

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH OF PORTLAND, NAMIBIA

SOUTHERN AFRICA DISTRICT

2018 CAMP MEETING REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

The annual camp meeting convention of The Apostolic Faith Church of Portland was held at the District Headquarters, Ondangwa, Namibia between the 29th of April and the 6th of May. The camp meeting theme was **“Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God”**.

PREPARATIONS:

Saints engaged in earnest prayers that God would bless the 2018 camp meeting convention. Pre-camp meeting prayer meetings were observed.

Campaign & Jingles:

Various methods were used on different platforms to advertise the camp meeting. These include social media postal and audio-visuals.



The Camp Meeting flyer



Camp Meeting Concert Invitation

ACCOMMODATION:

Apart from the hostels on the campground, God provided a good accommodation for campers this year in a well-equipped guest house.



The Guest house accommodation



ARRIVAL:

FRIDAY: 27th APRIL, 2018

The camp meeting program started on arrival date, 27th April with an evening prayer meeting. Delegates gathered together to commit the camp meeting to God's hand and prayed down the power of God.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by delegates from Namibia, Zimbabwe, Angola, Botswana and South Africa. There were 12 delegates from Zimbabwe, 5 from Botswana, 12 from Angola and Sis. Florah Mamphiswana from South Africa. The peak attendance during the meetings was 120 plus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE:

In order to get ready for the Sunday school teaching on Sundays, teachers gathered for a brief review of the Sunday school lesson. This creates a satellite of ideas and points to note among teachers. The teachers' review serves as a training ground for Sunday school teachers.

SATURDAY: 28th APRIL, 2018

Sunday School teachers gathered together on Saturday to observe the Sunday School teachers' round table conference to review the lesson. The adult lesson 121 "**Two Great Commandments**" and the primary lesson 121 – "**A Little Child Shall Lead Them**" were reviewed.

SATURDAY, 5th MAY 2018

Sunday School teachers gathered in the afternoon to review the Sunday school lesson. The primary lesson titled "**The Potter And The Clay**" was reviewed by Sister Ellise Nakalondo while the adult lesson, titled "**The Danger of Evil Association**" was reviewed by Bro. Tinotenda Bhosha.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:



Sis Ellise Nakalondo teaching the primary class



Bro. Tinotenda Bhosha teaching the junior class

SUNDAY: 29th APRIL, 2018

Sunday School:

The grand opening was on Sunday, the 29th of April. The day's meeting kicked off with the Sunday School lesson 121, titled "**Two Great Commandments**" Sister Florah Mamphiswana, the camp delegate from Johannesburg, South Africa taught the adult English class, Brother Domingos Kambungo from Lubango, Angola taught the Portuguese adult class, while Sister Helena Thomas, from Ondangwa, Namibia taught the Oshiwambo adult class and Sister Ana Chindekasse from Windhoek, Namibia taught the primary class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 6th MAY, 2018

The last day of the camp meeting opened with the Sunday school service. The adult lesson titled "**The Danger of Evil Association**" was taught by Bro. Evans Mhlanga. Bro. Tinotenda Bhosha taught the

junior class of the same lesson title. Sister Phoebe taught the Oshiwambo local language class, while Sis. Ellise Nakalondo taught the primary class the lesson titled ***“The Potter And The Clay”***

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

SUNDAY: 29th APRIL, 2018

The devotional service opened with a short organ prelude and this was followed by music renditions from the choir and orchestral featuring: ***“Themes From The Water Music”*** by G.F. Handel. Choir vocal renditions include- ***“Tis marvellous and wonderful”***, ***“It is glory just to walk with Him”*** and ***“I’m bound for the Kingdom”*** rendered by the male quartet.

The Namibian District Superintendent, Bro. Joseph Jegede delivered the opening message.

“Our Permanent Home” - Bro. Joseph Jegede



The Namibia District Superintendent Bro. Joseph Jegede preaching.

Excerpts: John 14:1-3. Our lives do not end on this side of eternity. Heaven is the permanent home of the saints. Jesus encouraged His disciples not to be troubled or encumbered with the cares of the world. He assured them that He was going to come back for them, that they would live with Him forever. That too, should be our focus. Revelation 21:1-4. What a wonderful promise! That is why we are here; we are travelling towards the ultimate destination: Heaven. We shall live in a better place. I John 3:1-3. No unclean thing shall enter into that place. We need to be saved in order to enter that Heavenly home. Let us be like Moses, who did not get carried away with the privileges he enjoyed in Pharaoh’s palace (Hebrews 11: 24-26). Let us not be carried away with the affairs of this world at the expense of Heaven. If you are already saved, stay focused and work towards that goal. If you are not yet saved, you can still be a part of the Kingdom today, and live in the hope of a life in heaven someday. Like Paul, may we be willing to lose all, for Christ’s sake (Philippians 3:7-21).

CAMP MEETING CONCERT

MONDAY, 30th APRIL:

This year’s camp meeting concert was titled ***“The Blessings of The Kingdom”***. Music exemplified unity in diversify, thereby creating harmonious tunes from divergent voices and musical instruments. Choir member delegates from Angola, Botswana and Zimbabwe pulled off their concerted efforts through few days’ combined practice, especially after hours to prepare for the concert. Although the choir members were from different countries, God helped them to combine their sacrifices and service of love in unity of purpose to offer their sacrifice unto God. God rewarded their sacrifice with blessings and the success of the camp meeting concert.

Songs and pieces rendered include ***“Ancient Word, Local Airs, Mighty Jehovah, The Holy City, March/Melody- Orchestral/Piano Variations Voluntary”*** among others.



Angola Choir Delegates



Botswana choir Delegates



Zimbabwe Delegates



Windhoek Delegates



The Choir & Orchestral

At the end of the concert, one of the attendees, Mr. George Uukelo was invited to give the vote of thanks. He expressed his joy and confirmed that he was revived through the concert presentations. He welcomed

everybody to Namibia, especially our foreign delegates and assured them of Namibia's hospitality and exhorted them to feel at home.

The concert was brought to a close with a short message by Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun. He spoke about a unique **"Concert At Night"**. He expounded the story of Paul and Silas' experience in Prison.

BIBLE TEACHINGS:



Tuesday, 1st May 2018:

"The Benefits of Salvation"- Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun

Excerpts: Job 21:15. Sometimes preachers tend to frighten people into the Kingdom of God. Today, I would like to inspire you into the Kingdom of God, by talking about the wonderful things in store for the saints of God. II Corinthians 5:17. Salvation is benefit-driven, evidence-based and maintained by responsible daily living. God sent His Son to die on the cross so that we could be free.



Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun teaching

The price had been paid in full. Now it is up to us to accept this great salvation. Salvation will deliver us from the wages of sin and the bondage of Satan (Romans 6:23). Many people desire to live right, but they cannot, even when they know that it is wrong and accounted to them for sin (James 4:17). Salvation gives you power to live righteously and to be victorious against the wiles of the enemy (John 1:12; Luke 10:19), as well as to face all the circumstances of your life. Salvation entitles you to the provision blessings of God (Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:19). Salvation gives you access to the throne of God through prayer (Romans 5:1-2), and our prayers are always answered when we ask in faith (Matthew 7:7-8).

The greatest benefit of salvation is eternal life on the good side of eternity (John 14:1-3). All we need to live a fulfilled life and to be a part of the Kingdom, the Lord has provided. It begins at salvation. He is able and willing. It is our responsibility to come to God and receive it. May we come to Him today."

Wednesday, 2nd May 2018

The second Bible teaching message was delivered by Bro. Kwaziso Bhosa. The Bible teaching message focused on

"Sanctification: Christian Perfection"- Bro. Kwaziso Bhosha

Excerpts: “Titus 2:11-12. We are considering a subject which some claim is impossible to attain. But it is found in the Bible, both in the Old and New Testament. Holiness was an essential requirement then, and it is still required today. We serve the same God, and the standards to which we have to attain remain the same. The difference between the true Christian and that who only professes to be one is holiness. Holiness is a state of being pure in heart, cleansed, separated for God’s use, and is evidenced by daily acts in one’s life. It is an instantaneous experience we get when we pray; after we are saved from our lives of sin. It is the uprooting of the inbred sin in our hearts, which we all have for being born sinners. Sanctification is a requirement for every born again Christian. God requires us to be holy in every aspect of our lives. Therefore, anyone who is lacking entire sanctification should press on in prayer and receive it.”

Thursday, 3rd May, 2018

“Baptism of The Holy Ghost” - Bro. Evans Mhlanga

Excerpts: “Acts 1:4-8. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is a fundamental Bible doctrine; a promise made by Christ for all believers. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven after His resurrection, He commanded the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem and wait for the fire to descend. The Holy Spirit is a distinct personality in the Trinity, and has specific functions. From creation until the prophets, God the Father operated. Then He sent His Son in the form of man, to fulfil the plan of redemption, to reconcile men back to God the Father. When His work was done, the Holy Spirit descended, and is still around today (John 14:16-17). He is a Teacher, Reminder, Comforter and Guide (John 14:26). He gives boldness and power for service (Acts 1:8). Being the third work of grace, the baptism of the Holy Spirit can only descend on those who are saved and sanctified. Just like the disciples were in one accord and tarried until the promise was fulfilled, may we also be in one accord and tarry until the promise is fulfilled to us as well.”

FRIDAY: 4th MAY, 2018

“The danger In Backsliding” - Bro. Joseph Jegede

Excerpts: “God wants us to go with him all the way without turning back.”

EVENING AND EVANGELISTIC SERVICE:

SUNDAY, 29th MAY, 2018

How to prepare for the Kingdom: Bro. Kwaziso Bohsha



Bro. Kwaziso Bhosha teaching

Excerpts: “We thank the Lord for the camp meeting. This morning we were taught about the Kingdom of God. Now let us look at how we can prepare ourselves for the Kingdom. It starts with salvation. Jesus told Nicodemus that in order to qualify for the Kingdom, he had to be born again. It is the same for us today (John 3:1-3). Ezekiel 36:26 contains a promise from God to anyone willing to surrender their lives. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Your soul needs to be saved. Even if you are kind and do good acts, you still need salvation. Our lives here are very fleeting. We may die any moment. But God is promising us eternal life, if we will obey the call. And while we are still here, we can enjoy our stay until Jesus comes. There are people who base their happiness and joy in the vain things of life, such as marriage, a new job, wealth etc. But only God can satisfy. He is offering you a new heart. Will you accept the offer? It is free.”

TUESDAY, 1st MAY, 2018

“The Soap”

Bro. Newton Jaravani



Bro. Newton Jaravani teaching

Excerpts “Jeremiah 2:22. Soap is an agent that removes dirt. We all know the various functions of soap, and we may even know which soaps are stronger and better. Nitre, as referred to in Jeremiah, is a strong soap. And the Lord said to the tribe of Judah, that no matter how much they washed themselves, they would not be clean (Jeremiah 17:1). But there is a supernatural soap which can cleanse us from our sins. It matters not whether you attend church and act righteously. When God looks at you, He sees sin, and you need to be washed (Proverbs 30:12; Psalm 90:8). The sins which are hidden from our parents, spouses and friends are manifest before God. God had promised a means of cleansing. (Ezekiel 36:25; Zechariah 13:1). The promise has been fulfilled: Jesus Christ. He is inviting us today, to come and be cleansed. He will use a special cleaning agent which is unlike any other. He went to the cross, was crucified, and shed His blood. That is the cleansing agent. Believe in Him tonight. Accept the invitation and be clean.”

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY, 2018

“The Carpenter Is In Town” – Bro. Motlhabani Kemorwale

Excerpts: “Zechariah 1:18-21. A horn is a symbol of power. The four horns in the text are powers or authorities which had been oppressing Judah. We thank God that for the four horns, there were four carpenters. Today, for every horn in your life, there is Jesus, the Great Carpenter. He is here to work in your life, to repair and restore you. There is a solution for whatever problem you may have in your life. My wife and I have recently been to a craft shop, and we saw beautiful wooden carvings in various shapes and sizes. Before those items were placed on a shelf, they started as mere wood, and someone had worked hard to smoothen the sharp edges, carve out an image and polish them to perfection. The mere wood was turned into something beautiful, special and pricey, because a carpenter had worked on it. Tonight, the Great Carpenter wants to work on you and make of you something special, beautiful and valuable. Some people look at wood and all they see is something to cast into the fire. The devil is intent on taking you to hell with him. But the Carpenter sees in you a valuable wood that can be made into a special vessel. The Carpenter is around. All you need to do is avail yourself to Him.”

THURSDAY, 3rd MAY 2018

“Grace And Glory Through Jesus Blood”- Bro. Seyi Olowoniwa

Excerpts: “I Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stabilish, strengthen, settle you. Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. God will give us grace and glory. Seek Him today.”

FRIDAY, 4th MAY, 2018

“The Old path”- Bro. Newton Jaravani

Excerpts: “Jeremiah 6:16. I thank God that all that we have been hearing in the past days are the ways of the old path. In love and compassion, the Lord instructed His people to walk in the old path, so that they could have rest for their souls, but they refused. Many of us here are refusing to walk in the old path. The old path is the good way. The path of holiness. It is God’s way. All those who died and await to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven have walked in the old path. Noah, Moses, Abraham and others walked in the old path. This is the only path that will take you to the Father. Sinners cannot walk in it. God will only receive those who have gone to Jesus for the cleansing of their souls. You need to be saved and then begin the journey in the old path.

Once there, you will be guided aright (Isaiah 30:21). Your life will change and you will be on your way to Heaven. If you are here tonight, you have found favour in the sight of God. Do not refuse the invitation. Ask for the old path. Walk therein in faith and you shall find rest for your soul.”

YOUTH SERVICE



The Youth Choir during the Youth Service

Youth development is a crucial arm of the gospel. It is a platform for the youth to engage in various gospel activities and get equipped as potential leaders and workers of tomorrow. Two Youth Services were held during this year’s camp meeting. The junior choir participated actively during the youth meetings. Youth choir renditions include **“You are my strength when I am weak”**, **“Behold what manna of love”**, among others.

SUNDAY, 29th APRIL 2018

Excerpts: **“Prioritising God In in our Lives”**.



Bro. Samuel Jegede, preaching during the first Youth service.

“We ought to make God a priority. To prioritise is defined in the dictionary as ‘to designate or treat something as being very or most important.’ And that is what we should do with God in our lives. We may ask, why is this important? What is wrong with praying, singing and worshipping once in a while? The answer is, God wants ALL of you, your focus, your attention, your devotion; every aspect of your life. Jeremiah 29:11 says that God has a wonderful plan for each one of us. It is in our interest to follow Him so that we may live according to His will.

We must take conscious, deliberate steps to achieve it. So what are the steps to achieve a focused, prioritised relationship with God in our extremely busy daily lives? **1)** Write down a list of what you would like to achieve. **2)** Walk in faith and believe that you can achieve it; be it your salvation, academic success, healing etc. (Hebrews 11:1). **3)** Pray and work towards achieving what you write (James 2:14; 26). Daily consecration is also necessary. **4)** Have an attitude of self-denial. Putting God first requires a lot of rejection of our desires, especially if they are carnal (Philippians 3:7-8). Make a plan for God in your life today. And let Him take first place.”

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY 2018

“Return Unto God”

Bro. Tendani Monyatsi



Excerpts: “We thank God for the blessings in this camp meeting. We have heard wonderful testimonies of the brethren who have reconciled themselves with God. It is our prayer that today, those who have not made the choice, to decide this very afternoon to return to God. The status of our eternity depends on the choices we make today. At one point or another in our lives, we all must return somewhere. Many of us have travelled from different towns and countries to attend this camp meeting. And at the end of it, we will have to return home. Spiritually, we all ought to return to God. When we die, we shall return to the Creator. And the state in which we die shall determine where we shall end up: Heaven or Hell. II Kings 8:3-6. It matters not how long you have been away. Approach the King of kings today and present your case.

If we choose to return to God, just like the woman, we shall have all restored back to us. He is prepared to give you a new beginning. But you must return. Just as you cannot earn wages from a company for which you do not work, you cannot receive and enjoy the blessings from God, or be counted a part of His Kingdom if you do not go back to Him. Luke 15:11-24. Leaving the father’s side had cost the prodigal son a lot. If we leave the Father’s side, we will surely lose something. But there is good news. The Lord is looking for you, and ready to run and embrace you (v.20). A great feast shall be held for you, and you shall be clothed with a new garment. Revelation 22: 17. The ball is in your court. Will you return unto God?”

SEMINARS:

In order to ensure a well – informed church, seminars were conducted during this year’s camp meeting. There were two seminar sessions.

The seminars were anchored by Bro. Zacchaeus Oyedokun.

Theme: “Entrepreneurship for the militant Church”

Bible and wealth:

Is money evil? I Timothy 6:9-10, Does God wants you to prosper? III John 2, Deuteronomy 28:1-14. How does God give wealth? Deuteronomy 8:18, God does not give money but gives idea and capacity, Can you have riches without sorrow? Proverbs 10:22

Bible on strategies:

Christ is the wisdom of God, Secret of God with the faithful- Psalm 25:14, He is a Revealer of secret- Daniel 2:22, Jacob experience in the modern world- Genesis 31:40, 30:37,

Creation + Potential + strategy + Faith = Prosperity

What is entrepreneurship? Creates following for profit, New business, New or improved products, new or improved services

Profile of an entrepreneur:

Christ-confidence and self-motivated – Hebrews 11:6, Psalm 62:8, *Innovative and creative* (God is a revealer of secrets), *Hard worker*- Proverbs 14:23, 10:4, 20:4, 21:25, *Risk taker* (walk by faith), *Leadership-visionary, planner, organiser, implementer, achiever, Decision maker, self-discipline, thirsty for knowledge.*

Why should the militant church be enterprising? –

Unemployment pandemic, white-collar job not available for all, wages increase cannot match inflation, urgency of great commission, gospel needs finances, intellectual capital investment needed, and maximise potentials.

The seminar was brought to a close with a questions and answers session.

Marriage Seminar:

The afternoon session of Thursday, 3rd May, was a seminar on marriage. The seminar focused on pre-wedding issues to get young people well-informed.

Dating:

What does the Bible say about dating? The Bible proposes that we should remain pure until married (Hebrews 13:4, II Timothy 2:22, Youths should flee from all related pre-marital activities,

Why avoid extra-marital activities? Physical display of affection still has emotional implications- they release sexual and emotional triggers.

The things God forbids: *Fornication* (I Corinthians 6:13, 18-20, I Thesalonians 4:3, *Adultery:* Leviticus 20:10, *Homosexuality:* Leviticus 18:22, 20:13, Romans 1:27, I Corinthians 6:9.

Courtship:

Courtship represents the period between the time you give your consent and the time the marriage takes place. Regardless of the duration, the relationship should be kept pure. (I Corinthians 10:8, Ephesians 5:3).

How to maintain a pure courtship: Make sure your intended is God's choice, determine to have a pure courtship, watch out for satanic deception, II Corinthians 2:11, dress to glorify, pray together, put God first.

TESTIMONIES:

I am thankful to God that He saved a wretched sinner. I was born in a Christian family, but I did not know what salvation was all about. I was a very angry person. I was very frustrated with my life, not knowing what the future held for me, and I blamed other people for my own faults. I thank God that when the Word was preached, the Lord showed me that I was a sinner, I confessed my sins and God forgave me. My life was so changed that all the problems and endless questions that I had, God solved and answered them. He also sanctified and baptised me. My younger brother and I used to fight constantly when we were younger. I thank God that now we rejoice together, and he is here with me today. I further thank God for giving me a Christian wife and children. God is keeping us and providing for our needs through all phases of life. He is our All in all. I am glad to be back to the Namibia camp meeting after many years. God is doing great things in this country, and I pray He continues -- **Bro. Kwaziso Bhosha (Zimbabwe).**

I thank God for this gospel. I was a sinner who did almost all sorts of evils. One day I was invited for a service, and the Lord met me. He pardoned my sins. I pressed on and received my sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I am always joyful to testify of the goodness of the Lord. I am a benefactor of divine healing. I had lived in agony caused by a kidney stone. I sought medical intervention, and I was meant to be operated on. But the doctor gave me an instruction first. He said, if you have faith, go back home, keep drinking water and pray. Let us see what happens. After only three days of prayer and constant water consumption, the kidney stone was flushed out. The Lord has been helping me and providing for me and my family in wonderful ways. My prayer is to one day be a part of that glorious day when the Lord returns. **—Br. Quito (Angola)**



Bro. Quito from Angola testifying



Sis. Florah Mamphiswana from South Africa testifying.

I came to the Gospel while I was very young. This testimony is a challenge to the young ones present here. I heard about the Gospel, I prayed, and Jesus saved, sanctified and baptised me with the Holy Spirit. I lived a life of Christianity in the streets of Johannesburg without committing sin. I was a youth who overcame sin. I was a mother who overcame sin, and now I am a grandmother and I am still overcoming sin. It is not through my might or strength, but because of Jesus. God has been the provider of all my needs. I consider myself a millionaire without money in the pocket. I would like to challenge the youth of Namibia to live a life without sin. As young as you are, you can be saved. You can live a life of victory, and be a living testimony that the Bible admonishes can be done.

-- Sis. Florah Mamphiswana (South Africa)

The Word of God is powerful. No matter where you go and how much you deviate from the path, God can use it to bring you back. I had accepted the Gospel of salvation, I was then sanctified and baptised. However, at a point in my life I drew back and left the church. That decision had cost me a lot, especially my children. For lack of stability in my own part, I could not lead them aright. They were rebellious and refused to follow me to the other church I frequented. Now I am back and I found that the Word of God still stands sure, and I feel at home. Please pray for my children. I would like them to join me here.

-- Sis. Ellise Nakalondo (Namibia)

God gives boldness. The person standing before you at this moment would never have done so in the past. I used to be very shy and fearful. When God saved me, He found me grieving. That grief led me to smoking, yet it did not fill the void in my heart. I thought to try drugs, believing that perhaps they would be better than cigarettes. But God had a wonderful plan. On the night before I was meant to meet with the people who would introduce me to drugs, I was invited for a revival meeting which took place where I was living. I don't remember what was preached that night, but I know I believed the word deep in my heart and I found myself kneeling at the altar. God saved me. I feared to go back to my old miserable life, so I clung to God and pressed forward. He later sanctified and baptised me. My heart is filled with joy as I stand here today. To me, this is life. Where I am coming from, there was only death. I urge the youth to believe in God. There is life in Him.
– *Sis Lulue Motsu (Botswana)*

WATER BAPTISMAL SERVICE

We thank God for souls that were saved during the camp meeting. The newly saved partook of the water baptism during the camp meeting.



Water baptism

OUTREACH:

One of the major activities of the camp meeting is the regular outreach program conducted to evangelise and invite people to the camp meeting. Groups of workers launched out regularly for this exercise and it yielded positive results.



Mobile orchestral during outreach



Gospel workers reaching out

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE:

Campers bid their farewells to friends and brethren after the devotional and farewell service.



CAMP MEETING PICTURES



STATISTICS OF BLESSINGS:

Only God has the accurate record of the blessings showered during the camp meeting time. From the available record, 16 people were saved and 1 person baptised with the Holy Ghost.

YOUTUBE LAUNCH:

The Youtube online facility was launched this year, thereby enabling online proceedings of the camp meeting activities. In order to test-run it, restricted camp meeting program youtube links were created and circulated. Full and unrestricted versions of all camp meeting proceedings will be available online soon.

CONCLUSION:

The 2018 Apostolic Faith of Portland, Namibia was marked with landmark blessings. The camp meeting is an annual convocation, but each year comes with its uniqueness as God always moves in unconventional and unusual ways. This year's camp meeting was packed with its unique and choicest blessings.

Thank You.

**Apostolic Faith of Portland
Namibia.**