

Report from 10-4-1-2-1 Garry Oftebro, Durban, South Africa

Hello Oftebro Family

Following the very generous contribution from the Oftebro Reunion -Norway 2018 to the kwaMondi Congregation and church, I would like to give you and your committee some feed back on the much appreciated work that was done at the Church with this 2018 donation.

As recommended by the Oftebro Family Committee, the offer of the donation for a particular project was put to the kwaMondi management committee, and they selected to have the interior of the Church and vestry repaired and painted.

I went up to Eshowe during January 2019 and assessed the condition of the Church and discussed the required work with Mr Mthiyane, an elder of the Church and the local works contractor which the management committee had recommended. We worked out what would be needed to do the repairs which entailed replacing door frames, doors and fixing cracks and plaster work, then wall preparation for a good quality painting. On arrival it was evident that the fence around the church property had collapsed in places, and looked extremely unsightful, so I offered that we would supply requisites and funding to erect the fencing again.

Door Frames had to be totally removed and replaced with new hardwood timber frames, and solid doors were to be fitted, together with cracks and plaster repair work in preparation for painting:





The kwaMondi perimeter fence had collapsed in different areas, and was repaired and erected in this program.



I personally sourced all required doors and door frames (with hinges, locks and handles), concrete and plaster cement for repairs, plus durable premium quality paint and worked with the contracted team to ensure that the funds were appropriately and effectively used for this donation “renovation project”.

Following the repairs, replacement of door frames and doors, and repairs to the plaster work - - the walls, doors and window frames were well prepared for two coats of premium quality paint. And the newly painted white walls add an amazing clean lightness to the church and vestry.



All interior walls of the church , extension wing and vestry were all repaired, and painted - - here you see a full congregation appreciating a service over Easter, which was presented and conducted by Pastor Theminkhosi Zondi, who's seminary studies have been sponsored by the Oftebro Family over the last few years:





The renovations were completed by the end of February 2019.

The kwaMondi Congregation, management committee and Pastor Thembinkhosi Zondi express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the renovation of the interior of the kwaMondi Church with this donation from the Oftebro Family Reunion - -Norway 2018.

With warm caring and appreciation for the privilege of being able to support the Norwegian Oftebro Family Reunion donation to kwaMondi Parish renovation project 2018/2019.

Garry

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