

KZN HIV AND AIDS DESK
SPONSORS RADIO TALK
SHOW HOUR ON 96.8 FM

During the 2007 year, the Desk will sponsor a weekly one hour talk show that is very educational and affirming on Imbokodo 96.8 FM every Thursday from 17h00 to 18h00. Ms. Nomvula Shale hosts the show and provides counseling to people who are infected and affected with HIV AND AIDS. She is offering hope by sharing her experience. She would love to know that everyone know their status in order to prevent our community and church members from contracting HIV. For those who are positive, the show provides up-to-date and compassionate advice that enables all to live positively. A portion of the show is dedicated to call-ins. Each week during a broadcast there will be an acknowledgment indicating that the UCCSA KZN Region HIV AND AIDS Desk has sponsored the broadcast talk show. All UCCSA members in the eThekweni area should listen, call, and promote faithful and healthy lifestyles!



Shale Launches HIV and AIDS Counseling CD!

*The KZN Mission Council is pleased to announce that Ms. Nomvula Shale has been appointed to serve as the HIV and AIDS Desk Convener in 2007. Shale is trained to provide counseling and information regarding the pandemic. Shale recently recorded a CD that has five tracks focusing on HIV and AIDS counseling. **The CD includes practical information on HIV and AIDS, spiritual consolation, relevant referrals, and inspirational counseling. The CD can be effectively used at home or in worship.** The first track introduces Shale. The second track includes information how one can transmit HIV. The third track includes spiritual counseling after testing positive for HIV. The fourth track continues with general counseling. In the last track, Shale acknowledges people who played a significant role in her life for the past eleven years since she has been living positively. The CD is available for purchase from the KZN Region's office from 08h30 to 13h00 Monday to Friday. The cost of the CD is R 50.00. The Desk will appreciate the purchase of the CD so that it can continue to support local churches to initiate and strengthen their own ministries.*

*"This CD has a powerful message."
- Rev. R.B. Dlamini*

"This CD is inspiring, real, and motivating!" - Ms. Nokuthula Shangase

*"Le CD iyisibusiso empilweni yami njengoba ngiphila negciwane."
-Anonymous*

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kwaMashu Congregational Church Launches “Adopt a Child” Project

Many children are orphaned through the death of their parents due to AIDS. What are we doing as a church to support them? On March 04, 2007 the kwaMashu Congregational Church launched a project that helps approximately twenty orphans with uniforms, transport to school, and food.

Speaking at the launch, the minister, Rev. C.S. Mkhize, based his sermon on the story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke, chapter ten. He advocated the denomination's theme by stating that as a church, we ought to “Show our faith by what we do.” Even if their parents have died, children have to live because “In Christ, there is a future!” All the uniforms were donated by the members of the kwaMashu church.

Archbishop Ndungane quoted the following recent statistics from UNAIDS:

- *In sub-Saharan Africa, there were 2.8 million new infections in 2006, roughly 7,700 per day.*
- *In Sub-Saharan Africa, there were 2.1 million deaths due to AIDS in 2006, roughly 5,800 per day.*
- *Globally there were 4.3 million new infections in 2006, roughly 12,000 per day.*
- *Globally there were 2.9 million deaths due to AIDS in 2006, roughly 8,000 deaths per day.*

Bible Verse Referrals

In the Bible, hope is an expression of certainty based on God's promises. The Bible assures us that God will finally conquer evil and give us a share in victory. The following scriptures are helpful in reflecting on this theme:

God is our shelter and strength (Psalm 46). God is with us in our crisis (Isaiah 34:1-5). One day, we shall see clearly (I Corinthians 13:8-13). Death is defeated (I Corinthians 15:51-58). No more pain. No more death (Revelation 21:1-4).

Berea Congregational Church Partners with Noodsberg's Siyabathanda Ministry!

On Thursday, March 22, 2007, members of the Berea church's Womens' Association visited Rev. Benjamin Ndaba at the Siyabathanda orphanage. Berea purchased and delivered approximately thirty chairs to the church. The Berea women visited the children, matrons, and Isililo members. Berea expressed an interest in partnering with the Noodsberg ministry as a long term outreach initiative. How wonderful it is that our churches are getting together and cooperating! We encourage more churches to do the same. Often it is far more effective to channel energies into existing (and often struggling ministries) rather than trying to start a ministry from scratch. Both Berea and Noodsberg are negatively affected by this disease, thus they can work together!

Shale Becomes a Circuit Rider

Ms. Shale, our new HIV and AIDS Desk Convener is always on call to visit churches in our Region. Though the year is young, she has already visited our churches in Umgeni, Adams, Empusheni, Thatamasi, Imfume, Groutville, Umzumbe, Inanda Seminary, and kwaMashu. Accompanying her is the KZN Region's HIV and AIDS Quilt, now full of ribbons dedicated to those our church members wish to remember and honor. Shale's presentation to churches is always inspiring. Her testimony speaks the truth about that which so many of our members struggle. Shale teaches us that our faith becomes alive when we no longer deny our status and when we accept and love those who are ostracized. The Quilt will be presented to the KZN Region's AGM on Saturday, June 09, 2007.

December 03, 2006: Groutville Congregational Church, World AIDS Day

