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Wel come note!

*Happy 20th Anniversary CFaN!
Wishing you many more seasons
of fruitfulness as you Go and
Grow for the Glory of Christ.*

CFaN, it is to servanthood, obedience and faithfulness that your fruitfulness is being remembered and celebrated not so you can stay in the past, but so you can boldly step into the future as you continue to abide in Him, forcefully contenting for your inheritance in this city, the country and the beckoning lands beyond Botswana's borders - **for He is with You!**

Talk of a silver lining right in the midst of the darkness that has characterised the Covid-19 era! That's what the timing of this milestone is to me.

What's fascinating is that silver is not overwhelmed but enhanced by darkness. So, instead of the cloud's ominous demeanour consuming the little streak of silver, it shimmers against the vast backdrop created by the dark cloud, becoming the hero of the setting by default. Wow!



Covid-19 and its resulting consequences couldn't have taken centre stage as if to overshadow what God has done at CFaN because His light shines even more brighter in darkness.

So, whatever trials and tribulations we have faced since CFaN was founded in 2001 - even Covid-19, all work in us so we magnify and not minimise our Great God. Our victories become the lenses through which we see His unconditional love for us, affirming that He is indeed with us. If all we see is gloom and doom it is because like Peter who miraculously walked on water [Mat 14: 22] but later on started to drown, we are choosing to focus on the wind and waves, not on the Lord who tames the wild.

Don't you see it! Don't you get it! The work of the saint for the Kingdom will always face opposition from the enemy and yet because the Lord is with him or her, the work remains to the glory of the Lord not of the worker. It's not the opposer who will stand at the grandstand to receive the victor's crown but the courageous fighter who by the way, is ironically qualified by the very evil attacks of the enemy against him or her. The work done at CFaN has stood the test of time and its God who takes all the glory.

Just like the dark cloud and the silver lining scenario, the work of the enemy against the church works not to overpower her but to inadvertently provide God with an opportunity to harvest a bumper crop of Glory for His Holy Name. Hallelujah!

As we celebrate 20 years of age, we are acknowledging that when leaders consistently choose courage over fear, they magnify God and as a result allow Him to usher His people into their inheritance without being caught up in the enemy's web where the sting of fear and intimidation contaminates their hearts, frustrates their labours and eventually forces a premature abortion of the mission.

Lift up your head oh CFaN! Know that unless you corporately accept that

- God is with you no matter what, you won't cling to Him;
- God fights for you (the battle is already won), you won't be willing to go and do battle;
- if you won't avail yourself to do the work, no one else will do it and;
- unless the Lord builds through you, you will continue to toil in pain and vain that even your watching, will be an exercise in futility. (Psalm 127)

This CFaN Action Magazine edition is therefore, a celebration of men and women;

- who chose not to just believe God from afar, but went further to obey Him,
- who put hands to the plough - walking in faith instead of revelling in idleness;
- who trusted the 'Lord of the Harvest' to rescue their labours so they could be counted fruitful not just busy and lastly;
- who chose to be hopeful throughout the journey, no matter the odds.

So, while on the physical plane the applause may naturally go to the Pasimupindus and every other saint who got added to the work that is 'CFaN', the real credit rises and wells up in a resounding sacrifice of praise and worship in heaven, to Him who sits on the Throne; the God eternal, immortal, invisible and the only true God, to whom belongs all Glory and Honour Forever and Ever - Amen!

Reflecting on the CFaN 20th anniversary we get the immensity of the sacrifices that went into this community at the loss of the comforts, luxuries, dreams and lofty pursuits of this world. It is my hope that this has engendered in us, a sobering sense of gratitude towards God for His faithfulness and goodness towards us, as well as a

sacrificial love - one saint to the other, even as this has been the thrust of this ministry, as modelled from the beginning.

It is also my hope and prayer that the testimonies shared have encouraged us to run towards our goal, with a renewed sense to expend ourselves with utter abandonment as we partake in this precious work that God is achieving through His church, even CFaN.

As we look forward to the next 20 years, let us gird our loins, praying and hoping that we will not be mere, reluctant owners of this noble work but rather, outright flint-faced stalwarts and stewards, who with fear and trembling wield their influence over this 'jewel and treasure' called CFaN - i.e. the saints, the sheep of His pasture, a royal priesthood, purchased by His sacred blood for God - as subjects who shall be held accountable by the Righteous Judge and get commended as good and faithful servants.

Here's to the next 20 years of running the race harder, finishing the race strong and marching forward to get a hold of that for which Christ Jesus got a hold of us.

As you read on and indulge yourself in the diversity of articles penned by saints who have planted, established, laboured, prayed, trained, taught, equipped and loved the bride of Christ among other things, may you not only enjoy and be inspired but like them, commit to be a partaker in what God is doing in this community.

Happy reading

Joe Sithole

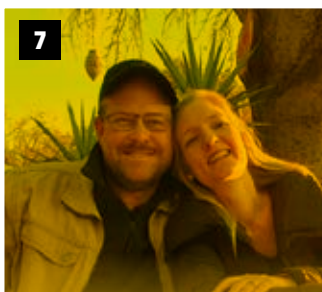


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The CFaNI leadership is once again overjoyed to have produced this special edition of the **Action Magazine** to celebrate the grace and favour of God over this community, on attaining 20 years of existence. What a journey it has been and of course, only God could have done it all. We thank everyone who took time off their busy schedules to contribute their time, treasures and talents to make this edition a success.

We encourage all CFaNites with testimonies and encouragements to approach Joe Sithole [75 689 104] so they can also be part of future editions of this magazine.

Happy reading!



Thank you Jesus!

God has been incredibly faithful to us as CFAN. As we look back on what the Lord has done, we can only say THANK YOU JESUS.

In Joshua 4, the Lord instructed the nation of Israel to take up twelve stones from the middle of river Jordan as a memorial, after performing such a great miracle, confirming that he is in control. He then explained why this was important.

"6 to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' **7** tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

The twelve memorial stones in Joshua had significance in that,

1. They were testament of God's goodness

2. They were testament of a 'Miracle working God'

3. They were testament of Gods protection

4. They were testament that God will always make a way

5. They were testament that His promises are yes and Amen

6. They serve as a basis of sharing our faith - Passed it to children (Look at what the Lord has done)

This was not the first time in the scriptures we see the stones serving as a reminder of His goodness. In 1 Samuel we see Samuel doing the same:

1 Samuel 7:12, then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."



Indeed the Lord has helped us thus far. I am extremely thankful for our past, and acknowledge what the Lord has done being also cognisant of the fact that there is no future in the past. We therefore have to look at the past with a rear-view mirror and gaze to our future through the windshield. There is still more for us as a community, there are still more territories to be possessed. The story of CFaN is long from over. We don't want to hold on the past but to trust in the true living stone for our future.

1 Peter 2: 4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— **5** you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

So as we Celebrate the past, we need to Live in the present and look forward and embrace the future. Let us all be strong and courageous as we do have responsibilities before us:

Josh 7: 10 "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? .. **13** "Go, consecrate the people. Tell them, 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow.

I will like to thank men and women who laid the foundation before us, to

Mark & Rose you are special to us. To Peter & Lee Anne and all former elders for ensuring the vision is maintained. Also a special thank you to every Apostolic teams who laboured tirelessly over the years to encourage, lay foundations and love us.

A special thank you to mention a few, Peter & Karen Rasmussen, John & Rachel Mphaphuli, Kenny & Mareen LeRoux, Mark & Marie Bailey, Thabiso & Didi Motsepe, Ray Oliver, Jon & Cindy Anderson, Jabu & Erica, Zach Lombard and many more.

Happy Anniversary CFaN.

Simon & Kay





Embracing our DNA to work, battle and finish strong.

It amazes me that we are 20 Years in already. I am grateful to our Father in heaven for the privilege of being a part of CFaN. I love doing life with “CFaNites”.

When we obey Jesus, He takes us to places we may have never naturally chosen for ourselves. My experience of following Jesus is that His will has a deep richness to it. Very seldomly does it come to us the way we could have imagined and sometimes even liked but it proves to be better than we could have ever planned for ourselves. Being a part of this community of CFaN has helped me understand a little better why Jesus would die for us, why He calls us His bride and His treasure. Jesus has taken each one of us to a better place.

When Lee and I were called to be part of this in 2004, we knew we were saying yes to a planting born out of Christ. Not the will of men, nor disgruntled saints, nor division or arrogance of ego and pride. This work was born out of the work of the Holy Spirit. When Mark and Rose said yes in response the Father's call, to come and plant they were saying yes to a plan of heaven that continues to this day.

A plan that has brought trials and tests, but more valuably developed unshakable confidence in Our Father's good, pleasing and perfect will and a stronger Christ like character in us, not perfect at all but far better than where we were at the beginning of this journey. This work was birthed in perseverance, tenacity, love for the Father and His people, with tears and many, many struggles, yet our Father's will continues to be done.

To Mark & Rose - Thank you for your obedience, sacrifice, and love. Your faithfulness and reliability continues to bear fruit up to this day and beyond.

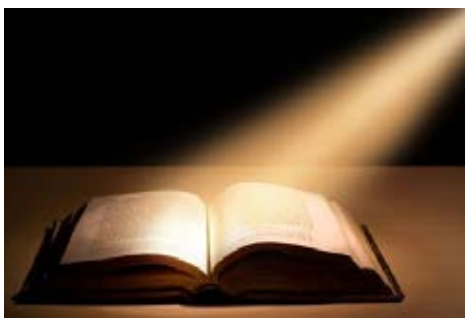
Have no doubt, my CFaN family, we continue because CFaN is a part of God's plan and will. It will continue until He determines otherwise. God is with us and I pray we respond to His leading and direction, in submission, faithfulness and reliability.

I believe part of the mandate over us is;

Isaiah 61:3-4 (NIV 1984) 3 They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

Our work, our battles, our victories continue to this day, praise God for His glorious grace to include us in His plans and with such a great bunch of saints.

Like people who have graces and gifts that make them stronger in some areas than in others, God in His goodness has likewise graced CFaN with certain outstanding characteristics that we don't have to work at it just seems to be a natural part of our DNA. I want to remind us of these, so we don't lose our identity as a people, these are things we are to hold dear to our hearts and to treasure. We are not to forget what makes us who we are and not to drift from our natural God given grace. This article cannot cover all facets and aspects of who we are as CFaN and what God has made us to be, it's just a reminder of those things obvious to me at the time of writing this article .



Worship

It has always been amazing to me how easily and naturally, genuine and sincere worship comes to us. We love to worship and praise God! We are grateful for all those who have served and led in the music ministry. Our worship culture, our worship DNA comes from what is in our own hearts, our deep affection and love for our Father and our sincere and genuine thankful and gratefulness towards who He is and what He has done for us. We love to worship and sing His praises, its alive, vibrant, real, lovely and very-very powerful. CFaN let us continue to worship for the glory and honour of our King as this is a grace given to us which is for more than ourselves.

Word

We have the attitude that God's Word is our final standard and authority for all life and godliness. We do not change the Word to suit us we change ourselves to suit it! Jesus is the Word and we are to respond to the Word not as a suggestion but as a directive, a command. Our work here is to understand the Word as God intended, rightly dividing it, trusting it, and taking an unapologetic stance for ALL its truth. We will remain free when the WORD is rightly believed and taught, and we will keep religion at bay when it is properly weighted and applied to our worlds. CFaN let us not drift from the truth, the WORD is a seed that must be sown into us, watered and God will make its fruit grow in us.



Servant Hearted

We value being servant hearted people, servant leaders, servants of the masters will in our time and generation, willing to be less so others can be more, willing to die so others may live, willing to serve rather than to be served. When each of us remembers the example of Christ that He came to serve rather than be served, that as God He washed the smelly feet of His creation and said that those of us who follow should be prepared to do likewise.

Servant heartedness is under threat around the world and has even reached us to some extent in CFaN, let us fight to be servant hearted people, in whatever role the Father has called us let us remember who we are to fight against self-interest and self-glory. Jesus is our standard. Let us embrace the attitude and heart of the servant, doing the will of their very good Master. We are a servant hearted people.



A Base

We are a people that's always been connected beyond itself, caring beyond itself, caring about our Fathers house and His "business" – not inwardly focused on ourselves. That's why we help other churches where we can, why we partner with the Translocal, why our leaders have always build bridges beyond CFaN, we work with other local church pastors. We care about the state of the church, the quality of her leaders, accountability, God's pattern and model for the church and great church governance. It's also why we help the poor and why we celebrate those who are making a selfless difference through their lives, why we celebrate successful business people and encourage people to fulfil their callings and mandates in Christ and why we recognise the kingdom of God is not the size of CFaN and that CFaN is not the center of God's universe.

Many of the people in CFaN have not been called to CFaN for their benefit alone, most have been called here for a bigger agenda on their lives, to bring what they have been graced with to the table and help advance the Father's plan for the nation/nations. You could lead or be involved in - church full time, an NGO, the business world, lead a ministry, provide resourcing, be a missionary or any other work or service Christ may determine, the important thing to remember is to find your life, you have to be willing to lose it, to lay it down. When we are the central focus of our worlds we shrink, we perish for lack of vision, we cannot live and thrive when the vision of our lives is our own lives.

Let us remember we are bigger than we believe ourselves to be and together we can do more than we could on our own. We remain committed to the call to be a base church, to follow what the King determines, to help strengthen and encourage other saints and churches.



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Translocal

Finally, we have always partnered with the Translocal, our partnership with the NCMI team has provided us with depth, insight, maturity, safety, and stability. Without which we would not be what we are today. We need to invest here as people and as a community. The ways of our Father are powerful and effective and exist for a reason. Let us make every effort to make the most of the opportunities that present themselves in this regard. The investment is worth it.

In conclusion, to Simon and Kay and our current team of elders, thank you! To all the previous elders of CFaN, its been a privilege to serve with you. To those who have been and are currently deacons, ministry leaders, in a ministry team, servers, contributors and anyone who has served the community of CFaN, thank you!

To the community of CFaN we need to praise God and thank Him for all He has done. Remember you are His precious bride and His reflection in the world. Grace and Peace to you all. To God the Father, to Jesus and to you precious Holy Spirit – thank you for the privilege and the call to CFaN.

Peter Bell



Embracing the Season of Change

Congratulations CFaN for the exciting journey of 20 years.

It has been a great privilege to be part of this exciting and challenging journey, as a founder, seeing it grow to where it is now, can only be through his grace, his divine plan for the church in the furtherance of his Kingdom.

God is a God of Change, yet he himself doesn't change. Change is the only constant; therefore, it provides opportunities for growth, fruitfulness, and enriched life. God has declared plans for us which are to prosper us and can only be achieved if we allow ourselves to embrace change. There is a time and season for everything and nothing last forever, but in God there is eternal life.

What is change? Change is an act or process through which something becomes different. Change is to replace (something) with something else,

especially something of the same kind that is newer or better; substitute one thing for (another). The most important approach to dealing with change is to expect it, it is inevitable. Change must be embraced and as Christians we are comforted by the fact that our God is in control, he leads us beside still waters so that even when we go through the valley of the shadow of death we will fear not.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

"1 To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven: 2 A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted, 3 A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build up, 4 A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5 A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, 6 A time to get and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to cast away,

7 A time to rend and a time to sew, a time to keep silence and a time to speak, 8 A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace."

There is indeed time for everything and the focus is on the journey ahead not what CFaN has been through the past 20 years. We forge ahead for many years to come for CFaN in line with his plan. God has been with CFaN throughout all the changes, challenges, opportunities, celebrations, you name it and he will continue to be with CFaN and CFaN Communities, for he has promised not to leave nor forsake us.

Isaiah 43:18 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." NIV

It is important to recognize the season you are in because you will see the change when it happens. How then can one recognize a season of change?

1. When what you are doing is no longer effective.
2. When the people around you begin to become an irritation instead of a blessing.
3. When all your efforts seem to be causing more stress on you than more fulfillment.

We all know that when winter comes, we adapt, we start to co-operate with it. We don't fight it because if we do, we are the ones who are going to suffer. This is the best approach to any change, and we need to have the same attitude.

These are very exciting times for CFaN community as it is going through uncharted waters due to the aftermath of Covid-19. Wonderful opportunities await all of us, because the ground is fertile, people realized the need to draw closer to God. Covid-19 showed the world that it is not through our intelligence, our might, our strength to beat it but by his grace which is forever sufficient, his love and unwavering protection. Sites were established, Virtual meetings, which allowed for people from all walks of life to participate in building, strengthening, and spreading the gospel for his glory.

CFaN is also in the process of building the house of the Lord," **THE BASE**", indeed exciting times, opportunity yet again to be partakers, to be counted to leave a legacy for the Lord. Let us continue to embrace this season of building and deliver the project for his purpose.

How do you sustain the art of changing?

It is important to recognize the season changing because if you don't, you will hold onto things which are no longer relevant, important, and instead of

propelling you forward, they will pull you backwards. When the season changes, suddenly the things that were against you, begin to work for you. People who were against you now come and support you. The story of Samson killing 1000 Philistines with a jawbone of a donkey and throwing it away is a classic example of recognizing the need to move on, he knew that the jawbone has done its job. He understood that the anointing had left the Jawbone and now it was time for something new. This is recognizing change. Most people would have kept the jawbone, patented it, and traded it with other people with the believe that if it worked for Samson, it should work for them.

Do not sit over your success and pride yourself, what you have already done, has been achieved, God constantly wants to do new things in and through you. Success belongs to those who are willing to work harder than anyone else and are willing to move forward.

Philippians 2:12-14 reads, "12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." NIV

The bible reminds us that as a man thinketh so is he. It is important to guard our thoughts, feed then with the word of God, so that they are focused on the things of the Lord.

Philippians 4:8 reads, "8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." NIV

Let's focus our thoughts on good things. It is important to note that our thoughts will always create a chain reaction. Our thoughts become words, which lead to action, continued action leads to habits, which will ultimately define our character. Our character becomes our destiny. We are the products of our thoughts, so what we think is who we become.

Brethren's let us turn to the one who is unchanging, our God almighty, he remains the same yesterday, today and forever more.

Numbers 23:19 reads, "God is not a man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and not act? Does He promise and not fulfil?"

Recognizing the season we are in will always allow us to acknowledge change. It will propel us forward. We should always be alert and expect change, we shouldn't fight it but embrace it, because even if we fight it, we will never win, it is inevitable. Make necessary adjustments to allow for adaptation to the new environment.

Life principles are critical as they become the cornerstone of who we are and will help us forge forward when we follow them. They are fundamental truth that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior. In God we trust, therefore we should always turn to the one who is unchanging and focus on our future not our past.

A reminder on the fact that time change, people change, things change, seasons change, and you will change but our God doesn't change. Let us enjoy and celebrate the milestones we have achieved in our 20-year journey, continue to allow God to expand our territories as we continue to go and grow for his Glory.

Mark Pasimupindu / (CFaN UK)

A look at the CFaN timeline...





A word from Mark Bailey!!

You have been a wonderful delight to so many of us... Your example of Faith & Faithfulness reaches beyond your borders! You have lead the way through influence over the years...

Your future is in His hands, you will see the Goodness of the Lord in the land of the living and the impossible will be made possible through you! Never lose that fire – you will be richly rewarded!

You have been called for much much more, it's time to embrace the more!



You have done well says the Lord, but it was demolition, uprooting, establishing, and laying foundations... **Now is the time to build!**

"By your actions you have taught us to praise, to love, to open our homes, to be generous and to be on fire for God!"

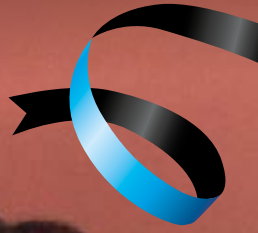
You will build for generations with generations – The Lord your God will do this!!!

You are truly a base church with a powerful reputation of Grace & Truth! You are willing and obedient, you will enjoy God's goodness in extraordinary ways!

Thank you for your open hearts, your passion and your humility – God delights in you!!!

The time for freedom fighting was good, but you are entering a season to build and to plant! It's a time to build – into each other's lives, into your ministries, into your city, into your nation and yes into the nations of the world!

Bless you abundantly
Mark Bailey / Klerksdorp



*Celebrating
the work of
Christ: the
Chief Builder
at CFaN.*



CFaN, we are kinder on the same boat - "building"

One is tempted to say God we are building, once the building is up with chairs, please fill them - I felt a rebuke from God - why should I (God) wait for the building to be completed in order to add? God wants to add now. CFaN, while you are busy with the physical building which He is involved in it, He wants to build the church (people) too, by adding. People with gifts already sharpened, like David with the skilled men who came to him:

1 Chronicles 12 v 23 - 38

These are the numbers of the men armed for battle who came to David at Hebron to turn Saul's kingdom over to him, as the Lord had said: from Judah, carrying shield and spear - 6,800 armed for battle; from Simeon, warriors ready for battle—7,100; from

Levi - 4,600, including Jehoiada, leader of the family of Aaron, with 3,700 men, and Zadok, a brave young warrior, with 22 officers from his family; from Benjamin, Saul's tribe - 3,000, most of whom had remained loyal to Saul's house until then; from Ephraim, brave warriors, famous in their own clans - 20,800; from half the tribe of Manasseh, designated by name to come and make David king - 18,000; from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do - 200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command; from Zebulun, experienced soldiers prepared for battle with every type of weapon, to help David with undivided loyalty - 50,000; from Naphtali - 1,000 officers, together with 37,000 men carrying shields and spears; from Dan, ready for battle - 28,600; from Asher, experienced soldiers prepared for battle - 40,000; and from east of the Jordan, from Reuben,

Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh, armed with every type of weapon - 120,000. All these were fighting men who volunteered to serve in the ranks. They came to Hebron fully determined to make David king over all Israel. All the rest of the Israelites were also of one mind to make David king.

So go for it CFaN and let Jesus be involved in both buildings.

Jeremiah 17:8

**For CFaN will be like a tree planted by the water. That extends its roots by a stream
And CFaN will not fear when the heat comes;
But CFaN's leaves will be green,
And CFaN will not be anxious in a year of drought
Nor cease to yield fruit**

Jabu & Erica / Mafikeng

Remembering what God has done as we run towards the future

What amazed me then and still does was Mark's resourcefulness because within a few days, he was speaking to the police of the city and preaching to the crowds standing in line at the hospital.



Peter Rasmussen

I must confess I'm not big on anniversaries and I suppose I'm so predisposed to looking ahead, to anticipate what God has in mind for our future rather than reminiscing about our past. Having said that I do think there is real value in remembering what God has done so we don't forget the blessings we have been recipients of over the years. The old song goes "Count your blessings, name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done". It's good to be surprised by the blessing of God.

Just over 20 years ago Mark and Rose were on our team in Hillcrest and God was stirring them to plant a local Church in Gaborone. I remember doing an exploration trip with Mark looking at the possibilities of the city. What amazed me then and still does was Mark's resourcefulness because within a few days, he was speaking to the police of the city and preaching to the crowds standing in line at the hospital. I love the fact that this Church is rooted in gospel preaching.

This gospel root has now produced a Church reaching out to the city over multiple locations and the heart of your beginning is still very much alive in your present journey.

I love the prophetic and enjoy reading over prophetic words given to me or the Church at regular times through the year. God's word has no expiry date and often we look through the lens of our present situation, as we interpret or reflect on them. But I love that these spoken words continue through into our future – lining up, like lights, confirming direction ahead. The foundation of CFaN is built on both the Apostolic and the Prophetic – there are multiple words that speak into your future as a 'family'. It helps us to read the season we are in.

We, in the western world tend to think linear when it comes to time. We feel it can be lost or pass us by. This can have a negative effect on us and can be discouraging at times, especially if we feel we have missed a "moment" perhaps in raising our children, in relationships or missional opportunities etc. Surprisingly the Word doesn't seem to reference this – it's as if God speaks rather in seasons.

Giving the impression that there is always a redemptive season ahead, a promise of something new, a second chance ahead to see a miracle happen even in the darkest of Winter, the promise of Spring calls us.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:"

In the light of this I believe it's spring time for CFaN and that God is calling all of you into a season of producing new life. What looked like winter only a year ago suddenly springs to life and has all the potential of much fruit. Your most fruitful season is ahead not because you are special in some way (I do think you are very special) but because you have continued to sow in seasons where it seemed no fruit would ever come.

Isaiah 43:19 "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

May God be honoured as you celebrate 20 years of His amazing grace... *but there is more to come.*



A journey of Faith and Obedience

On behalf of the Rock Christian Church Francistown Community. We want to take this opportunity to congratulate Church of All Nations Botswana (CFaN) for the 20th Anniversary that we are all celebrating as the body of Christ.

As you mark 20 years of servant hood to the church of God, we want to join the Christian fraternity in wishing CFaN community, a happy 20th anniversary and many blessings from the Lord, May our good Lord lead you in the next phase of service as you touch lives near and far , where the Lord has purposed the church to reach as instructed in the scriptures Mathew 28:19-20, may God bless you abundantly.

Twenty (20) years ago, a man and woman heard God for themselves and responded to the greatest call that a man can ever respond to, the call of God. What a joy to know that the Pasimupindu's responded faithfully to this call because this is a journey of obedience, courage, faithfulness and being trustworthy to be entrusted by God. Through the grace of God that is sufficient you mark this milestone like the children of Israel did Joshua 4:1-24 it is God who has faithfully carried His church through faithful servants – "it's been a journey of faith and Obedience"

We thank our heavenly Father who has seen you as a community this far, crossing rivers, valleys, and climbing mountains that he alone has led you through, is just but enough to give praises to Him. In your journey of faith and obedience many of His people have been reconciled back to Him, well-done for holding the fort, not easy but He enabled you with His strength and wisdom you needed in every step you took and continue to as He gives direction.

We thank God for His promises and faithfulness that He has brought to fruition all the work that He started. We have all

been witnesses of His goodness to you as a community, let us keep trusting in Him for He will guide the church to greater heights and we shall keep celebrating more anniversaries going forward as God's will as we count the blessings one by one. Our Nation of Botswana is blessed to have such a loving and caring CFaN community and for being part of your journey as The Rock Christian Church. After taking time of prayer for you guys God pointed us to this passage of scriptures for the church-

Psalm 27:14 NLT

14 Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

Galatians 6:9 Amplified Bible

9 Let us not grow weary or become discouraged in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap, if we do not give in.

Lastly our dear brothers and sisters we urge you to wait upon the Lord always because He has the best plans for you, hold strong, do not waiver and never tire to do good, much love and blessings.

Lyenor and Sazini - The Rock Christian Church Community

Here's to Jesus' healthy Bride, CFaN

Cindy and I had the incredible privilege of meeting Simon and Kay and the CFaN team through the NCM Botswana Equip times. We have absolutely loved the relationship and have been so inspired by the many ways that CFaN loves and equips the saints not only in Gaborone but in the wider Botswana region.



CFaN has become a home away from home for us from Centre Church in Johannesburg and if it was not for COVID 19, we would have loved to send through our youth team to come and hang out with your incredible young people to grow, be challenged and forge relationships that eventually go on to change the nations.

I have three thoughts for you as a church going forward and they are around the three specific pillars we use as a church to remain healthy. Jesus is the foundation of all we do and out of our love and devotion to Him, we use community, preaching and worship as practical pillars to ensure the church is healthy and reflects the kingdom of heaven in all its love, truth and power.

So firstly around community.

I believe that CFaN is an incredibly unique community in that the DNA to be multi-generational runs deep. I believe that CFaN's community should reflect the multi-generational nature of our communities. From the fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, children, young people to the different vocations like business, entertainment, sport etc,

I believe that CFaN has it to reach every area of the surrounding community. It is often easier to focus in one area alone but CFaN has been called to so much more. This will entail a lot of trust and training and risking as you equip each sector of the community to be missionaries in reaching out. This will look different for each community and so I do feel it will be important to lay out very broad "together lines" but allow each community to paint liberally and uniquely within those lines.

Around preaching. I believe that a new wind is blowing through CFaN around preaching and teaching. A new ability to preach with relevance but also with power. To preach topically but also to preach biblically. These two should never be at war with one another. It will take the beautiful blend of ages, vocations and gifting to lend the relevance and application to preaching and it will take the study and wisdom of years to ensure that this relevance is used to apply the life-changing truth of the gospel. Young preachers learning from older preachers, men, women, it will take everyone. There is no space for insecurity

and feeling threatened in the coming days for CFaN, the kingdom desire to see each gift thrive needs to run through every facet of the church. This will require humility, honesty and training.

Around worship & music. I believe that CFaN has a leadership role within the churches of Botswana to pioneer and then to equip for a new sound and heart of worship. Again, the humility and the multi-faceted future that God has for CFaN will ensure incredible relevance. I believe that songwriters in CFaN should not be attempting to write congregational worship songs but rather write what is truly on their hearts after times of meditation with the Lord and in His word. Some songs will be for congregational worship, others for ministry and yet others will never be heard beyond the personal worship moments of the musicians. A day is coming when songs that minister to the people will be as important as songs that people sing to minister to the Lord.

Cindy and I love you guys so much and can't wait to visit again and be encouraged by the good things that God is doing and is going to do into the future.

Jon & Cindy Anderson / (Centre Church Johannesburg)

Celebrating an Ebenezer moment.



The sombreness in a great milestone is having no one to celebrate with you. People who celebrate you and the milestones in your life are a reminder that you have been faithful in living out your purpose thus far. They are an expression of gratitude to God for you and the value you added to their lives.

CFaN, we celebrate and rejoice with you on this great Ebenezer moment in your journey. The pilgrimage in Christ continues but you already have a blessed testimony of His goodness through mountains and valleys.

Our families, churches, nations and nations of the world rejoice over you with dancing for the blessing you are and continue to be.

As you strive for greater heights in the Lord's service remember the foundation that you are founded on, Christ Jesus, our Cornerstone. Honor those who went before you and upon whose shoulders you stand. Re-solidify the foundation once again for those whom God continues to add in your midst, for

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3 ESV

Strive as a community to do the work of an evangelist and dig deeper wells for those who come to drink from the streams of living water flowing from you.

Consider Joshua who had fought and attained victory in many battles, but now stood before Jericho, a city completely shut and fortified against the advance of him and his troops.

"When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, 'Are you for us, or for our adversaries?' And he said, 'No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.' And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, 'What does my Lord say to his servant?' And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, 'Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.' And Joshua did so." Joshua 5:13-15 ESV

In the future you are heading into do pause and ponder:

1. The Lord has come to walk before and bring down whatever stronghold is shut and standing in your way

Jesus is the warrior who knows no defeat and has come to fight before. Put your trust in Him.

2. Worshipping Him in beauty of holiness, privately and publicly, will be a weapon of destruction and devastation for the enemy. Cease not to worship even when storms rage.

3. Dust off any impurities that will compromise His nature and glory amongst. Prioritize purity.

4. Obey without second guessing what He leads to do.

May the Lord enlarge your territory, give you greater influence locally and internationally, bless you more with godly leaders and a deeper loving assembly. We shout:

Grace, grace, grace to you. In Jesus' Name.

Thabiso Motsepe / Cosmos City Church

CFaN Botswana @20 Years!

“Trusting God in the Process - Divine Position in the new season!”



Rose Pasimupindu / (CFaN UK)

Congratulations for 20 years of impact Church for All Nations - Botswana!

I feel elated for having been part of this! Awesome God! 20 years of trusting God in the process! Now I feel that there is a loud call for Divine Positioning!

It's all good news and liberating news. To those who have been praying and trusting God for divine opportunities, divine appointments, divine pace - hear hear! Hear!! God is challenging us all, going into the future, will not say the next 20 years but the future,

allow and make room for a divine positioning and numbers are always significant!

So, I looked it up!!! Yes, I did. Below is what I discovered and it's all exciting folks. There are many things but I feel I should share this snippet.

Twenty (20), which is one more than nineteen, is twice the number ten and can, at times, mean a complete or perfect waiting period.

For 20 years Jacob waited to get possession of his wives and property, and to be freed from the control of Laban his father-in-law (Genesis

31:38 - 41). For 20 years the children of Israel waited to be freed of Jabin, king of Canaan, who oppressed them. God response was to raise up Deborah and Barak, who freed the people from bondage (Judges 4 - 5).

I am not sure who this is for, but what I am aware of is that; it is for that CFaNite who like Jacob has done their bit, but it has been a long wait! It was also a long wait for the children of Israel to be freed from the oppression of Jabin! I have a sense that the wait is over. There is a divine position that will remove the wait, remove the divide, remove the disappointment, and turn it into the appointment that you have been waiting eagerly for!

For some, different sites mushroomed from the COVID-19 pandemic, what I am cognitive about is that God allowed it, for He is the one who directs the steps of His righteous ones. The Lord will, in this season steady each site and each person.

The story of Philip in Acts 8:4-40 (use the New Living Translation if possible) fascinates me and that is the story I feel for the church in the next season. The word will be preached in every corner of Gaborone, neighbouring cities, towns and beyond as each site rises to the occasion! Believers who were scattered did and turned Samaria upside down by preaching the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

Philip was among the scattered ones. Philip was rightly positioned, obeyed through and through hence diving places, divine people, divine appointments, divine encounters! I strongly feel these for the church and for CFaN Botswana. May the Lord shift you now to the right positions.

The Almightyness of our God reveals the nothingness of man! May He do His thing with and in you and may He perfect everything that concerns you [Psalm 138:8].

Maranatha!

1

Firstly,

people were eager to hear Philip's message and see the miraculous signs he did (v6). He brought great joy to the city! I speak that into the future of Gaborone and beyond. May you bring joy to the city through preaching the good news. Reaching out to the communities' highways and by- ways.

2

Secondly,

Philip was then instructed by an angel of the Lord (v38) to change route. He did not argue, he obeyed and went. There he met an Ethiopian eunuch on his way from Jerusalem to worship, seated in his carriage reading aloud from the book of Isaiah. He understood nothing. One conversation with Philip changed the eunuch who demanded for water baptism! Indeed, he was baptised.

There will be multiples of divine connections in the new season, only for those that are divinely placed by God.

Thirdly,

in verses 39-40 the Spirit snatched Philip away the moment they came out of the water and he found himself in Azotus again, preaching the Good News! What a divine experience! No transport required- he just went! May you have divine encounters in the new season. You may not suddenly find yourself in Palapye or Maun without knowing how that happened (but who knows what awaits?), but I pray that you will experience God never as before.

3



To the 'Precious CFaN' Loved by God.

Hello CFaN - It is with great joy that I write with an oomph of "O la boh!" - Ola JE-HOVAH, with a Ye-re-re shout of joy - on the occasion of CFaN's 20th Anniversary Celebration, particularly on account of the '5 New Sites' ("Site Branches") 1. Tlokweng (Bunnies Academy) – 2. (Gaborone Central) Maharajah – 3. (Gaborone East) Botswana Open University 4. Mopane Kings & Queens, 5. Phakalane (Phakalane Golf Estates Hotel). What more with the development construction building of 'The Base' (The Launch Pad). How so divinely captivating this is - such a strategic move by God Almighty expressing his will through you. I tell you even now it is thrillingly exciting and my adrenalin is very high - releasing of course non-toxic neurons that are sending electronic impulses - I feel fire in my bones and my heart echoes 'boom boomtee-tee boom' with an accelerated lively pace and my soul sparks a song.

'Matchless in every way, Wonderful, You are Beautiful, You are Glorious - No Wonder They Call You Holy, No Wonder They Call You Worthy!'
Yey!.. and my body quakes in dance mode.

COMMENDATION

Wow CFaN! This is marvellous - well done to the elders, the deacons and all the precious saints – and the invited partnering trans-local team that has been investing in you: the real 'diamond mines' in Botswana – namely; the treasure in you, Christ Jesus our Lord and King. To all of those I know and all of those I do not know whom God has added since the time we left - I say - dry bones have come alive ('kana' you recall we prayed sincerely to the LORD of the harvest to add new treasure) and God is Faithful – He did it and will continue to add. Oh how I long to hug you all and give you all a definite purified holy kiss - Mmptswa-a-a! Well Done CFaN!

Straight into the word God planted in my heart for CFaN, I have 3 illustrations that God gave me - these three speak the same thing;



The Tree

The 'New Sites' are the big branches of the tree. The roots and the main trunk is Jesus, the House Churches are the smaller branches coming out of the big branches – 'New Sites'. 'The Base' is another 'New Site' with an added special responsibility of harvesting seeds and nurturing seedling beds and developing new varieties according to the wisdom God gives.

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. Like a good farmer, may God grant you the Spirit of the knowledge of the LORD and the Spirit of wisdom and understanding and so that when seasons change you know when to water and prune, when to fight those insects and bugs, when to harvest and prepare for the next season. Your fruit shall be enjoyed not only in Botswana but in other nations. Do not fear but **be strong and courageous.**

The Diamond Stones



Some of you will witness a prophetic word CFaN received in one of the apostolic input times some years ago. I paraphrase this way - "the big diamond would be fragmented into smaller stones and sent out releasing the ray of radiant light that diamonds give when they sparkle into other places". The same illustration was stirred in me that the big diamond stones have started fragmenting (not destroyed) into smaller stones - and I perceived from the LORD that some stones shall be distributed locally and other stones shall be exported to other nations bringing great economic benefit in the form of foreign currency income to Botswana.

Dear brothers and sisters the fragmentation as I said already started and you are living testimony of this. For there are those who will remain within Botswana and others whom God will call to specific nations. I encourage both those called by God into Botswana and beyond the borders of Botswana to other nations under the direction and leading of elders to **Go & Grow for the Glory of Christ**. Only be careful and make sure you don't send yourself for this is why Elders were given to you by God - do not despise them. Good timing and obedience will bring great heavenly value and glory to Christ with a resounding "well done good and faithful servant". Even raw diamonds are not sent out to other nations without processing them and adding value to them first so as to derive maximum benefit. This is why even as a church there is precedence in scriptures that shows we send processed 'pieces of stones' - which have added value so that those who receive them, receive

them with joy. Do not send yourself, it will be to your own peril. Be sent by elders of the church under Captainship of Simon & Kay. I am testimony to what I am saying.

The Army



The 'New Sites' are a company forming a battalion and 'The Base' is one of the branches that facilitates the nurturing, development and training of saints into leaders and saints who are equipped. Some years ago before Simon became leader of CFaN God opened up and "Lo, I saw Simon at the top of a hill and he had a sniper rifle gun with a telescope lenses to see things far away".

2 Corinthians 10: 3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. **4** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. **5** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Pray without ceasing and when new ventures come be ready to know when to be in combat on your knees. Be strong and courageous, because you are the army of God and behold God is raising you - because Jesus won, the battle is won but we still need to do what soldiers of Christ get to do; not engaging in civilian affairs. Look unto Jesus for Joshua asked, "are you for us or for our enemies" and the response was "Neither" Word came out and said,

"I am the Commander-in-Chief of the Lord's army," (Joshua > 5: 13, 14)

In Conclusion A New Thing - Discern It

I hear this word for you;
"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. ²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹ the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."
Isaiah 43: 18-21

Precious CFaN, do not look back or hold back. I encourage you in the very words of Paul that are for you ¹³ ...Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ ... press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me (you) heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3: 13-14)

We love you and continuously pray for you, contending for you because of the love that Christ Jesus poured us me for you.

Batho ba Modimo - ketla go bona when God opens a door or a window. Gosiamel!

Lots of fresh love - uhhmmm, can you smell it! **Oh Yes!**

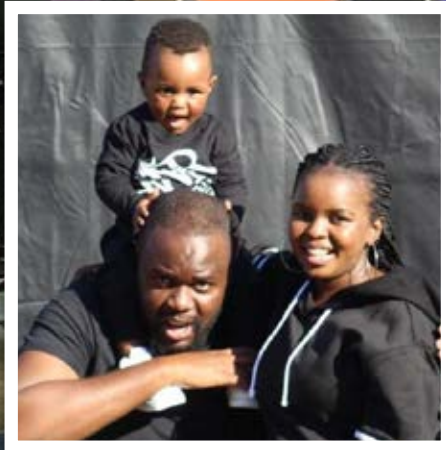
Waiting Patiently,

Charlie Warona, / Jeffreys Bay, Eastern Cape
- South Africa





CFaN turns 20!



On behalf of the Acts Church family, it gives me great pleasure & honor to write this on such an auspicious occasion and historic milestone in the life of our beloved and precious older sibling in Christ - CFaN. Acts Church is deeply grateful at the impact you have had in our city and nation over the last 20 years and most importantly, for your unwavering support and love that you have shown to me, my family & the entire Acts Church family.

To say Happy 20th Anniversary feels inadequate and an injustice to the gravity and magnitude of what we are truly celebrating. Today we celebrate 20 years of soul winning, 20 years of making disciples, 20 years of leading multitudes in worship, and 20 years of spreading the love of Jesus Christ. We celebrate 20

years of bringing the good news and upholding the integrity of the word of God, we celebrate 20 years of making a positive contribution towards nation building and positive contribution to the body of Christ. We celebrate 20 years of feeding the poor, caring for the widows and orphans.

We celebrate 20 years of saying 'Yes!' to Jesus daily!

As we celebrate what God has done in and through this God-fearing house, we won't fail to recognize and celebrate each servant in the house who has faithfully served in the house along the journey and contributed to the story of CFaN. To every usher, worship team member, media person, hospitality team, intercessors, preachers, Elders, Deacons, Pastors, leaders, and faithful members of CFaN at large, thank you for your service to God through the house. We draw inspiration from your faithfulness and resilience in the work of God. Here is to the next 20 years of a magnified adventure with and, for God!

I pray that the next 20 years will bring a magnified (20-fold) harvest of souls and disciples of Jesus. May your impact and influence in this nation and beyond, reach every sphere of influence from business to governance. May God cause you to be fruitful in all your exploits for Christ. I declare a fresh outpouring and move of the Holy Spirit in and through CFaN and may the next 20 years look just like Acts 2:46-47

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.)

Keep Going and Growing for His Glory! Blessed Happy Anniversary Family!

Blessings & love,
Lazarus, Sinah & Acts Church Family

Why Church?

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In my 18 years of being in CFaN and 30 years of being a believer, I have seen many people grapple with this question and, it is important that we grapple – that we search the scriptures and seek the heart of God on this issue, because when we do, we find the truth that will help us make decisions that align us with God’s will for our lives and ultimately bear good fruits.

I’m sure you will agree with me that the biggest problem with the Church worldwide today is that it is often full of man’s wisdom, man’s preferences, man’s craving for entertainment, things that “justify” man’s desire to sin, pride, jealousy, politics,... and the list goes on. But really, we can’t be surprised by all of this – the bible clearly warns us multiple times of the danger of this rife deception.

It is clear to me that in every one of us, sin is crouching at the door ready to corrupt that which is intended for good. And many times it wins. I have seen it in my own life, personally, and I have seen it in the “corporateness” of the Church.



So what are we, as individuals, to do with this reality? Honestly, it would be easier to leave it behind us and wash our hands of the mess and move on. Many have done that and chose to live their Christian lives in isolation because they are fed up with the duplicity and sin of others.



Yet, God, in His sovereignty, chose the Church as His expression of love to the world, His mouthpiece, the main feeding ground for believers, the place where He chooses to pour out His corporate anointing.

So, what should that look like and where do I fit in? Well, let's go back to the start of the church at the beginning of Acts and have a look...

Here we see that the believers were all gathered together in one place. They were united in prayer. They were positioned. They devoted themselves. They were focussed on Jesus – and look at what happened next – there was a mighty move of the Holy Spirit and the gospel spread like wildfire, despite persecution and here we are, 2 000 years later.

Let's look at the word "devoted". Devoted is an action word. It is a choice that takes courage, strength and willpower. We continuously choose to be devoted when people are irritating, when things are not going right, when I feel I can do a better job. Devotion means that I lead my heart to what Christ wants. I take myself out of the picture and put His purposes first. I don't worry about my own comfort. I choose to suck up the fact that there is no mother's room or no good coffee. Devotion causes me to get out of bed when I am tired to serve Him and His people, because I am not devoted to myself but to what Christ is doing.

1. I choose to find grace for others, because of the Grace that God has extended to me.

2. I choose to make allowances for other's faults and forgive those who offend me (*Col 3:13*)

3. I choose not to speak behind other's backs or leave in a huff, but to put into practice *Matthew 18* which gives specific instructions on how Jesus wants me to deal with offence, and by doing that, God can usher in peace and healing.

4. I choose to allow love to cover a multitude of sins, just as Jesus has covered my sin.

5. I choose to honour those who lead and give me spiritual guidance. To show them respect and wholehearted love because of their work and I choose to live peacefully with others (*1Thes 5:12*)

What were the early church members devoted to? The apostles teaching – this is the preaching of the Word. A devoted person will ruminate on the Word. They will weigh it up and wrestle with it and look at how it affects them personally and what needs to change in their own life and pray for the Holy Spirit to transform them.

How many times though, do we listen to the preaching of the Word for someone else? On how often do we daydream about something else when the truth is coming from the pulpit? Have you ever closed your ears to the Word and become critical because of the person that is delivering it?

That is not the response of a devoted person.

They devoted themselves to fellowship – this is deep, meaningful connection with others – people who did not necessarily grow up the same way I did, who don't have the same educational level, who value things differently and think differently to me. People who are not perfect but are trying to be more like Jesus and making mistakes. (*Just like me!*) **Fellowship is intentional.** It can't work if each person is waiting for someone else to reach out to them. The devoted person is proactive and finds ways to break down the barriers.

They devoted themselves to the breaking of bread – they shared meals in each other's homes. Their focus was not on what others think of their couches, bad cooking or the fact that they only have bread and water. Their focus was on Christ and His purposes.

When last did you prepare a meal and invite someone from church into your personal space?

They devoted themselves to prayer – uniting them in heart and mind. You see, God is pleased by unity of his children. Where there is unity, He commands a blessing.

The result of this **passionate devotion** was that the apostles performed miracles, signs and wonders. People's faith levels were high! The believers met together in one place and shared all they had. They worshipped daily and met in homes and others were drawn in.

I agree that what we experience today is a far cry from the picture we see in Acts, but it is certainly something to aim at. What if a few of us were hungry for Jesus and devoted to what Christ wanted to do through us? That passion is infectious and can spread like wildfire. The problem is most of us are waiting for someone else to make it happen. Jesus calls each of us, He equips us and He gives us a special task to do.

Too many of us want to bypass the devotion part (too much hard work) and the gathering together (too much other stuff distracting us), but we really want to see the miracles!

This Christian walk is hard – we easily get distracted, lose focus and get discouraged. But Jesus has given us the Church and each other because there, we find strength and encouragement. But I must remember that I also have a responsibility to encourage and strengthen my brothers and sisters. Heb 10:24 says

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works"

To motivate others, I need to be intentional. I cannot creatively motivate someone without understanding them first and I can't understand them without being in their face and getting to know them.

We have all heard this scripture -
"And let us not neglect our meeting together as some people do, but encourage one another"

Too many of us think that meeting together is about receiving. We see the church as a "service provider". I often hear things like "Worship today was boring" or "The leaders are not doing enough"

Well, it's a good thing that we weren't worshipping you then! We also have to remember that the leaders are not there to serve me - they are there to serve Christ. They are not perfect, and just like me are working out their salvation and require grace.

It is in giving that we receive - Jesus calls us to lay down our lives and promises us that when we do that, we will gain our lives.

The bible makes it clear that the strategy of the enemy is to isolate us. When I am alone, I am vulnerable

- to my own negative thoughts, to deception, to the traps that lead to sin - and the enemy can have his way with me.

But if I am together with my imperfect brothers and sisters and under a covering of a God ordained leadership, I am protected. God will use people, as iron sharpens iron, to bring transformation in me. Of course I will be challenged by others, of course it will be uncomfortable. My pride will cause me to be offended, but will I choose to disengage or will I choose to be humble and make the necessary adjustments?

Often, I cannot see my weak areas and I need my brothers to help me with my blind spots. At times I will be so weak and I need to be near the hot coals to keep hanging on to my faith.



The Church in action, operating as God intended it is powerful. I can choose today to criticise and point out all the problem areas, or I can choose to take the truth of the Word and every good gift that God has given me and put it into practice and thereby shine Jesus' light to a dying world.

Lee Anne Bell



Following the CFaN timeline...



The CFaN 20th Anniversary celebrations.



...made me realise that we always need to have an account of God at work or have personally experienced His work. It also taught me to appreciate that if someone comes into my life and has a positive impact on me even a short while, I should be thankful that our paths have crossed. If they can't stay for whatever reason, I still need to be thankful.

...made me realise that God is mindful of all details of our lives, the small and the big. And, we must appreciate and celebrate the small and big victories! It all started with a man and his small family, Pastors Mark and Rose. I learnt that if I can't celebrate the small things, then the big things in God won't mean anything to me. I have learnt that celebrating the humble beginnings sets me up for the bigger things to come. This has been the case since I joined CFaN in 2005. The Lord has grown me as an individual and I have seen the Church grow too. Not just numbers but in strength. The 20 years celebration has taught me that it is important to remain! In God and where he has planted me! My encouragement is for you all to remain standing, so that when all else is done and finished, you are still standing. Only when we remain in God can we stand that long!!



..taught me to appreciate that we must continue to hold fast that which we believe, especially in these times. (1 Cor 15:1-3) let's Put our hope in God. Why is this so important? When we call and believe the word of God according to scriptures it allows us to have the right expectation that He will do what God says. God has given us the power to break not just the burden that we carry but also the struggles of life, even when we repeatedly find ourselves doing something we really don't want to do - we can overcome!! And God says the anointing is here to break you free. (Phil 4:13)



..taught me to appreciate fellowship with believers. I believe most of my growth in faith came from fellowship. It's amazing how being surrounded by believers who encourage you, share the gospel with you can do to an individual's walk with Christ. I remember feeling discouraged, disappointed, hurt at some point in my life and speaking with one of the saints encouraged me to stand firm in my faith. I am thankful for fellowship that CFaN has taught me!!

..made me realise that God is supreme and it is always important to be connected to Him all the time through prayer, fellowship, and reading his word. God sends people to different places for a purpose, and the establishment of CFaN in Gaborone 20 years ago, was a precursor for us to have a place and a community where we can fellowship, enjoy His presence and grow spiritually. Furthermore, through CFaN, we have witnessed and seen the hand of God, as manifested by so many testimonies and prophecies we have received.



...made me realize that there is always that one person willing to listen, lend a hand or be there for you when you are at the your lowest.



...made me realize that I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I placed in God's hands I still possess.



CFaN is Ready?

Growth is desirable in every context; be it in relationships, us maturing and even the body of Christ growing in faith and understanding of the Word...

Growing in our giftings. Growth is in every way a good thing if it brings positive impact and valuable outcomes (2 Peter 3:18). Hence, we celebrate babies becoming teenagers and teenagers, becoming adults and adults, getting old and being associated with wisdom.

It has been 20 years since CFaN, Botswana was started by Pastors, Mark and Rose Pasimupindu. Most of us witnessed why the days of small beginnings should never be despised,

Zech 4:10 "For who has despised the day of small things?" as we know that

Job 8:7 states "Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would increase abundantly".

This is what has been happening over the years in CFaN... growth and increase. Note that in most growth curves, there is a period of what seems like stunted growth but overall growth would still be happening. Nobody ever considers the period of temporary stunted growth but delight in overall growth.

Over the years, God has been investing in the life of CFaN as He continues to build on the apostolic foundations. These same apostolic foundations are serving as the base for key apostolic ministries in worship, teaching and church planting. Being apostolic is a definite call that comes with unwavering commitment to execute what God would have called you to do. In good and bad times, the apostolic call does not retreat. In Acts 21: 7-14 we find Paul the apostle being warned by a reputable prophet Agabus, after four girls that could prophesy had not warned him of anything. He was warned of arrest and the brethren discouraged him from going to Jerusalem (abort the apostolic) but he expressed how committed he was to fulfilling God's mandate over his life. Paul was ready to die for the name of the Lord. Nothing could stop



him. Nothing should stop CFaN too. Arrest means denial of freedom and paralysis/ interruption of progress. There is a reason why Paul was not afraid of being arrested..... he had been arrested, beaten and left for dead before. He had faith that God would deliver Him from anything. In fact, the arrests and beatings had only served to strengthen his determination to love and serve God. CFaN shares a similar history with Paul.

As CFaN turns 20 years, the church has had its periods of arrests, interruptions and even deviations, BUT that only served to establish the church stronger. CFaN is ready to serve in all seasons. Hold on to the vision and call. Do not forsake the mission because when God-given, it will be God-executable.

- I see a strong evangelistic, worship and teaching edge being fortified. Some areas may seem new and you may feel they are not your strengths and that is correct.... He gives you strength and equips you for missions and excellence.

- A new sense of strategy will be established where the CFaN leadership will work on establishing multiple strategic partnerships and mentoring. These partnerships will further strengthen the CFaN base and capacitate multi-cities church plants.

- In that season God will give CFaN a seat of honor among cities' elders. Your voice shall be sought and your counsel respected.

In conclusion, I found out that the number 20 is very appropriate for CFaN's season. Twenty symbolizes a cycle of completeness and refers to a complete successful waiting period usually associated with a trial and is

followed by God's generous reward and manifestation of His love. Jacob waited 20 years to get his wives and wealth released from Laban. Solomon took twenty years building his house and the temple before he could have a place of his own. Deborah and Barak set Israel free from King Jabin after 20 years of oppression.

*Parabéns pelo vosso aniversário...
Que o Deus continue a abençoar e proteger vocês....
Amém!!!*

Chishamiso Mudenyanga / Mozambique

**The Fact is CFaN is ready!
Go, Grow and Glory
in the fullness of
your calling.**





Young ADULTS

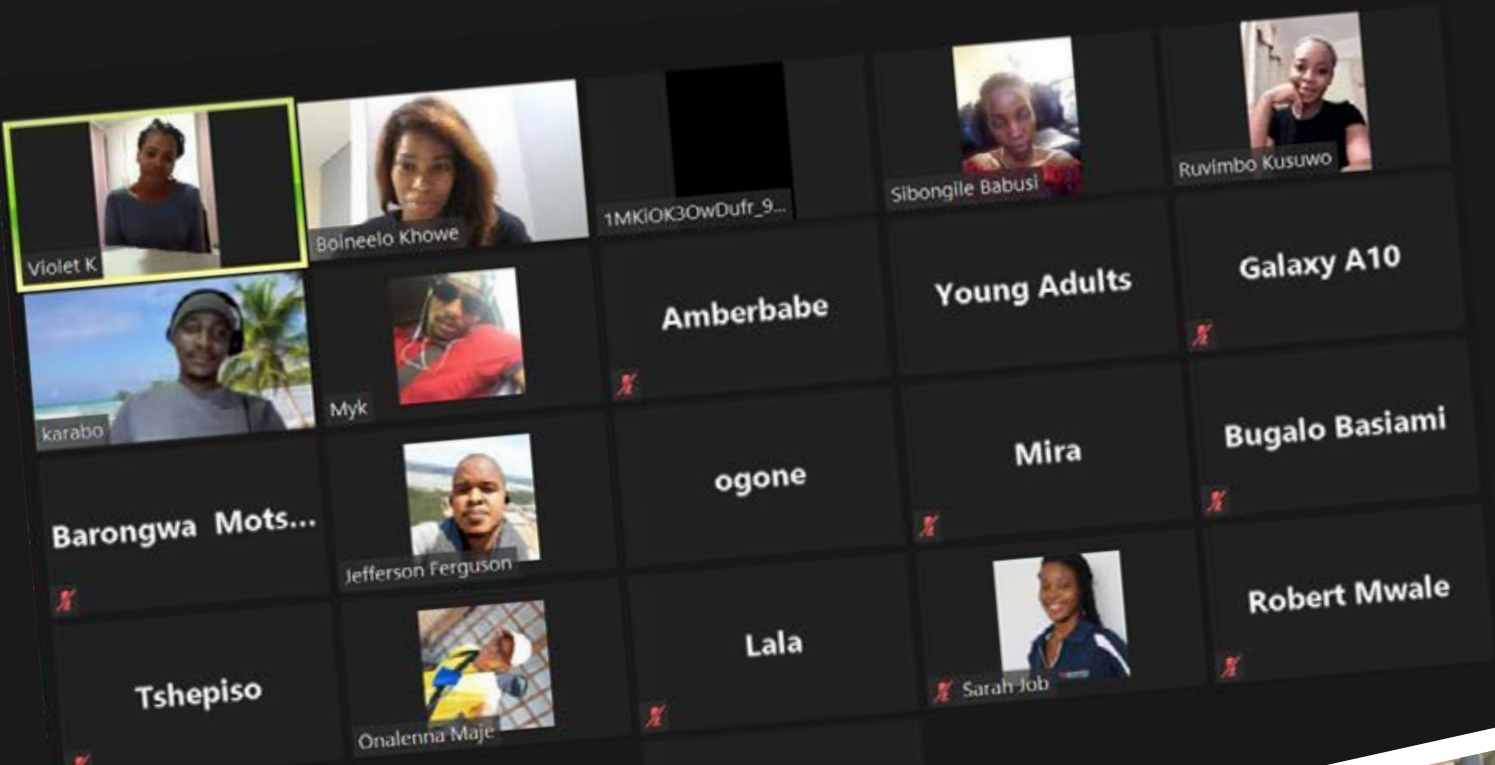
Building Community during a Pandemic



I remember attending my very first Young Adults meeting; I was a university student then. Having been new to the faith, I had many questions and was eager to learn. Young Adults meetings were fun, engaging and an incredible opportunity to grow in the word, fellowship with my age mates as well as discuss issues/topics of interest.

As young adults, we recognise that it is now our time to create an environment for the current and future Young Adults movements so they can experience and learn what we have and even surpass us. As we look at the past 20 years, we celebrate the families, individuals and churches that have contributed to the fruitfulness of the CFaN community. We recognise that it required commitment, resources and faithfulness in order to do the work of the Father. We are excited about the privilege to walk our portion of this glorious journey on this same path.

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed > Romans 8:19



In a season where fellowship and gathering of people was restricted due to an effort to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, we did not see it as a challenge but an incredible opportunity to build community and fellowship in an innovative manner. In this season, we have felt the strong urge to create opportunities that would enable fellowship and a sense of community. We came up with initiatives that were aimed at ensuring that despite not always having an opportunity to meet physically, we would still ensure connectivity.

We engaged in some incredible initiatives such as:

- Weekly Monday 15 mins prayer sessions
- Virtual monthly meetings
- Health walks
- Coffee sessions
- Re-branding: designing the Young Adults ministry Logo
- Launching the Young Adults Instagram Account and Re-launching the Facebook account
- Created a Young Adults email list for people to send in their prayer points etc

- Created a WhatsApp number to allow for engagement via the popular App
- Leadership Fellowship Sessions

All these initiatives were made to ensure that Young Adults, either in CFaN or outside CFaN have multiple opportunities to be part of a community.

John 17:4 | brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

As CFaN Young Adults, all we desire is to bring the Father glory, by being faithful and doing the work that He has given us to do. We are committed to doing our part and to pass on a work that glorifies God to the next Generation.

Boineelo Khowe



JESUS CREW CROWNED by the King

At the end of 2019, Phillip and I had a conversation with the Lord about where we could be “instruments of purpose” as 2 Timothy: 21 would put it. We had always been drawn to reminisce about the days of our youth, a time in our walk with Jesus when foundations were laid, shook, built up and at times mended from brokenness.



To be young is an opportunity, not a burden. Your journey of self-discovery we believe, has the most grace afforded to you when you are young.

So when the Lord opened the door for J-Crew, we jumped right in and have the privilege of partnering with some phenomenal young people who love God whole heartedly.

The last 2 years have been an interesting journey for us with all the uncertainty happening around the world, however part of our mission as J-Crew (Age 13 – 21) is to be **LIVING PROOF THAT JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING THROUGH US**. So our theme for the year 2021 became:

PURPOSE

- P** Prepare your mind for action
- U** Understand and gain knowledge of God
- R** Resolve to live for Jesus as a firm decision
- P** Partake of the activities God sets before the church
- O** Obey His word, it is better always
- S** Out-serve each other
- E** Expectation is key to believing God's promises for us

As we continued to walk together with this in mind, we worked to accommodate every young person with the awareness that many would be stuck at home. We introduced **LIFELINE**, designed as an informal platform for real people to tell real stories about their Christian lives on our social platforms. Our first outreach moment “**Let Kindness Ripple**” encouraged our youth to step out and interact with people who weren't in their social circle. We gave away cards of encouragement and prophesied boldly into the lives of strangers who were kind enough to hear what we had to say.

The most exciting part of this years journey was meeting as “**TRIBES**” where each member had a weekly gathering with their peers, intentionally walking with and doing life and fun together, while learning and growing in the Lord.

JESUS CREW hopes to continue growing the work we have already begun, and with the support of our parents rooting for us, and most of all, Jesus walking with us, we know that God is going to do so much more as we P.U.R.P.O.S.E into the next season.

Phil and Val



From one meeting to five, in multiple locations!

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic left church leaders asking questions about the future of CFaN, in light of the new laws that dictated we go into full lockdown as a way to mitigate against the spread of the deadly virus. Thankfully, this was short lived as we were granted the freedom to meet again, though in smaller numbers of no more than 50 congregants.



After the lifting of the full lockdown era we were able to leverage technology to do church during the lock down, then doubled down on connecting and shepherding the flock, by setting up 5 sites in different locations.

Through the establishment of the sites, we were able serve our local communities in tangible and visible ways. We are leveraging the evangelistic opportunity to also reach new people. The result, is better outreach and church growth among the unchurched.

This concept of one church meeting across multiple locations is not new at all. It began in Acts 2 with the church of Jerusalem meeting in many locations. The multiple locations concept is well adapted to changing cultural realities and leverages technological advances.

However, CFaN truly made the paradigm shift from a pre-Covid mono-site, to a mission-driven, community-centric church that affords congregants the privilege to love, serve and disciple each other in an intimate setting.

Here are some takeaways and observations from the CFaN multi-sites representations:

- i) **Attendance:** convenient and made easy for local communities
- ii) **Connection:** allowed us to navigate our way around the attendance restrictions and have more people connected to each other physically and to God in worship.
- iii) **Engagement:** more opportunities for members to serve and grow at the different sites.
- iv) **Fellowship:** we are assured of continued fellowship not just for our flock but the unchurched as well during the pandemic
- v) **Opportunity:** we are positioned to reach different parts of the city beyond the Covid-19 era



Here to stay!

Whatever one thinks of our sites, they seem likely to remain on the landscape of CFaN for the foreseeable future.

My hope and prayer for CFaN is that this new normal becomes not an end in itself, but an effective means of spreading the Gospel of Christ to our communities and country at large.

Consider it this way: the first church (see Acts 2) was birthed in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.

The Word spread from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria and, finally, to "the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

-The church, the body of Christ, "grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Ephesians 4:16).



May God bless you!
Roy Segaetsho.



Building *The Base*: a launchpad to reach the world for Christ.



The Base Project progress report

The CFaN building is a double storey structure on plot number 54618, Block 5 in Gaborone. The plot area is 425m² with 417.5m² to be utilized for the building. The main church auditorium is housed on ground floor while the upper floor will be used for Youth and Sunday school activities.

QUALITY CONTROL

We are taking the construction of this building very seriously and our level of commitment to excellence is as thorough as could be, being inspired by the very God we worship - the Chief builder. We won't be skipping any quality control procedures or cutting any corners just to get a building. I have made a commitment to be on the ground to make sure that this structure will reflect CFaN's heart of worship to her God.

IMPLEMENTATION

The actual construction of the church building started early June 2021 and is progressing well. The implementation of the project is being done in phases to manage the accumulation and flow of funds.



The Lord has been faithful thus far as I am glad to report that the foundations and Surface bed/ ground floor slab are 100% done.

The other phases to follow are very dependent on us continuing to trust God so we give generously to this work. Provisional phasing is as follows:

- Phase 2** Ground floor columns.
Ground floor brickwork
First floor beams and slab
Main staircase
- Phase 3** First floor brickwork
Ring beam
- Phase 4** Roof trusses
Fire escape staircase
Roof sheeting

CONCLUSION

I am excited of the progress made thus far and believe this sets the tone for the rest of the building, God seeing us through.

Venencia

A milestone in the possession of our inheritance

This is one of the milestones we celebrate the Lord for; CFaN's Base Church reality slowly coming to fruition with the building of our own structure for the Lord.

It is an exciting adventure with the Lord. It means so much both in the physical and spiritual realms. This has been so evident especially as revealed during our morning prayers at the base. It has been made abundantly clear that God has given us the nation of Botswana.

As it was with Israel, when God restored them back to their inheritance 70 years after the Babylonian captivity so it is with us. The restoration of Jerusalem and possession of Israel's inheritance started with the rebuilding of the Lord's temple in Judah, a task that was led by Ezra. It was only after the rebuilding and dedication of the temple that the physical restoration of the wall started and eventually came to completion under the leadership of Nehemiah.



In the same manner, the building of this Base is a monumental landmark and a sign spiritually and physically in the journey that the Lord is taking us corporately.

This is the beginning of greater things to come in our lives both corporately and individually. Our lives will never be the same - Botswana will never be the same. Generations will forever be transformed, being impacted by that which the Lord is doing through and in the Base.

It is an honour and a great privilege that the Lord has made you and me partakers of such a work. Do not tire to sacrificially give, pray and contribute in whatever shape or form for in so doing, you are sowing a seed that will become incorruptible, speaking and echoing into eternity; setting us and our children up to reap a marvellous harvest in the Lord and for the Lord.

Christinah



Open Heavens, Song of the Season

Open Heavens is not only a gift to CFaN. It is God's invitation, a voice crying out in the wilderness saying; there is still life and love to be found here - in the city.

And this year, we all really needed to hear that voice. We all truly needed to really have God's voice of encouragement speak over us in our places of discouragement, tiredness, uncertainty and insecurity. We needed to hear God once again say, **"This is my son in whom I am well pleased."**

This Open Heavens, God didn't **just** come and speak over us. He came and declared, reassured, and set up His banner over our heads. He revealed Himself once again sitting on His throne and declared that this church, this city, and these people, are His.

We laid at the feet of the king in peace. We felt as David did when he wrote Psalms 23.

In Psalm 23:2 he says, **"He leads me along footsteps of righteousness, so that I can bring honour to His name,"** a beautiful picture that we get to see in the famous Disney Characters Moana and Mulan, who step out in faith to find their purpose, responding to the inner groaning of their hearts for their family and their people.

On the anniversary Sunday, we had spent the week asking God who he wants us to

be and what He would have us do in the season coming. A great stirring rose up inside of me and the Lord told me (Val) to break out in song, although I did not know what the song would be.

The word He gave was to sing out the vision of CFaN and remind us once again why we are called for such a time as this.

If you're called to be apostolic - know the word and speak it boldly.

If you're called to be prophetic - then prophecy children of God and let the earth quake in revival.

If you're called CFaN to be multi-generational, then where are the young people? Call them in! The older ones, call them in! The children, draw them in!

THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY HAS DECLARED A SONG OVER US: To be an Apostolic Prophetic Base Church Building a Multi-generational Work!

CFaN, it's time to build brick by brick, colour upon colour- we contribute to the whole picture.

May God continue to reaffirm this promise as we step out boldly in Faith, Hope and Love.

Phil and Val

