

Commondale Christian Fellowship

Following the once off donation we received from the mission committee, the church planting project has developed further in leaps and bounds!

The training of lay preachers has progressed to a second course presented in cooperation with Peter Stockholm of the All Africa College in Hillcrest. We have also renovated a house for our Pastor Trainer, Welcome Ngwenya in Commondale and have erected a 500 seater tent alongside to serve as permanent church. The project has become known as the Commondale Christian Network and is supported mainly by the Augsburg Congregation, as well as Genesis Ministries and some individuals in the area. Some of the lay preachers have started cell groups that form part of the Fellowship. A constitution based very much on our ELCSA N-T Constitution has been drafted (with assistance from Dean Jäckel) for the establishment of a church in the true sense of the word! This church will be known as the Commondale Christian Fellowship, with its own Church Council, to be made up of representatives of the individual cell groups and members of the Network.

Apart from the church developments, a Community Service is also planned to run concurrently at the same venue. This is to include Social Services, Medical Services in the form of a satellite Clinic and Orphan Care! A number of Crusades' have also been planned to create awareness in the area and to invite people to the regular Sunday Services to be held in the tent. Surrounding Congregations like Braunschweig, Lüneburg, Piet Retief and Wellspring Ministries have shown interest in the project and have indicated their willingness to participate and/or support the Project.

An opening celebration has been planned for the new centre on 12February 2012. Members of Mission Committee are welcome to attend.

Since the developments and future plans all cost money, a further donation by Mission Committee of R15 000 towards the funding of a vehicle for Pastor Ngwenya would greatly assist in the further functioning of the project.

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