

## LOOKING BACK ON 2023

I want to give thanks to the Lord for the wonderful way he has led and provided throughout the year, and the significant gospel impact made in various countries. Thank you for your prayers and financial support which has helped to equip many local leaders and Churches for gospel mission and church planting.

After handing over of the leadership of Grace Generation Church (GGC) to Mosala and Makhosi Balatseng in 2017, Shannon and I were sent out as part of the church's missional arm. This move led to some huge life changes for us with Shannon working in a new commercial space to supplement our income, and with me beginning to travel more widely training leaders and Churches in the foundations of the gospel and mission.

The work has evolved into several streams of ministry:

- **training** leaders and Churches in gospel foundations, Church planting and preaching skills in person and via:  
[www.youtube.com/@africaleadershipschool](http://www.youtube.com/@africaleadershipschool)
- as a Masters **Strengths** coach, working with leaders and teams in managing their strengths and talents for effective ministry.  
[www.gallup.com](http://www.gallup.com)

- **translation** work of gospel material into local languages.
- providing and publishing free **biblical resources** through our website and on Amazon Kindle, including most of Dr Michael Eaton great resources:  
[www.africaleadershipschool.org](http://www.africaleadershipschool.org)
- beginning to provide material and equipping in tackling **gender-based violence** through the church.



## MINISTRY TRIPS

This year God has graciously opened several doors:



### Bahrain

In February, through my relationship with Marius Gradwell and his apostolic sphere of churches, I was able to visit Rivers of Joy Church in the gulf. It is a multinational church with huge gospel opportunities.

The ministry included teaching on gospel foundations, and the coaching of the leadership team to manage their strengths and talents more effectively.

## Uganda



Through my relationship with Frank and Sue Robb from TCI (Transformed Communities International (tcius.org), I travelled to Uganda in July to train the TCI team in the basics of the gospel, leadership principles and managing their strengths. TCI are doing a tremendous work in rural Western Uganda in providing education, emergency food relief and community development. I plan to go back again in January 2024 to work with the leadership team and train pastors from the region.

## Madagascar

I visited Francis and Mariel Adja in Antananarivo in August to help with the tremendous pioneering apostolic work they are doing in reaching the unreached people throughout Madagascar and surrounding islands.

Francis and Mariel were involved in leadership with our friends Mark and Vicky Ashfield in the Arcadia Christian Church in Pretoria for many years, and were sent out from this Church to Madagascar.

When I arrived I taught on the gospel and worked with the leadership team in helping them discover their strengths and talents.

We also undertook an extensive project in using local leaders to translate the ALS gospel material into **Malagasy** and **French** which was uploaded onto YouTube for training purposes in the villages.

Since this trip there has also been wonderful breakthrough in our ability to translate material digitally into many local and international languages to facilitate understanding of the Gospel and reaching the exploding population of Africa!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/interactive/2021/africa-cities/>



## East London, South Africa



During the year I also made several trips to East London to work with my friend Marius Gradwell and the churches connected to his growing apostolic sphere. East London has become a second home for me - I have been travelling there since 2018, preaching and training leaders in many of the relating churches which Marius has a passion to see mobilized and deployed for the gospel. [www.energeiaministries.com](http://www.energeiaministries.com)

In 2024 we also trusting God that Shannon, as a Social Worker, can play a role in training and equipping the churches in tackling the scourge of gender-based violence in the province.



## Australia

In November I visited our friends in Endeavour Christian Gathering in Perth ([www.ecg.org.au](http://www.ecg.org.au)) and spoke at their annual Faith Promise mission's conference on Jonah's mission to Ninevah.



It is a great annual occasion where the church raises significant funds for Global mission which includes their faithful giving to the work of ALS.

From Perth I had the joy of being able to travel to Melbourne and see my son Justyn, daughter-in-law Elma, and grandchildren (Finn and Lilah-Rose whom I had never met).

Shannon also flew out and joined me in Melbourne for a great time with our family there.



Finally, Shannon I would like to thank our friends and Churches that pray and support us in the work we are doing – we really appreciate you! There is a real need today for experienced Ephesians Four leaders to spend extended time in local churches teaching and mobilising believers and leaders in gospel advance for world Mission. Many local churches are greatly appreciative of this strategic gospel partnership.

I have been very stirred of late by the Scripture in Romans 13:11, "besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand!" Let's pray the church awakes to the great Commission and the spreading of message of Jesus in every nation.

May 2024 be filled with God's richest blessings.

Love, Craig and Shannon

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