

# Glory to God for WC rains, and meeting us at our spiritual 'ground zero'



Theewaterskloof Dam in July  
(Screenshot of video on [Cape Town Live](#) Youtube channel). SEE VIDEO AT  
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A drought in the Western Cape province of South Africa began in 2015. It resulted in a severe water shortage in the region, most notably affecting the city of Cape Town, with dam levels declining to critically low levels.

It was on January 17 2018 that Cape Town Mayor Patricia de Lille announced that the city had reached “a point of no return” in its water supplies, and Day Zero was then virtually guaranteed in a matter of weeks, making Cape Town the first major city to run out of water.

However by June 2018, in a matter of two months of good rains dams had been refilled to about 45% of capacity. The City of Cape Town announced that Day Zero was not a possibility for 2019.



Graph of total reservoir water stored in the Western Cape's largest six dams from 30 June 2013 to 31 March 2018. The graph illustrates the declining water storage levels over the course of the Cape Town water crisis, and the impact of reduced consumption since early 2018. The prediction shows storage levels reaching around 12% by the end of May 2018 based on normal (pre-crisis) consumption. Data obtained from the Climate Systems Analysis Group(CSAQ) **CLICK ON GRAPH TO ENLARGE**

Moreover the water crisis in Cape Town drew international attention. CNN reported on June 1 2017: "The worst drought in a century is forcing the most stringent water restrictions ever implemented for South Africa's second largest city. Cape Town has less than 10% of its useable water remaining for its nearly 4 million residents".

But Our God, YHWH!

This week marks the sixth week of continuous rainfall that has been desperately needed in the city that was parched just less than two months ago. Figures released by the Western Cape government recently has had residents rejoicing as it is written: *"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the*

*desert shall rejoice and blossom like the rose and the autumn crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the Excellency of [Mount] Carmel and [the plain] of Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty and splendour and Excellency of our God. – Isaiah35:1-2*

### **Prayers of the saints**

*“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.<sup>16</sup> Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. <sup>17</sup> Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, “Spare your people, Lord. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ “—Joel 2: 12 – 17*

The Lord has surely answered the cries of the saints as can be seen from the records below of readings on Monday this week (July 9 2018).

See the reading for the week, 9 July 2018.

| Major dams             | 9/7/2018       | Previous week  | 2017%          |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Berg River             | 83.1           | 78.7           | 57.1           |
| Steenbras Lower        | 55.5           | 52.1           | 28.5           |
| Steenbras Upper        | 89.8           | 101.7          | 65.4           |
| Theewaterskloof        | 39.0           | 34.7           | 19.5           |
| Vaalbaai               | 51.4           | 42.0           | 19.8           |
| Wentersdijk            | 83.3           | 79.0           | 35.6           |
| <b>Total Stored Ml</b> | <b>478 854</b> | <b>433 903</b> | <b>225 750</b> |
| <b>% Storage</b>       | <b>53.3</b>    | <b>48.3</b>    | <b>25.1</b>    |

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## Praying in unity

The Body of Christ has been gathering in an unprecedented manner, especially over the past six months, to pray for the rain corporately and privately. Most gatherings in the city brought believers across denominational lines to cry, repent, petition, pray to Elohim to send the rain.

Now is not the time to stop praying, but to intentionally gather for the common good, at ground zero for all – a point where we all have been emptied and lost our worldly identity in titles, religion qualifications, positions, associations, tribes, etc. – showcasing that as sons and daughters we are not only able to pray together in times of crisis, but to live and work together in oneness.

There can be no better place than for Cape Town, the Mother City to showcase this miracle and wonder of unity in diversity as the ecclesia (church). Unity is a prerequisite for revival.

Was not the hand of God on ground zero for Cape Town?

We thank Our Heavenly Father for the rain in Cape Town, even so in advance we thank Him for the fullness and the overflow of the dams from Cape to Cairo to Jerusalem. Let it rain!

May the overflow usher streams of life that Africa needs in this season (*Ezekiel 47:1-13*).

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# Bougardt judgment indicates likely legal limit of religious speech



Pastor Oscar Bougardt (PHOTO: [IOL](#) )

## Pastor gets prison sentence for offensive remarks towards gays

On Friday, 18 May 2018 Pastor Oscar Bougardt – who found himself in trouble with the law again after making certain “highly insulting, demeaning and uncharitable” statements regarding the LGBT community – was convicted of contempt of court and sentenced to 30 days in prison.

The Cape High Court (sitting as an Equality Court) suspended the sentence for five years, on condition that he does not again make such statements during that period.

In his judgment, Judge Bozalek observed that while Bougardt has a right to freedom of speech and to his religious beliefs and to express these, none of the particular statements made by him fell within those parameters. In short, “they

dehumanise and demonise gay and lesbian persons and, without a shred of proof, make wide and damaging assertions that members of such community engage in criminal and anti-social conduct”.

The Constitution protects freedom of speech, and freedom of religion (including religious speech), as fundamental human rights. In particular, it is important to mention that in the Constitutional Court case of National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality v Minister of Justice (1998), Judge Albie Sachs observed that “those persons who for reasons of religious belief disagree with or condemn homosexual conduct, are free to hold and articulate such beliefs”.

While (religious) persons therefore have a right to believe and express their views on homosexuality (for example), they nevertheless must do so within the boundaries of the law i.e. in a manner that does not amount to “hate speech”.

While there is currently inconsistency in South African law with regards to the definition and elements which constitute “hate speech” (and the definition of “hate speech” in the Equality Act is being challenged in the Qwelane case before the Supreme Court of Appeal, as being inconsistent with its definition in the Constitution), the Bougardt judgment does give some indication of the boundaries of (religious) speech.

Freedom of Religion South Africa (FOR SA) strongly encourages all ministers (and indeed, all persons of faith) to take note of the Bougardt judgment, which is a good example of what (content, and manner of speech) will probably not be regarded by our courts as acceptable speech. While we can never compromise on Biblical truth, it is important that, as Christians, we always strive to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ in a manner that is both loving and true, and in so doing bring glory to God.

FOR SA has worked with a broad cross section of the faith community to lobby for an amendment to the proposed Hate

Crimes and Hate Speech Bill, so as to give specific protection to bona fide religious preaching and teaching which does not amount to an advocacy of hatred with an incitement to violence. This defence is not contained in the “hate speech” section of the Equality Act – hence FOR SA’s submission and recommendation that the definition of “hate speech” in the Hate Speech Bill should replace all other definitions of hate speech contained in other existing or proposed legislation in order to bring more legal certainty to this area.

### **Background facts**

In October 2013, the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) opened a case against Bougardt in the Cape High Court (sitting as an Equality Court), complaining that Bougardt had sent unsolicited emails in which he made denigrating and offensive remarks regarding gay and lesbian people, as well as making similar remarks on Facebook.

This, the SAHRC alleged, infringed the prohibition on “hate speech” in s 10 of the Equality Act (which prohibits any speech “based on one or more of the prohibited grounds [including sexual orientation] that could reasonably be construed to be hurtful; be harmful or incite harm; or promote or propagate hatred”).

In terms of a settlement agreement between the SAHRC and Bougardt on July 28 2014 (which Bougardt expressly agreed could be made an Order of Court):

- a) Bougardt admitted that he has not carefully thought through his statements and properly taken account of the fundamental right of others, in particular the right not to be discriminated against;
- b) Bougardt stated that he understood that these statements, in circumstances where gay and lesbian persons have historically suffered and continue to suffer marginalisation, discrimination and persecution, are likely to encourage hatred and cause emotional, psychological and physical harm in members of this community;

c) Bougardt undertook not to make such statements in the future. In particular, he would not make statements in which he:

a. blamed gay and lesbian people for social problems or disease;

b. advocated hatred towards them, their removal from communities or institutions, or any harmful behaviour towards them.

d) Bougardt undertook not to make statements that go beyond what the Bible says in respect of these matters or in a manner that will incite hatred and harmful behaviour towards gay and lesbians.

Following this settlement agreement, Bougardt allegedly made further offensive statements regarding gay and lesbian people, including:

a) In an article on News24, Bougardt was quoted as saying regarding homosexual people: "Why should we be tolerant of their criminal lifestyle? Ninety-nine percent of paedophiles stem from homosexuality"; and "I'm saying so because it is proven that 99% of the paedophiles have a homosexual background. They are blaming their previous lifestyle on what happened. Go and read up on it."

b) In an article on MambaOnline, Bougardt essentially commended the President of Nigeria (where, in certain states, homosexuality is punished by death by stoning) for his stance against homosexuality. He said, amongst other things, that "if I was a president of my country, I will lock them in cages where they belong. They behave worst (sic) than animals in bed, and don't even deserve a prison cell with prisoners. They belong in a cage ..."

c) In another article on MambaOnline, Bougardt commented on a Senegalese journalist who had been jailed for six months on homosexuality charges, and said that "six months are too short for animal like behaviour. We need more countries that are bold enough to take a stance against perverts."



d) In another article on MambaOnline, he said “we need ISIS to come to countries who are homosexual friendly. ISIS please come rid South Africa of homosexual curse.”

As a result of these (further) statements, the SAHRC opened up a case of contempt of court against Bougardt, for breaching the earlier settlement agreement that had been made an order of Court. In their papers, the SAHRC asked the Court to sentence Bougardt to a R500 000 fine, as well as commit him to prison for thirty (30) days.

In the contempt of court proceedings, Bougardt effectively admitted to all of the above statements, but denied encouraging violence against homosexuals and relied on his s 15 right to freely express his “religious beliefs and opinions”.

### **Contempt of court proceedings**

A person can only be found guilty of contempt of court, if it is clear – beyond reasonable doubt – that there was a court order (which there was in this case); that the accused knew of the court order (which he did – Bougardt agreed that the order could be made an order of Court); that there was wilful non-compliance with the court order by the accused, who also acted in bad faith.

On the question of non-compliance with the court order, the Court observed that save in one instance (i.e. with regards to the article in News24, which Bougardt alleged misquoted him), Bougardt admitted to making the relevant statements. The only question is thus whether the statements made were “hurtful or incite hatred or harm or propagate hatred” on the grounds of sexual orientation (in terms of the Equality Act). In this regard, the Court – after considering each of the statements made by Bougardt individually – found that his statements were in fact discriminatory against, and did in fact advocate or incite hateful or harmful behaviour towards, the LGBT community.

On the question of wilfulness and mala fides, the Court did not accept Bougardt's defence that he was not informed that the settlement agreement would be made an order of Court or the consequences of breaching same, as the agreement – which Bougardt signed – expressly says that it can be made an order of Court.

The Court also did not accept Bougardt's second defence that he believed he was exercising his right to freedom of speech (and, in particular, to air his religious beliefs). In this regard, the Court found that in the original settlement agreement, Bougardt acknowledged that his statements harmed the dignity of gay and lesbian people and were likely to "encourage hatred and cause emotional, psychological and physical harm to members of the community".

He apologised for making these statements and undertook not to make similar statements in future. Although he reserved his right to "preach the Word of God and what the Bible directs", he undertook not to make statements going beyond these limits in relation to gay and lesbian persons. Importantly, no attempt was made in the contempt of court proceedings (and the Court observed, "correctly so") to justify the statements made on biblical or religious grounds.

The Court noted that Bougardt has a right to freedom of speech and to his religious beliefs and to express these, but none of the statements made by him fell within those parameters. In short, "they dehumanise and demonise gay and lesbian persons, and without a shred of proof, make wide and damaging assertions that members of such community engage in criminal and anti-social conduct".

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# Prayer, prophecy and politics in SA parliament – Tshego Motaung



From the left, Prophet Emmanuel Kure, Rev Kenneth Meshoe leader of the ACDP, Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, Mmusi Maimane leader of the DA, Mmaphefo Mogoeng and Linda Gobodo, at a special prayer meeting in parliament's Good Hope Chamber last Friday. (PHOTO: Tshego Motaung).

Earlier this month I wrote an [article asking if God still speaks to modern nations](#) the way He did in the past?

Little did I know that before the month ended I would be in a meeting in parliament where leaders in government, business and civil society movements would be gathered, all eagerly waiting to hear God's word for the nation.

Confirming that indeed God does still speak to nations, but mostly God is speaking about our own nation, the theme of the meeting was based on Isaiah 66:8 – *...Can a nation be born in*

*a day?...*



From the left, Dr Pearl Kupe, Prophet Emmanuel Kure and Graham Power.

The meeting was hosted in the Good Hope Chamber and was convened by Dr Pearl Kupe and Apostle Linda Gobodo, who have risen as mothers in the nation and are leading initiatives aimed at aligning people and nations in Africa with their God-ordained destinies.

Among the government and civil society leaders at the meeting were Rev Kenneth Meshoe of the ACDP; Mmusi Maimane of the DA; Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng; Former Cape Town City Manager and Acting Judge – Land Claims Court, Dr. Wallace Mgoqi ; Errol Naidoo of the Family Policy Institute; and business leaders such as Wendy Luhabe and Graham Power.

There were also leaders of the Khoi San community, Royalty from Nigeria as well as leaders of different denominations and Christian organisations in the country. This meeting brought together South Africans in all their diversity.



Leaders from various spheres in prayer in the Good Hope Chamber.

The main speaker was Nigerian ministry leader Emmanuel Kure, a respected prophet who God has used to speak to many nations at strategic times of transition. Kure has journeyed with South Africa over the years and shares the burden to see South Africa fulfill her destiny.

Speaking with a deep passion for the nation and clearly understanding South Africa's crucial role in moving Africa forward, Kure said: "If we lose South Africa, we lose Africa."

### **Political party leaders speak**

Leaders of political parties were given an opportunity to address the meeting. Rev Meshoe, one of the longest-serving members of parliament expressed gratitude to the conveners and attendees, saying the meeting was an answer to years of prayer. The active participation of Christians in praying for leadership of the nation in parliament marked a new season as it was not so in 1994, he said.



Mmusi Maimane addresses the meeting.

DA leader Mmusi Maimane spoke of the need to urgently address the challenge of having “two nations within the nation”, with some living in abundance, while others were poor. While government could legislate on this matter, Maimane expressed a desire to see those who have an abundance come to a place of repentance like Zacchaeus in the Bible. He was a rich man who had gained some of his riches through extortion and greed. But when salvation came to his house, he repented and gave half of his riches to the poor and committed to restore four times back to those he had cheated. Maimane stressed the need for repentance – a key that would open hearts to share wealth.

He also reminded the gathering that the kind of fast that God required was to break chains of oppression, to share food with the poor and clothe the naked – *Isaiah 58:6-7*

### **Reflections on SA journey since 1994**

Justice Mogoeng reflected on South Africa’s journey since the dawn of democracy. He acknowledged that a lot of good has been done, recalling that the ruling party had inherited a bankrupt government with a deficit of more than R250-billion, double-

digit inflation and high unemployment. The national debt had to be repaid at about R50-billion per annum; money that could have been directed towards development.

Today the budget deficit is about R195-billion, [despite reaching surplus levels at one point](#); while the country faces many challenges, he attributed them to one thing – leadership. The country is in desperate need of competent men and women of integrity in order to move forward, said Mogoeng.

He highlighted the need to tackle corruption, starting in the Church, and to raise a critical mass of people of integrity to influence all spheres of society.

Other issues that need to be addressed urgently included racism, which must be rooted out; crime and securing our borders. The influx of people crossing South Africa's borders illegally contributed to crime and insecurity in the country and was a big inhibitor to investment and economic growth, he said.

Judge Mogoeng also challenged South Africans to stop outsourcing their thinking capacity, and rather to engage with government on every subject, including international relations.

### **Word for South Africa**

Prophet Kure reminded the meeting of sudden events that have taken place in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Ethiopia, and how these were signs that God was visiting the continent.

In Zimbabwe a military coup took place with no bloodshed – something that has never happened in Africa. South Africa and Ethiopia followed with sudden resignations of President Zuma and Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn.



Prophet Emmanuel Kure, right, was the main speaker. In front of him are traditional leaders of the Khoi San community.

While it would be easy to dismiss these events as ordinary political developments, they clearly took people by surprise as none of the three political leaders were keen to be removed. [Recent reports](#) by Emmerson Mnangagwa Jnr telling of the miraculous escape of his father, now President Mnangagwa, from attempts on his life in Zimbabwe under Robert Mugabe, confirmed that there had been more to events in that nation than could be attributed to his father's wisdom.

On South Africa, the prophet said the appointment of President Cyril Ramaphosa was God starting to position His sons to begin the work of redemption – in line with the word *...all creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the Sons of God – Romans 8:19*. This was the ANC assignment from the beginning, he said, through its lineage of God-fearing men who were founders and leaders of the organisation ( See [Remembering OR Tambo: A man after God's heart](#) for more on the Christian roots of the ANC), but this assignment was somehow lost in the process.

He said he had never understood this until the day Ramaphosa, responding to Meshoe in parliament, confessed their shared history in the Students Christian Movement where he was the



president. Kure however gave a stern warning to the president that if he did not resume the work of redemption the land would vomit him up and he would not win the next elections.

### **Nation's time of destiny**

Kure spoke of the current season of 2018 – 5778 in the Jewish calendar – as a time that opens the nation to a place of destiny, in which those who have been forgotten would be remembered.

God was realigning everything and would use what was perceived as foolish to accomplish his eternal plan. For example, while many would call US president Donald Trump foolish, he explained how he was being used to address issues in God's heart that world leaders have not had the courage to confront, such as Jerusalem and the killing of Christians by Boko Haram in Nigeria and by others in other parts of the world. He advised believers to pray that God's agenda be advanced irrespective of their personal sentiments towards leaders.

He concluded by praying for South Africa to focus on the good future that God has prepared for her and to forget her past. He encouraged everyone to give thanks to God for all the processes that have taken place to give birth to South Africa as it is today – the good and the bad – with the understanding that God has never left or forsaken the nation.

“I dream of a united South Africa, where all the voices are collapsed into one South African voice,” he said as he prayed for unity in the nation, but challenged that it must begin with the Church.

This meeting was in many ways a confirmation of a [prophetic word for SA released by Cindy Jacobs](#) just a day before. Jacobs tells how God will cause the nation to be reconciled, healed and restored as it returns to God.

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# JSE prayer report: Time to exchange 'begging bowl' for 'bowl of riches'



Battle of the markets (bull and bear) statue at the entrance to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

## *Special report by Pastor John Osa*

Seven days after a team of intercessors held a prayer meeting for economic release in Cape Town, members of the group heeded a call from God to take the prayer battle to the gate of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE).

The Lord gave me Job 20:15 – He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly – as a word for the prayer assignment to reclaim the wealth and riches of Africa for the King of Glory.

While the group prayed outside the JSE another prayer meeting was being held in front of the Reserve Bank in Cape Town led by Vuyokazi Matu who initiated the original economic release prayer event in Cape Town on April 30.

The JSE prayer gathering comprised Rev Kenneth Meshoe, Apostle Linda Gobodo, Apostle Ono and Nosizwe Abada, Dr Dithoto Modungwa, Pastor Tambo Lehlohinolo, Pastor Olubodun Ehinloju, Pastor Sam Oluwaseeki, Luyanda and Nontokozo Mangquku , John and Pearl Osa.

I proceeded to raise the altar for the transaction of the day, stating before the courts of heavens our response to the summons for the gathering and our desire before the throne .

Apostle Linda Gobodo took the baton to announce the word of the Lord from the Cape Town meeting – that economic oppression in SA has been broken – to the powers over the economic hub of Sandton represented by the JSE.

When she had finished her first round of prayer, Rev Meshoe began to lead. After this, I remembered and shared with the group how Dr Emeka Nwanpka, the chairman of the Africa House of Prayer had told us of an international conference in Cape Town years ago, where a minister from outside Africa shared a word from the Lord that He had hidden a bowl of riches in South Africa. This bowl contained riches to fund a large part of the end-time gospel

Apostle Gobodo then took it up in prayer before the Lord that we had come to take that bowl of riches now, using the grounds of the JSE as a point of contact.

### **The wrong bowl**

While Apostle Gobodo was praying, the Lord showed Pearl Osa that we were holding the wrong bowl; we were holding a begging bowl instead of the bowl of riches. “Until you drop the beggars bowl, you can’t take the real bowl meant for you,” the Lord said through her. “Your priests, governments, and others

are carrying a begging bowl everywhere.”

We began to bring repentance before the Lord on behalf of the Church leaders in Africa who go around the world with the begging bowl.



We pleaded with the Lord and began to drop the beggarly bowl on behalf of Africa and to take back the right bowl. This was a milestone revelation that shifted the gear of the meeting to apprehend the purpose of for which we had been summoned by the Lord .

It seemed the enemy had exchanged the bowl of riches meant for us with a poverty bowl and the stock exchange was a strategic place to rectify the error and thievery as a place of business exchange.

After that round of prayer, Rev Meshoe shared how he had a vision two years ago in which he saw African leaders carrying begging bowls around the world asking for help everywhere. Then all of a sudden, the vision changed and he saw a new generation of Africans with cheque books in their pockets, smartly dressed, going to Europe and asking the Europeans: “How can we help you?” He said he rejoiced to see the beginning of this new generation through the vision the Lord has just given about exchanging the bowls.

Then we began to walk strategically on the approximately 70m-long image of a serpent depicted on the pathway to the entrance of the JSE . We proclaimed Job 20:15 over the image as we walked, to cast out the wealth and riches that belong to the body of Christ that the serpent had swallowed.

Then we gathered around a silver statue of the of the battle of the markets (bull and bear) just a few metres from the reception, and we prayed and sprinkled the anointing oil, especially on its horn. We proclaimed the victory of the blood of the Lamb of God over the statue.

Dr Dithoto, a seer, shared some of the visions she saw, including one of the image of the lion emblem of the Queen of England at the entrance to the JSE. We dealt with that in prayer and ushered the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take His place over the exchange.

She also shared a vision of hands shaped in a beggarly posture at the entrance of JSE. This could depict the hands of Africans in a begging posture at the gate of the JSE.

The meeting ended on a high note of joy and thanksgiving to the Lord for His help and direction to assembly before Him.

When I got home, the Lord showed me a vision of a hand taking away the crown that was on the head of the silver statue. Physically, there was no visible crown but in the spirit, the serpent had a crown. But its removal means the beast has been dethroned from his seat of power over the resource gate of South Africa and Africa.

It is important that every believer and minister of Christ of African descent receive this word and begin to renounce the beggarly bowl imposed on our cities and nations through witchcraft exchanges, and we begin to receive on the behalf of our families, cities, ministries, businesses, the bowl of riches and wealth to contribute our portion to the financing of the end time gospel in Africa.

It should be noted that Gauteng Province with Johannesburg as its business hub, holds 10% of the gross domestic product of Africa.

10% represents the tithe in the Melchizedek priesthood. The battle to restore the wealth and riches of Africa will first be won in the city of Johannesburg by the order of the Melchizedek priesthood that has the grace to oversee the gates of the city. We believe this is part of the revival fire that will flow out of South Africa to the rest of Africa and to the uttermost parts of the world, it will restore economic and political justice amongst others. Thank

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## **Christian Police Association holding 24th national congress in Cape Town**



Christian Police Association leaders Leonie Peters (EC) ,Jan Swanepoel (WC), Selinah Kgaudi and Caroline Rygaardt (NW) worshipping the Lord at a CPA seminar in 2014 (PHOTO: File

picture).

The Christian Police Association of South Africa (CPA) will hold its 24th national congress at Apostle Battery, Llandudno, Cape Town from September 6 to September 9, says Pastor Louwna de Wet.

The congress will provide attendees with an opportunity to enjoy a time of prayer, encouragement and spiritual upliftment, and the main focus of the four days will be “brethren fellowship”, she said.

They were expecting “a move of God” at the event which would probably be attended by about 100 people, she said. Members would have to apply for leave to attend the congress.

Retired police chaplain Dr Cherise Le Roux, who has dedicated her time to serving members of the police force through counselling and workshops – especially regarding trauma and stress-related issues, will be one of the speakers. Other speakers are still being confirmed.

Existing CPA members and those wishing to join the association were welcome to attend, said De Wet.

She said it was hard to believe that the CPA, which teaches members to honour and fear God in all that they do, has been around for 24 years. She said they have seen a positive and spiritual impact on members.

For more information about the conference contact the National CPA office at 051 430 8774 or [cpanatadm@vodamail.co.za](mailto:cpanatadm@vodamail.co.za) .

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# Prayer meeting for 'economic release' called in Cape Town



Vuyokazi Matu, host of a new GOD TV show, *Dream Again Africa* is hosting a prayer day in Cape Town on Monday April 30 to call on God for revelation, restoration and economic release for the people of South Africa, entrepreneurs and business.

“Let us beseech God together for all in our land to be lifted up, that we would turn back to Kingdom principles and be released into a new era blessed by God,” she says in an invitation to the event at Hugo Lambrechts Music Centre in Picton Street, Parow.

People interested in attending the prayer day are requested to [register on Facebook](#).

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## Mitchells Plain gang leaders being followed-up after extraordinary It's Time





Angus Buchan gives his Bible to one of a group of gangsters who responded to an alalarar call at It's Time Cape Town on Saturday.

Saturday was an extraordinary day as possibly the biggest crowd ever seen at an event in Cape Town gathered to pray on an open space in Mitchells Plain.

The peace of God was tangible at the Swartklip Sports Ground prayer venue and on the surrounding streets which are notorious for gang violence and where people had predicted there would be trouble as there had been at other events at the same venue.

And, in one of many signs of God's goodness and favour on the day, soft rain began to fall as the crowd began to worship – to be followed by several more gentle showers that were appreciated in the drought-stricken area.

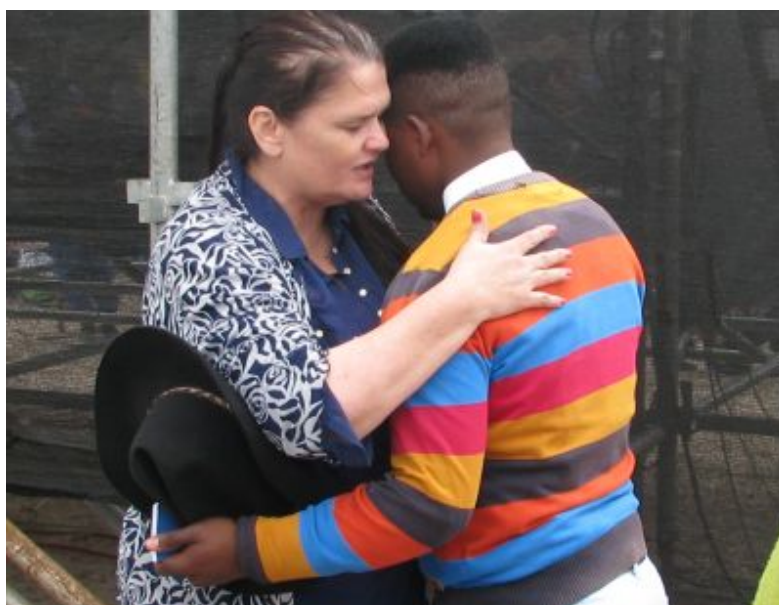
But the most extraordinary scene of all began when farmer evangelist Angus Buchan, who led the prayer time, called on gang leaders present to come to the front to “exchange that gun for a Bible”.

### **Call to gang leaders**

There was a nervous hush as Buchan repeated the unusual altar call after leading the crowd estimated at more than 150 000 in a prayer of salvation. As the worship team sang Buchan continued to urge gang leaders to come forward. At last one man came forward – then another – and another – until about a dozen men, and two older women – one a Christian worker and the other a mother of one of the men – stood in front of the platform.

Descending from the platform to stand with the gang leaders, Buchan said he was going to do what God had showed him in a dream. He said the Lord had impressed on him that the gang leaders were leaders – they were just going in the wrong direction – and that He wanted to use them in His kingdom.

He told the men that he wanted to give them something because he wanted to show them that they were loved by God, by those present at the It's Time prayer event, and by South Africa.



A woman hugs one of the gang leaders who had earlier responded to Angus Buchan's altar call and been given the evangelist's cowboy hat.

He then gave his trademark stetson to one of the young men, saying: "From today onwards you are going to be a leader for

Jesus – I want you to have my hat.”

### **Special Bible**

“You are going to be a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ,” he said to another of the young men as he gave him his “very special Bible given to me by my family”.

Buchan gave his jacket, checked shirt and boots to other young gang leaders before returning to the platform to lead prayers for Cape Town, the Western Cape and South Africa in his jeans, white t-shirt and socks.

“Those men are a representation of many others but I am believing the Church will get around them and rehabilitate them, he said from the stage.

One of the first members of the Church to rise to the challenge of following up the repentant gang leaders is Ashley Potts, director of the Cape Town Drug Counselling Centre, who Buchan refers to as his “Macedonian man” because of his role in his conviction that God wanted the It’s Time prayer event to be held at Mitchells Plain. Buchan selected the venue after reading Potts’s testimony in a Scripture Union booklet.

“It has been a real honour and quite daunting,” Potts, who grew up in Mitchells Plain, said in a telephone interview today.

“I wrote the testimony, not expecting such a response but God had his plan and purposes worked out in advance.”



Ashley Potts, director of the Cape Town Drug Counselling Centre.

He said although his testimony was brief, Buchan had caught the heart of what he was saying – and heard “the cry of a young man who grew up in the community, and who believes in this community.”

Last night he visited two of the young men who had responded to Buchan’s altar call and he was meeting another tomorrow afternoon. The men’s names were not captured at the time, so he was tracking them down with the help of the community, he said.

He said he spent an hour with the two men and their mother last night and was surprised by they way they spoke.

“They had already done lot of things I was coming in to suggest to them,” he said.

### **Changed hearts**

The young man who had been given Buchan’s Bible had gone to his fellow gang members and told them that Jesus had done something in his heart. When they told him to forget those ideas he persisted in telling them that Jesus loved them

“It was beautiful to witness how God has already transformed his heart and way of doing things,” he said.

However Potts said his hope was to give the men an opportunity to gain some stability in their faith before they were called to share their testimonies and talk about their experience.

“If I had my way I would rather they just silently grow in the faith through close mentorship and get involved in the church and gain stability and faith,” he said.

He also said he would be talking to leaders of various gangs and of the Firm, the coalition of gangs, to ask them to allow the church to walk the road with the new converts.

“You don’t just leave a gang and walk away. That’s suicide,” he said.

He said it was also necessary to get the buy-in of members of the community so that the discipling of the young men was not undermined by negative words and attitudes.

“Let’s trust that God will transform the community through them [the young men],” he said.

Buchan told Gateway News yesterday that It’s Time Cape Town had been one of the most moving events that he has been part of in 39 years of preaching the Gospel.

He said several days after the event he was still feeling surreal – “like walking on the water”. He said he had experienced the power of the Holy Spirit and the wind of revival blowing.

He said they planned to put up huge billboard at three entrances to Mitchells Plain with possibly a picture of a sunflower and the words “The Flower of Cape Town” – a reference to a word he shared at It’s Time about a name God had given him for Mitchells Plain.

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# Cyclists and intercessors on prayer fire trail to It's Time Cape Town



Cyclists en route from Beaufort West to Cape Town for the It's Time prayer gathering at Mitchell's Plain on Saturday.

*By Anja Morkel*

As expectation builds up for the It's Time prayer day in Mitchell's Plain, Cape Time on Saturday March 24, a team of passionate cyclists and intercessors have hit the road from Beaufort West to Cape Town.

Their 641km prayer fire trail tour is a follow-up to a tour that was undertaken last year from Cape Town to Bloemfontein for It's Time 2017.

The tour team, including Graham Power, founder of Unashamedly Ethical, AyJay Jantjies and a number of others, will be a part of series of prayer gatherings in various towns, including Oudtshoorn, George, Mossel Bay, Heidelberg, Swellendam and Riviersonderend.

Singer Heinz Winckler has also joined the team as worship leader.



Roadside intercession break.

The tour officially launched early on Wednesday March 21 and the cyclists aim to end their ride at 12pm on Saturday as they arrive at the It's Time gathering at Swartklip Sportsgrounds.

The objective of the prayer fire trail is to unify believers across denominations in repentance and prayer for revival and breakthrough, especially for the Western Cape.

The cyclists will be covering challenging distances every day as evidenced by the schedule below:

Day 1 – Beaufort West to Oudtshoorn 178km

Day 2 – Oudtshoorn to Heidelberg 211km

Day 3 – Heidelberg to Houw Hoek 191km

Day 4 – Houw Hoek to Mitchell's Plein 61km

The fire trail is supported by Unashamedly Ethical ( [www.unashamedlyethical.com](http://www.unashamedlyethical.com) ), a dynamic movement in support of encouraging values, ethics and clean living.

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## The Road to It's Time – The final countdown



Ashley Cloete's spiritual warfare journey through history reaches this weekend's It's Time Cape Town, an event which he believes is linked with God's redemptive purposes for the Cape – to be a launch pad for revival in South Africa, Africa and beyond.

### Episode 5: The last 3 years

Thousands of Christians will be converging on Mitchell's Plain on Saturday. A gathering of intercessors on Wednesday March 21 at the Swartklip Sports fields venue indicated that the It's Time Cape Town is going to be epic.

I have decided to deviate from my original plan to continue the story where I left off last week. It would be impossible



to do justice to the events of the last 50 odd years in that way. I will do that at a later stage. Instead, I want to concentrate now on the events of the last three years, starting with the Rhodes Must Fall campaign and the Western Cape ANC red-carpeting of Hamas in October 2015.

### **Ignition of the #Mustfall movement**

The statue of Cecil John Rhodes on the University of Cape Town (UCT) campus triggered the Rhodes Must Fall movement. The first protest, and the action that started the Rhodes Must Fall campaign occurred on March 9 2015. The student protest was initially about the removal of the statue, regarded by the protesters as a symbol of oppression. It grew to encompass institutional racism, the perceived lack of racial transformation at the university access to tertiary education and student accommodation. Protesting students created a Facebook page entitled Rhodes Must Fall.

### **Hamas leaders red-carpeted**

The red-carpet treatment of Hamas leaders by the ruling party in October 2015 had an immediate backlash in the spiritual realm. The ANC government went overboard in taking sides with Hamas in the Middle East conflict – in a display that was the very opposite of blessing Israel.

With no apparent connection – other than possible spiritual fallout – a flurry of Must Fall campaigns followed. Fees Must Fall and Zuma Must Fall campaigns soon became anarchistic as students resorted to occupation tactics, civil disobedience, and violence during their protests with extensive

### **GROUND ZERO PRAYER STRATEGY**

Jericho Walls International Prayer Network invites the whole of South Africa to join hands with Cape Town over 40 days as they prepare physically and spiritually for the very significant **It's Time** prayer event – to cry out to God for Cape Town and the nation

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damage to property.

Government's short-sighted actions were opposed by many believers, sparking an escalation of prayer.



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**View the latest video from Angus Buchan:**

### **A special prayer event**

A prayer event with Israeli pastor Baruch Maayan at Cape Point on December 11 2015 was organised at short notice as the result of a prophetic word from Jerusalem. The prophetic vision foresaw a wave across Africa shaking witchcraft and idolatry, and thereafter bringing increased kingdom harvest.

Someone had to strike the waters off Cape Town with a staff. Around 50 intercessors attended, some coming from far-away places. The event transpired in the context of intense spiritual warfare during which the country reeled economically. On Wednesday December 9 2015 President Zuma had replaced the able finance minister Nhlanhla Nene – barely two years after he took office. In a shocking move that saw the rand plummeting, Zuma appointed a relatively unknown backbencher David ‘Des’ van Rooyen – who served as a member of the finance committee in parliament – to replace Nene.



Pravin  
Gordhan,

It is impossible to gauge the impact of the prayer that was rallied on December 11 2015 but indications are that it was among the most impactful since our miracle elections of 1994 where prayer was clearly a driving force. Looking back it seems to be a miracle that Zuma had the courage to heed the economic rescue advice given to him by replacing Van Rooyen with Pravin Gordhan, a former finance minister with a good track record. The Rand recovered in resuscitation mode to a level near to where it had been before the appointment of Van Rooyen. Subsequently believers would pray a few more times against the possibility of economic collapse as sinister forces seemed to collude to bring Gordhan down. Indeed Gordhan was later sacked and replaced by Mavusi Gigaba.

**United Prayer for South Africa**

Simultaneously God raised a Christian in East London, Pastor Robbie Black, to initiate prayers all around the country on the last Sunday of February in 2016. A movement was birthed called United Prayer for South Africa. Pastor Robbie Black of East London had the vision to get South Africans to pray on Sunday February 28 2016. He had suggested: "It is time for us as Christian believers to rise, take a stand and unite in prayer for our nation. I pray that you as a fellow Christian will share in the excitement and join us in the United Prayer for South Africa... to have a prayer session at prayer points all across our country, mobilising as many towns and cities as possible."

The parallel event a year later on February 26 2017 would become part of the run-up to a massive prayer event in Bloemfontein with a million intercessors from all around South Africa – divinely orchestrated in six weeks.

### **It is time ...!**

Crime, corruption and a general wave of negativity were sweeping across the nation during the first months of last year. Evangelist Angus Buchan announced 'It is time ...!', and called South Africans to converge on Bloemfontein for a day of Christian prayer on April 22 – believing for a million believers to rock up. With only six weeks to prepare the task was However, the preparations had to happen in a space of six weeks. This would have been humanly-speaking impossible... but God!



## It's Time Bloemfontein.

From all around South Africa Christians came in their numbers, with vehicles of all sorts. Prayer plus modern technology enabled an event of a magnitude that would have taken ages to prepare not too long ago. Significantly, at the Bloemfontein It's Time event, Buchan said that we would be able to witness the result of the day in parliament. This happened seven months later on Friday November 24 when 250 Christian leaders held a special prayer day in parliament.

As the year was drawing to a close many believers were praying that the nation would finally see the end of the corrupt presidency of Jacob Zuma, who had survived a no-confidence debate on August 8, despite a secret ballot which it had been hoped would free ANC members to express no confidence in their leader.

Zuma brushed off many exposures of corruption that became known as state capture and it seemed that it would take a miracle to unseat him before the elections of 2019. Even when Cyril Ramaphosa was elected as the president of the ANC on December 18, it looked like Zuma would hang on to the state presidency.

### **It's time again!**

In mid-January this year Buchan sent out a WhatsApp call for another It's time in the Cape on March 24. Someone added

Buchan's name to a call for prayer for rain in the Western Cape on Wednesday January 24 at 1pm. This hoax message, which referred back to It's Time 2017, spread rapidly through Christian social media networks and gained support in churches all over the country. Jericho Walls International Prayer Network posted a call to prayer on its website, saying: "Several groups asked for Christians to unite in prayer on Wednesday 24 January 2018 to pray especially for the water crisis in Cape Town, but also the drought that is plaguing nearly the whole country. "Pray as individuals, but try to unite in prayer in groups anytime between 12:00 and 14:00 or in the evening." Despite the strange spark of this call to prayer, a flood of prayer followed and denominational boundaries crumbled as people came together to pray in all sorts of venues and in homes.

### **A divine response**

Three weeks later, on Tuesday February 13, there was a strange dark cloud hanging over the centre of Cape Town. This was followed by an unprecedented extended roar of lightning and thunder. It felt as if God was speaking. And then the news came that President Zuma would resign! The nation had to wait till the late hours of February 14 before he finally agreed to go. There must surely have been divine intervention because he was clinging to power just like Robert Mugabe had been doing in Zimbabwe a few months earlier.

### **Preparations for March 24 at Mitchells Plain**

Daniel Brink of Jericho Walls called believers to join in 24/7 prayers in the weeks before the big It's Time event – including prayer meetings at the venue, the Swartklip Sports Complex between Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha on the Wednesdays prior to March 24.



Pastor Barry  
Isaacs.

Every week a few more believers turned up to pray at the venue, and on Wednesday this week, which was the Human Rights Day public holiday, the number of prayers swelled considerably. During the meeting Pastor Barry Isaacs rose to the occasion in his introduction to prayer for racial reconciliation. He noted that he has not experienced such naked racism in his 50 years of ministry as he had in the recent past. Indeed, it seemed as if the government's support for a bill calling for expropriating property without compensation had unleashed unparalleled racial hatred, he said.

Isaacs challenged his audience "not to wait till tomorrow" for racial reconciliation, but to pray with someone from a different culture ! Daniel Brink responded by asking Alfie Fabe, a "Coloured" pastor to stand opposite him. Brink asked all Afrikaners to stand with him and all people who had been affected by the forced removals were asked to join Fabe.

Brink then put the cherry on the cake with a moving, prayer of repentance on behalf of his people – Afrikaners –not only for their attitudes of racial pride, prejudice and arrogance, but also for the forced removals of people of colour and the brutal practices that had accompanied that and the implementation of other apartheid-related laws.

While tears were flowing freely, Pastor Fabe extended forgiveness to the Afrikaners and also asked forgiveness from God for the anger, bitterness and rancour towards all "White"

people. Pastor Theo Roman made a moving confession on behalf of “Coloureds” for their bitterness due to feeling sideined first by “Whites” in the previous era and thereafter by the present government.

A wonderful sense of unity permeated the whole area as an old Afrikaans chorus was sung repeatedly thereafter, accompanied by a Mitchells Plain string band. It stressed what it was all about: Jesus did not come to judge but to save us:

*Dit was nie om te oordeel nie, dit was 'n ander saak.*

*Hy het gekom om ons te red en salig te kan maak.*

*Ons noem hom Saligmaker, want dit is Sy regte naam!*

– We call Him Saviour because this is His rightful name!

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**‘I am more excited about It’s Time Cape Town than I was about Bloemfontein,’ says Angus Buchan**





“It’s hard to say it, but I think I am more excited about It’s Time Cape Town than I was about It’s Time Bloemfontein. Can you believe it?”

Explaining why he expects more from the prayer day in Mitchell’s Plain Cape Town in just over a week than from the historic, miracle-filled It’s Time event on March 22 last year when a million people prayed together in Bloemfontein, he said: “It’s almost like this one is more prophetic – more specific for our nation.”

Farmer-evangelist Buchan who was inspired by God to call the nation to prayer for both events was talking to Gateway News in a telephone interview yesterday.

### **Prophetic words**

Asked about his prophetic expectation for the day, he said: “It is significant that there have been prophetic words spoken over Cape Town – over the Southern tip of Africa – for years, by prophets all over the world talking about the great revival that would [start in the Cape and] spread through the continent and all over world.”

People were coming from other nations to be part of the It's Time event on March 24 "to see what God is going to do".

Regarding the outworking of the revival prophecies he said: "The season has to be right, the land has to be prepared . There is a season for planting. This is the season for revival. Not 10 years ago. Now.

"I've been preaching for 39 years. I've been to Greenpoint stadium, I've been to Newlands Rugby Stadium, Newlands Cricket stadium. But never have I felt like I feel now."

### **Spiritual warfare**

Alluding to personal attacks directed against him on social media by both Christians and non-Christians in the run-up to It's Time Cape Town, he said he had never experienced such spiritual warfare before.

Much of the social media hostility has been in response to newspaper reports that Buchan had said God was angry with Cape Town and the city should repent if it wanted rain.

"I never said that [God is angry with Cape Town]. I said he's not happy with Cape Town. There's a big difference."

Buchan said while initially taken back by the social media hostility he was feeling closer to Jesus and more defended by Him than ever before. He had forgiven in his heart all those who had attacked him and he loved them unconditionally and was praying for them.

"They are going to be there on the day and they are going to see with their own eyes what God is going to do."

Read Ashley Cloete's in-depth series **The Road to It's Time Cape Town** for a historical tour of the spiritual battle that has been waged over centuries leading up to the fulfilment of the region's godly destiny – [Click Here to read the articles.](#)

Getting to the purpose of the Cape Town prayer day, he emphasised that although it was being held almost exactly a year after It's Time Bloemfontein it was not an anniversary event. Nor was it intended as day to pray for an end to the prolonged drought in Cape Town and surrounds, although he believed rain would come and the desperate need for rain would be some people's reason for attending the event.

### **Call to repentance**

He said the prayer day was being held because of "a clear Macedonian call" he had received from God in July last year. He said the Scripture God had given him was an evangelistic one – John 4:35, which talks of the fields being ripe for harvest – but the main point of the day was to call people to repent and acknowledge there is only one God. Secondly the day was to pray for physical and spiritual healing, and then for the nation.

God had also spoken clearly to him through a Scripture Union devotional written by a man who ran a drug rehabilitation centre in the impoverished, gangster-ridden Cape Flats area, that the prayer day should be in Mitchell's Plain.



Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town (PHOTO: [SA Venues](#)).

It would not be an interfaith event but a Christian prayer

meeting, although everybody was welcome.

“We will be praying to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and then God is going to take over,” he said.

### **Biggest Cape event ever**

Chuckling that he was sticking his neck out again, he said he believed that It's Time Cape Town was going to be not only the biggest Christian event ever seen in the Western Cape but the biggest public event of any kind in the area.

“I'm believeing for multitudes. I can't give you the figure because God hasn't given me the figure but it's going to be huge!” he said.

Tons of rubble were being removed from an area the size of 60 rugby fields that was being prepared for the prayer event.

Buchan said dignitaries such as the Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng would be at the event, and he had high hopes that President Cyril Ramaphosa – who they had invited – would be there.

But he said more than anybody else, the day was about the “nobodies of the world” with whom he identified and for whom he had special compassion.

“It's for the people who live in shacks, for the drug addicts, the gangsters, the guy who has lost his business, whose marriage is falling apart. The guy who has no vision.”

### **Torrential rain**

Expressing his high expectations for the day Buchan said: “We are going to come together – and the rains will come, and it will be torrential rain, not just a couple of showers. And the people will bow their knees – especially those who have been throwing stones – and they will say sorry to God and He will forgive them because He is a forgiving God.

“God is going to visit us in an awesome way with signs and

wonders following. And people are going to be healed in their seats – like they were in Bloemfontein. And youngsters who are on drugs and have no hope or future are going to throw away those things and get on with their lives.

“Gang leaders are going to start leading in the right direction and God is going to use them – I believe they have the potential to turn Mitchell’s Plain around.”

Chuckling again as we ended the interview, Buchan said: “When the rain comes – and its going to come in torrents – I’m going to be heading for the hills. I don’t want to touch God’s glory. I want to be like Elijah, I want to take off. I’m going to run for my life because I don’t want anyone to come near me and say even ‘Well done’ because it’s got nothing to do with me.”

For more information about the It’s Time gathering and to book free parking tickets visit [www.angusbuchan.co.za](http://www.angusbuchan.co.za). You can also keep up to date on It’s Time at UncleAngus on Facebook, and @angusbuchan on Twitter and Instagram.