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2. Personal history:  
Date of birth: 11 November 1971  
Where I grew up: New Germany/Durban, KZN Province  
Where I went to school: Primary School: Geloofte Laerskool in Pinetown and High School: Hermansburg School
3. Marital status: Married  
Name of spouse: Claudia Risch nee Bunge  
Name/s of child/ren: Matteo (12) and Jona (10)
4. Studies:  
Where and when I studied theology? Pietermaritzburg 1995 -2006  
Any subsequent/other studies or previous occupations: Hermansburg Mission seminary in Germany 1994 and I am a qualified national tourist guide for South Africa and have conducted around 170 Tours through South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe.
5. Congregations and positions in which I served:  
Where? Wartburg  
From: Feb 2009 until August 2010  
  
Where? Pretoria St Peters  
From: August 2010 until Dec 2014  
  
Where? Hermansburg Peter Paul Congregation  
From: January 2015 until current
6. Personal strengths and interests: Seniors work, Funerals (everything around death and dying and the counselling thereof), Youth work, congregational visits, diaconical projects (social projects), Enneagram Personality System, South African History.
7. Hobbies: Marathon running, cooking, travelling.
8. What do you think, makes church relevant to people and society today?  
A: Church/faith in action! Living out our faith in practical and visible ways: social projects, feeding schemes; counselling centres.  
B: Being mission centred: sharing the good news of God's redemptive action in our world – leading people from guilt to freedom through faith, which should in turn lead to church/faith in action.