



Loerie Park Nuus / News



From Pastor Henry Botha's pen



Beloved Loerie Park I greet you with Christ love; love which always trusts and always hopes and always perseveres. Thank be to God we have another quarter to report and have news, updates, and things to share. We had a very exciting month and I am sure we feel joyful

and revived. This is what evangelism does, praise be to God. It revives us.

I would like to use this opportunity as well to thank each one for your participation in the evangelism program and your leadership. Now that we done, we need to continue to make it our lifestyle. It is our purpose. Not just a routine series of studies.

Do you remember the story of king Hezekiah who became mortally sick? And when Isaiah the prophet was send to him with a message from God, "Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live"? Gather and remember with me for a moment, the miracle and awesome reaction from king Hezekiah and God. The king **immediately** turned in his bed and start praying. Isaiah already start walking out. Hezekiah's prayer: "Remember now, o LORD, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in truth and with a whole heart and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly (2 Kings 20:3). Isaiah found himself in the middle of the court, on his way out. GOD spoke to him again and said, "Return and say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. I will add fifteen years to your life..." (2 Kings 20:5-6)

Then **an opportunity** came up. The Babylonians heard of what happened, and they took interest. King Berodach-baladan sent letters and gifts to king Hezekiah. He took interest in the fact that the king had healed. A **grand opportunity** for God's servant to testify about Him. **Instead**, Hezekiah showed off with all his belongings and wealth. A tour through the palace and everything was publicized. God gave him the opportunity to testify about God and the miracle but instead he gave them the world – what he has accomplished – all about himself. **A grand opportunity lost!**

Then was **the prophecy made** and God gave Isaiah the message to give the king. "Hear the word of the LORD. 'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day **shall be carried to Babylon**; nothing shall be left' says the LORD. **Some of your sons** who shall issue from you, whom you shall beget, **shall be taken away; and they shall become officials in the palace of the king Babylon.**" (2 Kings 20:16-18)

And we find the prophecy fulfilled. Hezekiah passed away, Manasseh took reign, 695-642 B.C. and seduced Israel and done abominations, wicked things, idol worship and God foretold that He would bring calamity to them. Then Amon took kingship for two years only (642-640 B.C) as his servants killed him for being more evil then his father. Then his son Josiah took kingship, (640-609 B.C) and ruled powerfully from an age of eight years old. The law was recovered, same the covenant; and so, he reforms the nation. Then finally king Jehoiakim reigned (609-597 B.C) and this is where **the prophecy is been fulfilled** and God gave king Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, the victory against Jehoiakim and allowed Nebuchadnezzar to besiege Jerusalem and remove vessels of the house of God and take their sons.

Interesting history, and prophecy being fulfilled. **BUT WHAT I WANT TO POINT OUT IS** – from the very on-set king Hezekiah **had an opportunity to turn the Babylonians eyes to Jesus**. The interest was there. What better opportunity does one ask for? **BUT FAILED**. Why? (1) He was glorifying himself about his wealth. (2) He did not give glory to God. And, (3) he failed in evangelism.

From one of my favourite writers wrote: **"We should be daily increasing in ability to do the precious work of winning souls to Christ. This is such a precious work, such a satisfying work! And all heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the heavenly oil to refresh and strengthen needy souls. The Lord will protect and guide those who will let His divine fullness flow from their lips in grateful praise, and who labor, through deeds of charity and love, to bless mankind. Such workers will become consecrated agents of God."** [EG White, Reflecting Christ, page 102]

Guard what has been entrusted to you Loerie Park Church, avoiding and restrain from becoming part of the world. Keep close to Jesus and commit self to **"evangelizing"**. Grace be with you.

DATUMS OM TE ONTHOU / FOR YOUR DIARY	
06 Okt	Gemeentevergadering / Business Meeting
17 Nov	Nagmaal / Communion
09-12 Nov	Session—Bloemfontein
25 Nov	AWM—Revealing of Secret Sisters
02 Des	Einde van die Jaar afsluiting / Year end function

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On a VERY COLD SABBATH DAY on the 8th of September 2018, (with mountains covered by snow all around us) 4 brave young people 'stepped into the water' with Ps Henry to publically proclaim that they gave their hearts to

the Lord and want to be part of His church while proud parents, family and church family watched.

STEP INTO THE WATER

(Chorus)

*Step into the water—wade out a little bit deeper
Wet your feet in the water of His love
Step into the water—wade out a little bit deeper
Come join angels singing praise to the Lamb of God*

It's time we, the people, stand up for what is right
It's time we squared our shoulders back and raised our swords to fight
For the Bible is my weapon and the Spirit is my shield
The Church needs more of its members to be workers in the field.

(Chorus)

There is victory for the Christian who walks the narrow way
There has been a prize appointed for the soul who does not stray
Though I want to live for Jesus, and be all that I can be
So that I can rest with Him forever, live eternally

(Chorus)



BIANKA & LEANÉ FRASER is die pragtige Tweeling wat ook op 8 September gedoop is. Hierdie twee doen al vir die afgelope

8 jaar "home schooling" en is in Graad 7.

Hulle is in Nelspruit (Mapumalanga) gebore met Bianka 5 minute voor Leané— wat haar dan amptelik die 'oudste' maak!

Verder maak hulle tyd om gereeld te draf en perdry is hul groot liefde wat hulle reeds vanaf 7 jaar beoefen.

Ongelukkig vir ons het Ma Eloïse 'n werksaانبou in Kanada by die Fountainview Academy aanvaar en sodra die papierwerk in orde is, emigreer hulle.

Ons weet sommer dat julle Loeriepark en sy mense nie gaan vergeet nie—al bly julle ook daar in die verte. Welkom by Loeriepark!



RUSSELL TANNER is so thankful that six years ago his family moved from Johannesburg to beautiful George to make this their home. They started attending Loerie Park church.

One day, while sitting in church during a Divine Service, Russell felt the Holy Spirit speaking to him. It was then that he decided: One day I would like to go into the ministry and become a Pastor (with Vet as second choice because of his love for animals).

During school holidays he likes to do "Calming Mandalas" with koki pens. Next year he will move on to York High and continue to be the shining light that he is amongst his friends.

Russell—we thank the Lord that at such a young age you have decided to give your life to Jesus. We love you! Welcome to Loerie Park.





RENIER, DALEEN, NATHAN & CHADÉ GOSS is ons nuwe lidmate nadat hulle name vanaf Hartenbos oorgedra is. Hierdie gesin wat vanaf dag-een ingeskakel het met al ons bedrywighede, kom eintlik van Gauteng maar is al 'n hele paar jaar "Kapenaars."

Renier het Daleen by 'n 21ste partytjie ontmoet. Hy onthou goed dat hy vir sy vriend gesê het: "daardie meisie is my trou-vrou" wat toe ook waar geword het en na 14 jaar van getroude lewe bou hulle nog steeds voort op hul mooi huwelik en mooi verhouding met hul kinders en mede-mens.

Renier was 'n Elektriese Kontrakteur en het eendag aan 'n Coetzer familie ('n Adventiste familie) se huis gewerk. Die geselskap het later oor godsdienste gegaan. Alhoewel Renier en Daleen beide uit Christelike ouerhuise kom, het Renier die uitdaging aanvaar toe die man vir hom sê: "*Probeer my verkeerd bewys...*" Dit het hulle na Bybelstudies 'gedwing' en vir meer as 'n jaar het hulle intens studeer. Hulle het later die Magaliessig kerk bygewoon en Adventiste geword.

Hulle het Gauteng verlaat en was 'n hele paar jaar lid van die Oudtshoorn gemeente.

n Eerste vir my is dat die HELE familie skilder! Iets wat mens sekerlik nie maklik kry nie. Die kinders doen nou "home schooling" wat hulle duidelik baie geniet. Daleen het 'n skoonmaakbesigheid en Renier is 'n Finansiële Beplanner by Sanlam.

'n Talentvolle gesin beslis! Mag julle baie gelukkig wees hier by ons Loeriepark familie.



Although **KEANE LENNOX** was born in Bloemfontein on Friday the 13th of September 1996 he has spent most of his life in George and has grown up as part of the Loerie Park family. Even though he had been brought up within the church and had seen many of his own friends being baptised he was determined that this was a decision he would come to in his own time and so he did when he entered the baptismal waters on 08 September 2018. This journey was influenced by many people who have been very supportive and he would like to thank all of them for the part they have played in his life – he would especially like to mention his grandparents Andy and Jenny, Anton, Buks and Cindy, Ockie and Marlene (who he calls his 2nd mom) and of course mom and dad.

Keane has two great passions – one is drawing (you may have seen him often sitting and drawing as he listens to the sermon) and his collection of knives. He loves nothing better than to chat to Uncle Buks or Eric about their collections or even his grandpa who has a few of his own. In fact he would one day like to learn how to make his own knives.

Although working towards his matric he would one day like to turn his passion for drawing into a career, specifically animation and if not then focus on graphic design.

Keane—we welcome you to the Loerie Park Family!





Heerlike vrugtepakkes—gereg om by die St Mary's Kinderhuis af te gee.



Wat 'n verrassing toe Leraar Gysie Segers ons besoek het! Hy is nou in Perth. Hy was ons Leraar vanaf 1997-1998.

