

## Newsletter

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Transforming Communities  
Holistically towards  
Self-sustainability

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Operating under the  
Umbrella of  
Foundations for Farming

# The GoOD Times

## Can this be Our Finest Hour?



I am a big Winston Churchill fan. It seems that they don't make leaders like that anymore? One of his most famous speeches on 18 June 1940 at the beginning of the 2nd world war was the following: "*Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was their Finest Hour.'*"

[Listen to the speech here.](#)

The world around us is dark and almost unfamiliar. We feel that never before were we so close to the coming of Christ and never before has things been so grim. But only 80 years ago people must have felt the exact same thing - They barely survived the Great Depression of the 1930's. Earthquakes started to occur all over the place in 1940. Total fatalities from earthquakes in the world for that year were 1448! Then everywhere there were rumours of wars and mass executions of people across Europe and Russia by the summer of 1941. Rumours of Hitler's army advancing while whole districts are being exterminated! What would have been people's thoughts at that time? I am sure they could have been thinking - This is the end. We are doomed!

Are we not at the same place today? We don't even recognize our own neighbourhoods, our country, and the world at large... We speak of "The End", although all of us have a different interpretation of it. The uncertainties and sometimes madness of things are inconceivable. But in the midst of this chaos 80 years ago a newly elected British prime-minister saw things differently, and he made this speech that is still known all over the world today even after 80 years. Now going back even further to 1300 BC! God says the following about Caleb after returning from their mission to explore the Promised Land: "*Now as to my servant Caleb, because a different spirit is within him and he has remained true to me, I'm going to bring him into the land that he explored, and his descendants are to inherit it.*" (Num 14:24)

## OUR VISION AND MISSION

### VISION

We want to see the poor empowered with hope, knowledge and skills that will help them live sustainably off the land so that they will also have enough to give to others.

### MISSION

We partner with stakeholders to empower vulnerable communities and leaders to achieve sustainable food security through a training, equipping and mentoring process based on a framework of farming, finance, family and faith.

*But as for you, brothers, do not grow weary of doing good. If anyone does not obey our message in this letter, take special note of him and do not associate with him, so that he may be put to shame. Yet do not consider him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother. 2Th 3:13-15*

I believe this is what is needed even today. **A different spirit, a different attitude, a different perspective!** Caleb and Joshua saw the exact same things as the ten others. Winston Churchill saw the exact same things and even more and worse than the rest of the world, but his focus was different. Their interpretations were different. They had a different spirit inside of them. We need to ask and trust God for a different spirit inside of us as well. One that will say: *I see what you see but through my eyes it looks different - Something in my heart gives me a different understanding. My focus is different.* When other people become despondent wanting to throw in the towel we must be the ones that say: No, just look at the opportunities! We must fight for one more day. A heavy heart and a despondent mind cannot see the answers and opportunities in front of it. A heart of faith says we can take on these giants, we can take on *Hitler!* We need to get up and work harder and smarter; be creative; refuse to be weighed down.

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The main reason we get so negative and depressed is because the focus is on self and self-preservation, but it must never be about us! The enemy's main strategy is to make us self-obsessed: My future, my safety, my comfort. We need to turn our focus to the Mission! There's a war out there! People are dying! People are lost! We need to brace ourselves to our duties - our duties towards the world that God loves so much and that Jesus died for... Our duties towards our King and His Kingdom. Then maybe a thousand years from now they will also say about us: It was the Church's Finest Hour.

I believe this can be our Finest Hour now. As the Body of Christ we need to get our priorities in order, seek Him like never before so that a "Different Spirit" can manifest through us - Not on a superficial selfish level but a deep raw level born out of hardship and conviction and sacrificial love. Let us repent for being deceived into this new self-obsessed Gospel and start to live out the true undiluted, unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ.



*Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep one self, unstained by the world. (Jas 1:27)*

## OUR CORE VALUES

- Christ-centered
- Transparency
- Relationships
- Stewardship
- Sustainability

## BANKING DETAILS

Thank you for prayerfully considering partnering with **Yenzokuhle Training and Development Group**. We appreciate your support and generosity. Together, we will continue to do what matters most reaching out with even greater impact to more communities across South Africa.

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## PAYPAL ACCOUNT



## GIVENGAIN



# Yenzokuhle Background

On 6 July this year, the *Yenzokuhle Training and Development Group* came into existence and was officially registered as a Non-Prophet Company, with registration nr: 2021/728522/08. “**Yenzokuhle**” is the Zulu word for “**To Do Good**”. The name comes from Acts 10:38 – *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him.*

We still operate under the umbrella of **Foundations for Farming SA** but now functions as a sole entity. Our Board Members are the five people below. They have a big responsibility to take this organization forward and we want to thank them for their selfless service towards this cause of providing nutritional and spiritual security to the people of South Africa. Please pray for them!



Our Logo represents the **Tree of Life** who is **Jesus Christ** and also the **Rising Sun** that gives light and warmth! Our desire is to bring life and healing where we go.

**Mal 4:2** *But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;*

**Rev 22:2** *On either side of the river was a tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

The sun, the tree and the landscape (soil) and green colours are also synonymous with our focus which is conservation agriculture.

We want to thank **Mari-Louise Crous** for her amazing work with developing the Logo and all other material for us and also the hard work she and her husband puts in developing our new website!

**SOME OF THE FOUNDATION  
FOR FARMING SUBJECTS WE  
DEAL WITH IN OUR TRAINING:**

- In The Beginning
- Management Principles
- Soil Health
- Agronomy
- Thermal Compost
- Earthworms
- Vegetables
- Herbs
- Pfumvudza (Maize)
- Pests and Diseases
- Household Remedies
- Agroforestry
- Cover crops
- Beekeeping
- Rabbitry
- Water Harvesting and Conservation
- Organic Liquid Fertilizer
- Building a Greenhouse
- Business of Farming
- Crown Money Map / AG MoneyWise

**FOUR FOCUS AREAS:**

- Faith
- Family
- Farming
- Finances

## 2021 in Pictures

My original plan was to give you all the numbers of 2021. All the kilometers driven, the amount of people we reached, the amount of trainings we conducted. But then I thought, *a picture is worth a thousand words...*



**Above and Left:**  
We had a two -  
year program  
that ended this  
year with the  
people of Assisi  
Mission in  
Ladybrand,  
Free State.  
26-28 Jan  
16-18 Feb



**Munsieville, Gauteng.**

23-25 Feb (Three Day)  
8 April (Compost)  
10 Sept (Pfumvudza)



**OUR PARTNERS:**

- Amazing Graces
- EARN
- One Hope
- Crown Financial Ministries
- Family Foundation International
- Pioneer Seed
- RM Bio-Solutions
- Bethlehem Mission
- Ackerman Pick n Pay Foundation
- Cross Connect
- Xpand
- Amos Agrimin
- AgricultSure
- Foundations for Farming



*Above: Vredefort, Free State. 23-25 March (Three Day)*



*Above: Soshanguve, Gauteng. (With Amazing Graces)*

*18 May (Compost)*

*17-19 Aug (Three Day)*

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*(Above) In June this year we started our 12-month Program with Bethlehem Mission at Suurman (Hammanskraal), Gauteng. We visit this community every month for three days and train up Mentors that can train the Gogos from the Centre.*

*(7-10 Jun; 6-8 Jul; 31 Aug-2 Sept; 28-30 Sept; 2-4 Nov; 23-25 Nov)*

*(Below) Business of Farming Training with Amos Agrimin - Centurion, Gauteng (26-28 Oct)*



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- **Hearts** surrendered to Him **Obediently** and **Faithfully**
- **Focus** on His people and His Kingdom
- **Eyes** that see where He leads
- **Ears** that can hear His voice
- **Hands** that will continue to **give** and **receive** His **Provision** for the **Mission**
- **Guidance** and **Favour** for the right **Connections** and **Partnerships**
- **Fruit** on the seed sown in people`s lives

**OUR NEEDS**

- A **Vehicle** (Bakkie)
- Our own **Property** to use as **Training Centre** and become **Self-Sustainable**.
- **Financial Support**
- **Website**



*(Above and Left) Greytown, KZN. 5-8 Oct. We trained the biggest group we ever had (42 people), and visited an orphanage on the last day to set up a vegetable garden for them.*



*(Above, Left, Below) Last training of the year with Amazing Graces: Nokaneng (Rapotokwane), Mpumalanga. 30Nov - 2 Dec.*



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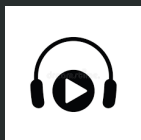
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**Ps 37:7(a)** Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act;



During a conversation in the last week of training, I had a slight outburst... whereby a friend told me straight: *Francois, you need to surrender*. Now like many other statements, although it is true, it's very broad and leaves you with the thought of: What exactly is that? Is it to do nothing? Is it to sit and hope for better days? Is it to meditate and imagine God will let all your problems disappear miraculously?

Oxford gives the following definition for surrender: **"stop resisting to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority"** and **"give up or hand over (a person, right, or possession), typically on compulsion or demand"**. So, when I read this the following words jumped out to me:

- ❖ **Stop Resisting;**
- ❖ **Submit to Authority;**
- ❖ **Give up your Right;**

We are going through a very tough time financially (like many people out there) and are trying to make sense of things. The difference is most people will just make a decision and say let's try this or do that, but we as disciples of Jesus don't belong to ourselves, do we? We don't have that luxury of just doing what we want. *Only what I see the father do, I do – John 5:19*. In my obedience to God I must believe that He will take care of us, but am I hearing Him correctly? What does He expect from me?

While being away for a week in early December after someone blessed us with the means to do it, I was at the beach with our two-year old, *Isabellah*. She was very frightened and clung onto me as I went deeper and deeper into the sea. At some point she was starting to freak out, almost scratching my skin off because of the water and the waves. I was in a way, disappointed. Doesn't she know me..? Doesn't she trust me..? After a while she calmed down and I said to her: *"Liefie, jy hoef nooit bang te wees as pappa by jou is nie. Pappa sal jou nooit los of iets laat oorkom nie. Soos wat Jesus vir pappa vashou, houvas papa vir jou..."*

**Surrender is not about knowing the outcome, but knowing the Person that holds the outcome in His hands. The same current that takes you into the deep water, is the one that will bring you to the shore. So, stop floundering... be quiet and rest in His goodness and faithfulness.**