

## Profile of Pastor

1. Name: Reiner Gerhard Focke  
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Photo



2. Personal history:  
Date of birth: 1962-08-02  
Where I grew up: On an irrigation vegetable farm near Brits, North West Province  
Where I went to school: Primary: Voorwaarts, near Brits  
Secondary: Brits Hoërskool

3. Marital status: Married  
Name of spouse: Anne Monika Focke (nee Drews)  
Name of child: Michael Alexander Focke

4. Studies:  
Where and when I studied theology? Pietermaritzburg: 1989-1993  
Any subsequent/other studies or previous occupations  
BVSc at Onderstepoort 1981-1986 Veterinarian

5. Congregations and positions in which I served:  
Where? Internship in Johannesgemeinde, Lingen Germany  
From 1 Jan 1994 until 31 December 1994

Where? Internship and Pastor Coll in Vryheid, KZN  
From Jan 1995 until December 1997

Where? Pastor in Harburg KZN  
From Jan 1998 until December 2014

Where? Pastor in Trinity Zululand: Empangeni, Richards Bay, Darnall, Eshowe:  
From Jan 2015 until December 2020

Where? Pastor in Augsburg KZN  
From Jan 2021 until now

6. Personal strengths and interests  
Counselling individuals, marriage, trauma, grief  
Teaching – Sermon topics, Marriage seminars, counselling seminars  
Shepherding  
Encouragement  
Creative Communication  
Compassion / Mercy  
Teamwork  
Sustainable Environment  
Leadership of small groups

7. Hobbies

Tennis  
Table tennis  
Hiking  
Reading  
Board games  
Mountain Bike Cycling (only a little bit)

8. What do you think, makes church relevant to people and society today?

Faith in Christ Jesus gives **purpose** for all spheres of life and in all the ups and downs we experience in life.

Faith leads into **community** of believers and calls us to serve with the variety of our God given gifts in the world.

Love and grace, forgiveness and hope are **treasures** which need to be shared in a broken and yearning for life world.

**Prayer:** Praise and lamenting, thanking and interceding helps us to stand in the gap and be empowered to let God's Kingdom values be signs of his presence among us.

**Speaking the truth in love** – towards individuals, congregations, communities and society at large.