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Siphiwe's Mom

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Siphiwe, Katlego, Tiyani



Mkhuhlu Baptist Church-plant

Dear Pastor-friend and Supporting Church,

May I introduce to you our new-born sister in Christ (as of Sunday, July 23rd), **Nothando**, who is Siphiwe's mother. If you recall, July's "Face of Africa" featured Siphiwe Shilubane [see-PEA-weh shil-oo-BAH-neh], our beloved brother who learned an important lesson on tithing and NOT being a God-robber.

For the past two years, Nothando [no-TAHN-doe] has been observing Siphiwe's conversion to Jesus Christ. At first, not willing to accept her son's testimony, she attempted to go deeper into her own false religion to prove to herself and to others, "I'm just as spiritual as my son;" however, it didn't work. As expected, self-righteousness cannot bring a sinner into peaceful relations with a Holy God. We all must be made the righteousness of God in Christ. (Romans 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

On occasion, Nothando would visit the Mkhuhlu Baptist Church-plant with her three sons during these past two years. By God's grace, Siphiwe has been a good testimony to his mother and to his two lost, younger brothers, Tiyani (19 yrs.) and Katlego (9 yrs.) No doubt, the truth she heard preached was unheard of before her son's salvation. Siphiwe's mother definitely saw A DIFFERENCE between her church and the true church of the Lord Jesus Christ that He continues to build even today. The Spirit of God worked in Nothando's heart, shined the gospel light into her darkened mind, convicted her of her sin, revealed her lost condition, and called her to salvation, and—praise God, she responded and obeyed the gospel!

Written with permission. Nothando is a single mother of three boys, and she's currently unemployed. Times are difficult, but now Nothando has a Heavenly Father Who'll provide for her needs, as she'll soon discover. Nevertheless, living a life of faith, BY FAITH, is something every new believer must learn, and that comes with its own set of "good challenges." **Will you please pray for Nothando, a new-born babe in Christ,** 1) to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, 2) to humbly but boldly share her testimony of salvation with the lost in her family, neighborhood, and village (which she's already started), and 3) **that she'll be used of the Spirit of God to bring her other two lost sons to a saving knowledge of the Lord?**

May the Lord bless you all for your giving, prayers, and overall investments in the eternal souls of Africans, as we strive to see Baptist churches started on this dark continent!

Respectfully, and for His glory,
Bro. Scott Kuzel & family