



May 10, 2017

Dear Oftebro Family:

As you may recall, in May of 2016 Deborah and I traveled to South Africa. We had an incredible tour led by cousin Garry and experienced a wonderful weekend at Ommund and Christian Oftebro's church at KwaMondi in Eshowe.

While there we met Vicar Thembinkosi Zondi, who preached the service we attended Sunday. We were very impressed with him during the Zulu service, which was translated for us by Garry. Talking to him afterwards, we discovered his serious financial challenges to complete the seminary training and decided to see if we and the Oftebro Family could assist him in his pursuit of ordination into the SA Lutheran Church. (See the Oftebro website for details)

We were overwhelmed by the support shown by our family resulting in bringing in over \$8,000 so far. Vicar Zondi is now in his second year at seminary, and our funding has covered all of his seminary and living expenses through most of 2017.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following contributors to the Fund:

Torstein and Grethe Oftebro, Steve Garfink and his siblings, Arnold Foss, Milly and Steve Norwood, Howard Winnem, Frode and Laila Sandvik, Jocelyn and Gary Angove, Inge Christian Oftebro and Kari Lurås, Perry and Valerie Oftebro, Ragnar and Olaug Areklett, John and Deborah Oftebro

In correspondence with Vicar Zondi, he has related the following:

"I really appreciate all the help you provide. Many, many thanks and blessings. It brings tears of joy every day of my life."

"I'm doing great because of your Merciful help and Grace. I pray that the Lord our Father blesses your family and all the wishes you wish for me I wish for your family".

"The church at KwaMondi is doing great and I pass their love to you".

We appreciate Garry's management of the support funds and he receives regular reports on Vicar Zondi's progress, as have we.

So, if you feel inclined and able to support our continuing effort for assisting Vicar Zondi as part of sustaining Ommund and Christian's mission legacy in Eshowe, any donation would be helpful.

Many thanks to all,

John, Deborah and Garry Oftebro