal capacity.

He said her suspension was yet another instance of anti-Israel bigotry which posed a serious threat to democracy in South

Africa.

“This is an unacceptable situation. Ours is a democracy that entitles every one of us to hold and express differing opinions. We call on all South Africans to stand up against those who resort to bullying and intimidation to prevent others from exercising that inalienable right,” he said.

The [SA Jewish Report](#) writes: “Meanwhile Phalatse, a medical doctor with vast experience in the health sector and a devout Christian, has been in touch with numerous members of the Jewish community this week following her suspension.

“She has steadfastly stood by her attitude towards Israel, but clarified her remarks this week, saying, “I wish to stress that the remarks were an expression of my personal views, and I recognise that they do not represent the views of the City of Johannesburg or the DA, which I serve.” She apologised for the ‘confusion’.”

**Christians in North Korea
will benefit because of
President Trump, says
Franklin Graham**



Franklin Graham, right, and Donald Trump in Alabama at a photo posted on December 18, 2016.

Originally published in [The Christian Post](#)

Leading evangelist Franklin Graham believes that President Donald Trump's meeting with North Korea Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un on Tuesday will benefit the highly persecuted Christian community in the isolated nation.

In an interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network on Tuesday, the head of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan's Purse humanitarian organisation was asked if he thought Trump's meeting with Kim will "have the potential to ease some of the persecution on believers in North Korea."

The question comes as Open Doors USA has ranked North Korea

for the past 16 years as the worst persecutor of Christians in the world as tens of thousands of believers have been killed or forced into prison camps for their faith.

“No question, no question,” Graham, who has personally taken four humanitarian trips to North Korea, responded. “I think this meeting with Kim Jong Un and President Trump is huge. Yes, the Christians are going to benefit in North Korea as a result of President Donald J. Trump.”

Graham, the son of Billy Graham, who has appeared to be one of many white evangelicals leaders personally engaging with the Trump administration, explained that he has spoken directly with Trump about North Korea.

“I have talked with him on several occasions about North Korea and I believe this is probably one of the most dangerous areas of the world and I encouraged him to pay attention to it,” the 65-year-old said. “I am certainly glad that he and the rest of the administration are focusing on this region of the world.”

Graham maintains that he is very optimistic about what the future has in store for the Korean peninsula. He added that if both sides can somehow work out some sort of concrete peace agreement, it could save the U.S. government billions by not having to send troops and armies to the region.

“We still maintain our armies on the border, billions of dollars have been spent [over the last 50 years] and there has been no movement. And, President Trump is the first president who is trying to resolve this issue,” Graham said. “I commend him and just thank God that he has taken this direction and he is focusing on this.”

“I think the North Koreans have been wanting to talk to the Americans for a long time,” he added. “This is the first administration that they have been able to talk to directly like this. The North Koreans just want to be shown respect and other administrations would just brush them off like they were

nothing. These are prideful people.”

In the interview, Graham said that all Christians should pray for their political leaders, even the North Korean believers who are being persecuted by their own government leaders.

“I want the communist government to know that Christians are not their enemies, that they have the potential of being the very best citizens in the country because God commands all of us to pray for those in authority – whether we pray for our own president or the people in North Korea that are Christians should be praying for their leadership.”

There was much speculation before Tuesday’s meeting in Singapore whether or not Trump would bring up the issue of Christian persecution with Kim. During a press conference following the summit, Trump assured that the issue was indeed discussed to some extent.

“I brought it up, absolutely,” Trump responded. “They will work on that. We did not put it down in the document. It will be worked on. Christians, yes.”

“We brought it up,” Trump reiterated. “Franklin Graham spent and spends a tremendous amount of time in North Korea. He has it close to his heart. It did come up and things will be happening.”

Graham is not the only faith leader who has voiced optimism about the summit. Catholic leaders in South Korea have welcomed the meeting as a “surprise and joy.”

“Peace is never attained once and for all, but must be built up ceaselessly,” Archbishop Hyginus Kim Hee Joong, the president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Korea, said in a statement shared by Vatican News.

As the meeting resulted in a joint statement calling for “efforts to build a lasting and stable peace regime on the

Korean Peninsula,” Apostolic Nuncio to Korea Archbishop Alfred Xuereb thanked God that “He listened to our prayers for reconciliation of the Korean people.”

Not all prominent Christians are happy about the summit, as North Korean state media is reporting that the Kim regime is touting verbal concessions made by Trump that were not in the agreement.

Trump has been criticized by a number of Christians for saying that Kim “loves his people,” though Kim has a record of horrendous human rights abuses against his people.

“In declaring the North Korean threat over despite its nuclear program, Trump appears to be accepting an armed Pyongyang and suggesting the threat is resolved based on his ‘special bond’ with Kim alone,” Evan McMullin, a 2016 independent candidate for president who was favored by many conservative Never Trumpers, wrote in a tweet. “He’s dangerously putting his political interests ahead of national security.”

As Trump also reportedly said Tuesday that the United States and South Korea will halt some joint military exercises, Fox News commentator Shepard Smith argued that the meeting was more beneficial to Kim than to the US.

“He wanted the photos, the seat at the table, he wanted the legitimacy that came with the event, the handshake with America’s president,” Smith said on the air Tuesday. “Kim Jong Un got it all, for actually doing nothing.”

Smith suggested that such a meeting could provide a sense of legitimacy to a “regime that tortures and murders its own citizens, imprisons children for the actions of parents and grandparents, and a leader who has committed crimes against humanity.”

Republican Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton argued that although the meeting between Trump and Kim should not be celebrated, it was

“necessary.”

“You know, countries like Iran and Cuba and other two-bit rogue regimes don’t have nuclear weapons, yet. They can’t threaten the United States in that way. Once North Korea had nuclear weapons, once they have missiles that can deliver them to use, I would liken it to past presidents sitting down with Soviet dictators,” Cotton told talk show host Hugh Hewitt on Tuesday. “It’s not something that we should celebrate. It’s not a pretty sight. But it’s a necessary part of the job to try to protect Americans from a terrible threat.”

‘South Africa, Africa, you are the Lord’s shofar!’ – Nomvuyo Xabela



Prophet Allen Faubion sharing a word during his recent SA visit

Less than a month ago Tshego Motaung, writing in Gateway News, reported on [a word released by Prophet Emmanuel Kure of Nigeria](#) – “I dream of a united South Africa, where all the voices are merged into one South African voice.”

The fulfilment of that word moved closer at meetings in Cape Town on June 5 and in Johannesburg on June 7, as Allen E Faubion, an apostle and prophet sent by Apostle Chuck Pierce and Glory of Zion International in Texas, USA. brought a word on God’s plan for releasing a South African sound that brings heaven to earth.

He has served with them since 2006. To date he has ministered in more than 35 countries across Asia and Africa. Faubion prophetically ministers and imparts with the ram’s horn. He is sent as a “shofar” to nations God has prepared to also carry this calling.

He calls and activates people to experience the fullness of God’s breath and voice in order to awaken, alert, and announce to their people how the Lord is restoring His covenant and His ways with their land, people, and creation.

Message in Cape Town: Release your sound and possess your inheritance

Speaking with a deep passion for the African continent and clearly understanding South Africa’s strategic role in moving Africa forward, Faubion delivered the following message in Cape Town: (paraphrased)

In 2014, while attending a meeting in Johannesburg he received a word as he was holding his shofar. The Lord instructed him to turn the shofar upside down and to capture its form. It looked like the continent of Africa.

“Africa is my shofar”, said the Lord. Cape Town is where the Lord said He will press His lips to release the sound through Africa.

The shofar is a simple, crude instrument – it even stinks. However, God is saying, when He holds the shofar, presses His lips to it and releases His breath, then wonders happen through it.

Africa has entered a season where many will feel pressed, individually and corporately, but that pressing is not there to restrict anyone but to uphold them. We should recognise when God has a grip on us and should not be deterred by our circumstances or impending dangers.

Africa carries a sound that brings down the glory of God (the Truth). It is just like the sound of the trumpets that brought down the Glory of God as the walls of Jericho were brought down.

Six times the seven priests and the army circled the city, but it was the seventh time, when they shouted, that the Glory of God was brought down. It was the weight of the Glory of God that came down and crushed the walls of Jericho, *Josh 6:6-16*.

It is time for Africa to release her sound and to be a blessing to other nations, making her to be fruitful and to prosper.

This is what creation was called to do: to be fruitful and to multiply, *Gen: 1:28*.

This is the place of fullness: “When all that God is, meets all that Man is. This is the point we need to be. We then carry holistic dimensions of Christ in us and become fruitful” said Faubion.

We are designed to be fruitful and full in the kitchen, bedroom, boardroom etc., in all our trading. Moreover, transfer of wealth is when the nations of the earth become full and recognise God in His fullness and superiority and thus bring to Him all their produce to worship.

Transfer of wealth is not just money moving from the bank account of the wicked to the bank account of the poor. This is God's economy: (operating from an economic grid not religious grid) where salvation comes free through Jesus Christ, with no conditions, but to experience fullness has conditions *Ps 81:13-16*.

Kingdom principles shows us the way to go but cannot carry us through into the (possessing of the) land, thus we need to know and learn how to enter into the promised land in this season by listening and doing what He says.

In addition, Hebrew 4:1-6 reminds us not to repeat the sins of our fathers by not obeying the voice of God. We must listen to and obey His voice this time.

Unfortunately systematic theology has crippled people. God is not religious and His theology is simple: He speaks and we listen, then we speak and He listens.

Message in Johannesburg: African people are a hidden treasure

As we have entered a season for the restoration of all things in God's ordained order and an aligning to His ways, the time has come for true, authentic reconciliation and healing of all the tribes living in South Africa.

One of the participants in this meeting, Steve Swart, ACDP MP, also received a word from Abba, that in order for South Africa to cross over into the new thing God is doing, reconciliation is key. The South African British and Eurocentric culture must truly embrace being African and uniting with Christ Jesus, and this will also bring light into the current land issues in South Africa.

Africa (the land and its people) is a treasure, continued Faubion. This is why the continent has been pirated over the years and still suffers as a result of that. Africa became an abode for pirates, big and small, until this day.

It is also a fact that over time these “pirate” individuals became “pirate” nations. These in turn became colonial powers that were attempting to mimic the Roman dominating structures that were widely known to exploit the people and their lands.

Treasure is kept by pirates for their convenient use, as seen played out in Africa. The time has come for this treasure to be released from all its pirating operations, influences and propaganda.

Faubion concluded by reiterating that the current world system and order has invested a lot to stifle the voice of Africa. But GOD!

As we align ourselves as a nation to hear and heed His voice, His design and His order, we will break through, break out and release our authentic sound, *Haggai 2* and *Psalms 29*.

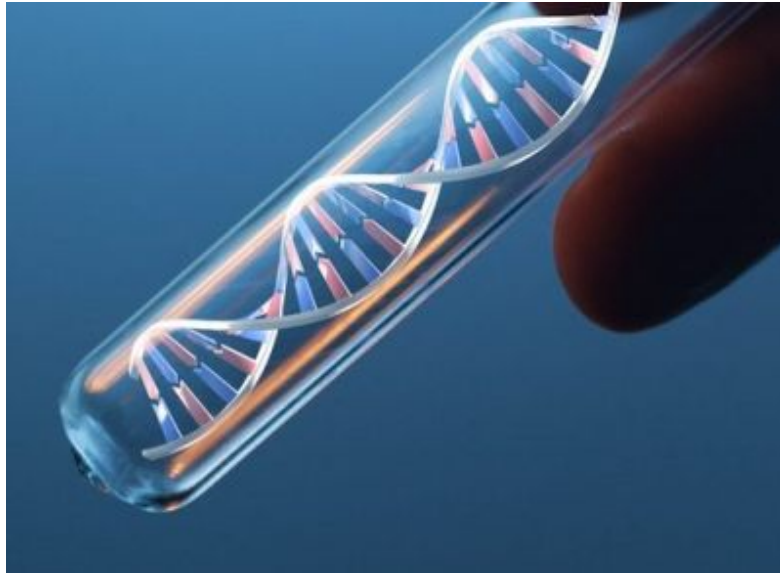
The resignation of the Malaysian president in May this year, ending his party’s 60 years grip on power, also marks the end of this era of oppression and enslavement for Africa.. Watch for the sign!, as the case regarding the Malaysian airline that disappeared on March 8 2014 resurfaces again.

It’s time for the African sound to go out to bring down the Glory of God. Then Heaven will come down on earth. The pathway for this sound is now opened through South Africa.

Will Africa hear and be the “shofar” in the Lord’s hand?

Genetic study adds support to

biblical creation account



A strand of DNA inside a test tube.
(PHOTO: [SMA News Today](#))

Originally published in [Breaking Israel News](#)

A new gene study presents serious difficulties for the scientific theory of evolution, while bringing science one giant step closer to the Biblical story of creation.

Dr Gerald Schroeder, an Orthodox Jewish physicist with a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), was unperturbed, noting many ways in which new discoveries such as this show how science and religious belief can be complementary.

Mark Stoeckle from The Rockefeller University in New York and David Thaler at the University of Basel in Switzerland analysed mitochondrial DNA collected from 100 000 animal species stored in the US government-run GenBank database. Their findings were recently published in the journal [Human Evolution](#).

In analysing the DNA barcodes, the researchers found an indicator that showed nine out of ten of all the species of

animals alive today emerged about 100 000-200 000 years ago, approximately the same time that Homo sapiens appeared.

Suggested theory for this phenomenon

The researchers did not provide an explanation as to what led to this sudden explosion of life, but [Dr Schroeder](#), did suggest a theory for this phenomenon.

“We have seen that when men show up in an ecosystem, they tend to kill off the large animals,” he told Breaking Israel News. “The presence of the first Homo sapiens 100 000 years ago may have caused a man-made bottleneck and caused a significant change in the animal population. Humans have a disproportionately significant role in these natural processes, which may be what was meant in Genesis.”

When discussing the timeline, Dr Schroeder explained that the 100 000 year timeline did not contradict the Hebrew calendar which sets man’s creation at 5 778 years ago.



Dr Gerald Schroeder lecturing during the R&B English Language Conference and Lecture Series. (PHOTO: YouTube)

“The Biblical calendar of 6 000 years does not relate to the beginning of species,” Schroeder argued. “All animals have a nefesh (animal soul) but only man has a neshama (human soul). Homo sapiens as a species did appear about 100 000 years ago but they wouldn’t be recognised as a person in the same way that we are. They had a nefesh but didn’t have a neshama. In scientific terms, people, as Homo sapiens, go back 100 000 years. But the Bible’s definition of a person is different. It includes a neshama. Science will not see the break, the change that occurred in man 6 000 years ago when we received a soul.”

“The neshama is what gives us the ability to be compassionate for someone outside your immediate clan,” Dr Schroeder said. “Animals have a nefesh and can be compassionate to their own clan but they see anyone outside their clan as a threat. The ability to see the ‘other’ as something other than a threat, to have compassion and empathy, is what defines the neshama.”

A landmark that defined human society

Remarkably, man’s receiving a neshama did have an effect that even science recognised. Dr Schroeder related a visit he paid to the British Museum in London several years ago. An entire wing of the museum was dedicated to a change that occurred in mankind that museum curators believed to be the landmark that defined human society; the beginning of cities. A large brass plaque on the museum wall proudly proclaimed that this change occurred spontaneously around the world 5 500 years ago. Dr Schroeder explained that the reason for science has yet to fully understand this sudden universal change, but can be understood in Biblical terms as the moment when man was instilled with a neshama.

“The beginning of farming 10 000 years ago led to a population explosion but without a neshama, men would not be able to live together with other people not from their clan,” Dr Schroeder explained. “One hundred thousand years ago Homo sapiens appeared, but they only had a nefesh. That is what science sees. 5 778 years ago, men were instilled with a neshama and

had enough compassion, enough of a sense of the 'other,' to organise themselves into large societies."

In addition to the new timeline of 10 000 years, the results of the new study are problematic for classical evolutionary theory which is based on long sequences of random mutations followed by natural selection. The gene study found a lack of variation in so-called "neutral" mutations, which are the slight changes in DNA across generations that neither help nor hurt an individual's chances of survival. This would result in species with large, dispersed populations becoming more genetically diverse over time. The study showed that this was not the case, bringing into question evolution as it has been taught for almost 100 years.

Call to release God's blessing over SA for 21 days to mark end of 'desolation'



Intercessors in Cape Town have called on Christians in all nine provinces of South

Africa to join in 21 days of releasing God's voice over South Africa through sounding the shofar, prayer and fasting from June 12 to July 2.

The campaign, to mark the ending of 70 years of desolation since apartheid was instituted, is inspired by Daniel's 21 days of fasting and repentance (Daniel 9:2) at the end of Israel's time of desolation and captivity in Babylon, says Regina Kekana in the audio clip (2 mins 47 secs) below.

<http://gatewaynews.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Releasing-Gods-blessing.mp3>

Families, prayer groups, communities, churches, organisations, schools, etc. throughout South Africa are invited to take part in the campaign, following the strategy outlined below:

1. Choose to fast for 21 days or a couple of days. Wait on the Lord to speak to you/instruct you and obey! Watch for the results!
2. Gather in groups (minimum two people) daily at 6pm and blow your Shofars to release God's voice!
3. Ask the Spirit of God to reveal to you how to blow the shofar and to give you revelation of what His voice is releasing through the shofar sound!
4. Blow the shofar four times in four directions, starting with the East, West, South and North at 6pm daily until we see results yielding fruit!
5. Release God's voice (Psalm 29) of blessing over South Africa for reconciliation, restoration and for God's glory to manifest!
6. Alignment of South Africa to God's blessings and a reversal of the cycles and strongholds of curses through idolatry, bloodshed, sexual immorality, perversion, violence and disinheritance.
7. A restoration of identity for all people groups and inheritance.
8. Entering a season of healing for the nation while celebrating 70 years of deliverance from the time apartheid

was instituted.

9. It's time for South Africa to step into God's governance and economic system! Upcoming elections!

10. A release of God's blessing for the nation through the land.

More information is available from Nomvuyo at +27 73 444 3900.

Watch video of a Cape Town intercessor blowing a shofar at the start of the fast:

Nelson Mandela Bay municipality budget passing 'an answer to prayer'



Senior ANC politicians and Nelson Mandela Bay Church leaders at a meeting on Monday to discuss challenges facing the city. They are, from left, Bishop Bethlehem Nopece, Litho Suka (ANC chief whip) Dr

Bukelwa Hans (SACC), Bicks Ndoni (Chairperson of ANC), Rory Spence and Neville Goldman. (PHOTO: [TCN](#))

The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality finally passed its 2018/19 budget today at a fourth special council sitting, in a breakthrough which metro Christian leaders view as an answer to prayer.

The Church, which was concerned that the budget impasse would result in people suffering by bringing service delivery to a halt, had “tried its hardest” to intervene in the crisis, said Rev Rory Spence, a member of a church leaders’ task team which met with senior ANC politicians on Monday to urge them to support the budget for the good of the city.

While the ANC did not ultimately support the budget – boycotting today’s council meeting, together with the EFF – prayer leaders who have been hard at work mobilising urgent prayer into the situation were delighted with today’s breakthrough which was made possible when the African Independent Congress’s voted with the DA-led alliance in support of the budget and UF councillor Mkuseli Mtsila attended the meeting, making up the required quorum, even though he did not support the budget.

“I am very excited and pleased at this answer to prayer because needy people in a number of wards were facing much loss if the situation was not resolved,” said Transformation Christian Network prayer coordinator Joan Keeling.

Fervent prayer

She said intercessors and Christian groups in the city who were asked to “pray fervently, without slackening, until the battle was won” had really caught the vision of the urgent need for prayer. Prayer warriors had sent her messages of thanks to God after the news of today’s successful vote.

Keeling also said that Fred van der Westhuizen, Port Elizabeth representative of OM, who serves as a chaplain to the municipality, had played a key role in alerting church leaders to the seriousness of the stalled budget vote. Van der Westhuizen could not be contacted for comment at the time of posting this report.

It has been widely reported that the NMB Municipality faced being placed under administration and the council dissolved if it could not pass its budget by the end of the month.

The ANC and EFF have opposed the budget because they maintain it is not pro-poor. ANC councillor Rory Riordan has estimated that only 40% to 45% of the budget was being spent on addressing the needs of the poor, as opposed to the over 90% claimed by the DA, reports [News 24](#).

In a telephone interview with Gateway News today, Rory Spence said the church task team that met with the ANC leaders on Monday, had acknowledged the party leaders right to fight for their constituents but had urged them to support the budget for the good of the city.

After today's special council meeting Mayor Athol Trollip thanked the two councillors, Mtsila and Buyeye, for attending the meeting, reports [Herald Live](#).

"We have put the people of the city first and without cooperation of Buyeye and Mtsila, who was at his post on time to make the meeting quorate, even though he opposed the budget for his reasons given.

"That is fine we don't always have to agree with each other in politics, but you need to be at work, if you are serious about service delivery," Trollip said.

"We are elated that we can get on with the business of putting the people first."

Council will reconvene next Wednesday to discuss other critical items on the agenda.

'Roar' for unity at PE worship album launch on Saturday



Aslan is about to roar over the city of Port Elizabeth this weekend as Roar Worship prepares for the official release of their debut album.

Musicians from 12 churches have come together to release “a unified sound that carries authority to shift atmospheres and shake nations”. The album launch will take place at the Storehouse Church on Vitry Avenue in Lorraine on Saturday June 16, starting at 7pm.

The event will also feature guest speaker, Hayley Braun, from Bethel Church in Redding, California.

Burn 24-7 roots

Roar emerged from the Burn 24-7 worship movement, specifically its vision to unite cities across the globe (currently over

150 cities are involved in advancing Burn 24-7 worship).

The Roar group of musicians is not exclusive or fixed, and the expression of worship one can expect on Saturday night is representative of the many different churches that have collaborated to make Roar what it is. From the musicians to the organising team to the multimedia experts who've produced the music videos, the graphic designers who've helped with the marketing media and the sound engineers who've produced the album itself – Roar is an expression of unity.

Citywide relationships

Some of the relationships that make up Roar are over a decade in the making and connect worshippers in churches across the city of Port Elizabeth. Roar leader, Alison Gooch, was originally affiliated with Transformation Christian Network. Her music training and worship leading experience, coupled with her husband, Peter Gooch's involvement in citywide worship nights as the regional leader for Burn 24-7, have led to the birth of Roar Worship.

"Birthing is an exciting time," says Burn 24-7 leader, Peter Gooch. "There are so many unknowns, there's risk, there's expectation – and what God grows, brings Him glory." Roar is also a significant venture as it relates to the fraught cultural and racial realities of our city.

"It is the hope and prayer of those who will make up the Roar Worship team that will be on stage on Saturday, as well as those worshippers across the city who are supporting Roar, that this multi-cultural, Christ-centred expression of worship would make major inroads towards seeing a unified Port Elizabeth worshipping their King.

Heart for unity

"Unity comes at a cost," Gooch does well to remind us. "We have one Father, but we are different sons, so true unity is a continual choice; it comes from a genuine desire to be

reconciled to each other. As the Body of Christ, what choice will we make?" Gooch shared that it has not always been an easy road for such a diverse and dynamic team to gather and practice. Yet the heart for unity has endured, and seeing the official album launch realised has in many ways been to see that heart beat in rhythm with Jesus'. The Bible tells us that Christ will return for one Bride, and Roar is a reflection of that oneness.

Catch the launch on live streaming

Ticket sales for the Roar Worship Album Launch are open and the public is encouraged to buy tickets online for R50 each at roarworship.nutickets.co.za so as to avoid disappointment. The event will also be streaming live on Facebook via the Roar Worship Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/roarworship/>.



Heidi Baker calls for prayer as Muslim terrorists attack villages in northern

Mozambique



Heidi Baker of Iris Ministries with children in Mozambique (PHOTO: Facebook).

ACDP calls on government to mobilise military intervention

Inspirational Iris Ministries leader Heidi Baker has called on Christians around the world to join them in prayer, following an escalation of brutal attacks by young Muslim terrorists on villages in northern Mozambique – within two hours of their ministry base at Pemba.

With reports of 23 civilians beheaded and at least 230 houses burned in the last three weeks, Heidi, who has been living in Pemba with her husband Rolland for 24 years, says in an official statement on her Facebook page that the attacks by a group of militant extremists that began in October last year have intensified in frequency and brutality in the past few weeks. Iris currently operates feeding programmes for thousands of orphans, runs free health clinics, manages primary and secondary schools and has fostered several thousand church plants.

“Each attack involves burning hundreds of houses and wanton

slaughter. Many were beheaded in at least six villages, two of which are within a two-hour drive of our Pemba base. Villagers are fleeing for their lives, carrying nothing with them, and have become refugees in the bush or on offshore islands," says Heidi in the post.

"We are praying for peace in Mozambique and our hearts mourn for the families who have lost loved ones. Our leadership team is in constant prayer, daily evaluating the situation to determine the best precautions for our staff. Based on the current situation, we feel confident to remain home in Pemba with our missionaries and Mozambican team. However, the government has canceled visas for our Harvest School students for security reasons, and they are having to leave within a few days.

"Please pray with us in this troubling time for God's strength for our brothers and sisters living all over our province of Cabo Delgado, that we can all shine more than ever in these dark days. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our admin team in California," she says.

Among the first to take up the prayer call were ministry partners, the International House of Prayer in Kansas City USA, and Bethel Church in Redding, California, whose leaders report receiving calls from Heidi late on Saturday night. The urgent call to prayer is also being circulated by intercessors in South Africa.

ACDP Member of Parliament Cheryllyn Dudley today expressed alarm at the situation in northern Mozambique.

"The ACDP is alarmed and saddened at the situation and we add our voice to Heidi Baker's plea for prayer for the people of northern Mozambique. The reports of people being raped and murdered by Moslem extremists are deeply concerning and the ACDP calls on government to urgently call for SADC and AU intervention and the deployment of troops to the area," says

Dudley in a media statement.

“In response to reports that the militancy appears to have arisen among young men who received scholarships to train in Somalia, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, Mr Yussuf Adam, contemporary history professor at Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo said: social and economic stresses in Cabo Delgado could be the reason the militants’ message of achieving justice through the establishment of an Islamic state has found resonance among huge segments of the youth in areas where there are high rates of unemployment,” says the ACDP statement.

Dudley says: “The ACDP calls on the South African government to respond without delay in making aid and peacekeeping forces available to the Mozambique government for purposes of responding decisively and effectively with the terror tactics of extremists.

We also call on the South African government to step up vigilance with regard to extremist activity in South Africa as the extremist vision of caliphate is global and South Africa is not exempt.”

The region in which attacks have been taking place – around the town of Palma near the Tanzanian border – is close to one of the world’s biggest untapped offshore gas fields and the the US embassy in Mozambique has said Americans should consider leaving as imminent attacks are likely, reports [Reuters](#).

Any sign of militant activity is a concern for the country’s fledgling gas industry with more than \$30-billion (R393.5-billion) expected to be invested in Mozambique’s natural gas sector to build capacity to produce 20 million tonnes per year of LNG, with the first exports from the fields discovered seven years ago due to start after 2021.