

**Go**

**THE YEAR OF GO**  
Started with a special visit to Ivory Coast

Page 6

**2026**

**A YEAR THAT BEGAN WITH FIRE, FLOOD AND FEAR.**

Page 4

Suggested Donation: R3,30  
DO NOT ONLY SPONSOR IT, REACT AND SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

# UNIVERSAL NEWS

Website: [uckg.org.za](http://uckg.org.za) • Helpline: 0800 330 320 • WhatsApp: 063 471 6997

Nº 480 • Date: 01 March 2026

**AMANDLA NGAWETHU**

2026 EVENT

GOOD FRIDAY

**03**

APRIL

**03 APRIL | 10AM | ELLIS PARK STADIUM - JOHANNESBURG**

*Not just a gathering, but a life changing event.*



Edir Macedo

## LOVE, BLESS, DO GOOD AND PRAY

*for those who spitefully use you*

After Judas signalled to the soldiers who Jesus was with a kiss, the Master's words to him were: "... *Friend, why have you come?*" (*Matthew 26:50*). Jesus said this because he considered him a friend, even though Judas was not a friend of the Lord.

Jesus considered Judas a friend, even though he was not the Lord's friend.

***"If you have hurt, resentment or any other bad feeling in your heart, free yourself from it."***

Jesus spoke to Judas in this manner because of His love, so much so that He said: "*But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.*" *Matthew 5:44-45*

Through this passage, we understand what forgiveness truly is. It is not an easy attitude to adopt and has nothing to do with feelings.

Loving your enemy is something you do independent of what your heart wants. It has to do with obeying the Word of God and praying for those who curse, persecute or hate you. When you obey the Word of God, you wish people well,

and you love and pray for your enemies.

It is a sacrificial kind of love, like the love God had for Humanity when He gave His Son as a sacrifice, although He knew that most of them would not accept Him.

This love is difficult, but it is a commandment given by Jesus. And when you fulfil it, you prove that you truly love Him.

The enemy that Jesus is referring to is someone who is always close to you in your daily life: your spouse, parent, child, or colleague—someone who has done something very harmful to you.

So, if you have hurt, resentment or any other bad feeling in your heart, free yourself from it. Forgive that person and pray for them. Wish them well and do right by them.

This is the love that God expects from every one of us. Obey this commandment and you will see God changing your heart, because you will be sacrificing yourself to obey His Word. ✦

### Reflect and Decide

- ✓ True and lasting success comes when you submit to God's will.
- ✓ Stop chasing your own dreams. Start seeking spiritual goals.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit is God's mind in us, guiding every decision.

## WHY DO I FEEL HATRED?

Have you ever wondered where hatred comes from? We see it in marriages, families, relationships, and businesses. A group of friends can be together one moment, and the next, a vicious fight might break out. Where does this come from?

The Bible gives us a clear answer. In *Genesis 3:15*, when God pronounced judgement to Adam and Eve, He said: "*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*" This is not referring to a mild misunderstanding but to deep, spiritual hostility.

Hatred did not come from God. It came from satan, a fallen angel who wanted to overpower God and take His place but failed. Because he cannot attack God directly, he turns against God's creation.

Human beings are God's most precious creation, made in His image and likeness—body, soul, and spirit—both divine and earthly, and created to represent God in this world. Satan hates that with everything in him.

His mission is to destroy, and one of his deadliest weapons is planting hatred in people's hearts. Have you ever been hated by someone for no reason? That hatred comes from satan — the one who came to kill, steal, and destroy.

Some people have experienced hatred so overwhelming that it drove them to thoughts of harming those closest to them. Yet God's power is greater. Only He can give people the supernatural strength to forgive and even feel compassion for those who caused them pain.

The reason hatred takes hold is that people open the door to feelings, thoughts, and behaviour that ultimately cause them suffering. Satan enters through those open doors.

If you have hatred in your heart, be aware of its origin and instigator. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the supernatural strength to forgive and to rid yourself of this dreadful, satan-inspired feeling. ✦

***"Some people have experienced hatred so overwhelming that it drove them to thoughts of harming those closest to them."***



MARCELO PIRES | MP@MPIRES.ORG

JOIN US WEEKDAY MORNINGS FOR

# WORKER'S PRAYER

MON-FRI, 5:55AM - 6AM ON e



# BROKEN WITHIN

I WAS DYING IN SILENCE AND NOBODY KNEW

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

*“My addiction to marijuana caused me to steal approximately R20,000 from my mother, and that really devastated my family.”*

**“I lived a divided life, though I was already attending services in the Universal Church. In church, I appeared to be active and helpful, but when I was outside, I was known for drinking, smoking and promiscuity.**



My addiction to marijuana caused me to steal approxi-

mately R20,000 from my mother, and that really devastated my family.

I was consumed by emptiness, which alcohol temporarily filled. When I was sober, I questioned my purpose and felt worthless.

In one service, the pastor preached about the importance of seeking the kingdom of God. I realised that the kingdom of God was more important than worldly pleasures.

Initially, I only wanted financial blessings and wasn't concerned about changing my behaviour, but I gradually started reading the Bible and putting what I learned in the church into practice.

I learned that I needed to surrender my will and ask God to use

me for His purpose. I stopped drinking, smoking, being promiscuous and stealing.

I committed my life to God and sought the Holy Spirit.

The day the Holy Spirit came upon me, I experienced indescribable joy and peace. I had the assurance that God was with me.

My life transformed completely. The void I had disappeared. My family also witnessed this remarkable transformation.

Today, I know that the One I have inside me is greater than anything the world offers. The Holy Spirit gives me enduring peace and joy. I'm no longer living to fulfil my will but God's will, and that's why I'm truly blessed," said Reabokwe. ✦

# I COULDN'T FIND A WAY OUT

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

"I grew up with my grandmother, even though my mother was alive but absent from my life. My mother was consumed by drinking and living for herself, never truly caring for me.

This abandonment bred anger and a quick temper in me. Desperate for love, I started dating at just 14 years old. By 15, I had my son. Though my grandmother helped raise him, our life was difficult.

Everything changed when my grandmother heard about the Universal

church on the radio and took me there. I embraced these practices and decided to be baptised in water.

After my baptism, I sought the Holy Spirit earnestly.

When I finally received the Holy Spirit, peace filled my heart.

I began to forgive myself and, remarkably, even my mother.

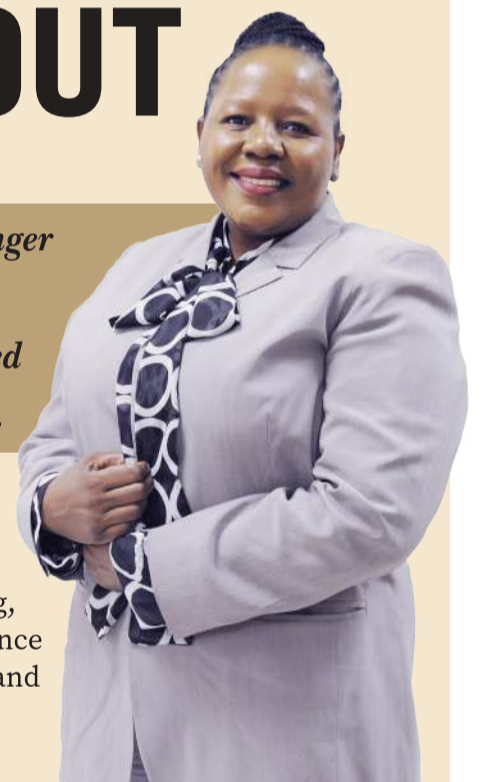
I used to hate my mother for the hardships she caused me. Now I

*This abandonment bred anger and a quick temper in me.*

*Desperate for love, I started dating at just 14 years old.*

have a job and can provide for myself and my children.

Through faith, I found healing, purpose, and provision where once there was only abandonment and anger," said Thandiwe. ✦



# 2026

# A YEAR THAT BEGAN WITH FIRE, FLOOD AND FEAR.

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

### *A Nation Shaken: Are These The Birth Pains of the End?*

From the first days of this year, South Africa has felt like a nation under siege.

Floodwaters swallowed homes in parts of South Africa, forcing a national disaster declaration as rivers burst their banks and families watched everything they owned disappear beneath muddy currents.

Lives were lost. Infrastructure crumbled. Communities were left stranded, staring at skies that would not clear.

At the same time, raging wildfires tore through the Western Cape, reducing thousands of hectares to ashes. The land cracked under a relentless drought even as other provinces drowned. Fire and water. Destruction from opposite extremes.

Then came the human tragedies. A devastating scholar transport crash near Vanderbijlpark claimed the lives of schoolchildren whose futures were stolen in an instant. Another fatal collision near Durban left families shattered. In the Eastern Cape, a school shooting brought terror into a place meant for learning and hope.

These are not distant headlines. They are warning sirens echoing across our country.

**+280 DEATHS**  
CAUSED BY FLOODS  
IN SOUTHERN  
AFRICA

**+1000 DEATHS**  
CAUSED BY CYCLONE IN  
INDONESIA AND STORM  
HARRY IN EUROPE

## DISASTERS & CRISES

January 1 – February 18, 2026

-  **January 1**  
Deadly nightclub fire in Switzerland during New Year celebrations.
-  **Early–Mid January**  
Severe flooding across South Africa; national disaster declared.
-  **Mozambique floods** continue, causing displacement and casualties.
-  **Heatwaves and wildfires** impact parts of the Southern Hemisphere.
-  **January 15–24**  
Severe storms strike New Zealand, causing deaths and evacuations.
-  **January 16–25**  
Major landslide in Sicily, Italy, forces mass evacuations.
-  **Late January**  
Series of explosions reported in Iran.
-  **Early February**  
Mediterranean migrant crossings result in hundreds dead or missing.
-  **February (ongoing)**  
Continued military conflict in Ukraine.
-  **Sudan conflict** deepens humanitarian crisis.
-  **February 16**  
Mass shooting at youth sporting event in the United States.
-  **Mid-February**  
Severe flooding alerts in parts of France.

### COINCIDENCE... OR CONVERGENCE?

*On the Beyond the End podcast, we confront these questions without fear. Inspired by a book titled The World Will Burn, we examine the signs of the end times with clarity and boldness.*

*This is not about spreading panic. It is about awakening. Disasters expose how fragile our systems are and how temporary our comforts can be. They remind us that humanity cannot save itself..*

Yet there is hope.

*If you want to understand what is happening in our world and what God is revealing through these times, join us on the Beyond the End podcast every Wednesday at 7:30pm.*

*Don't ignore the signs. Don't wait for another disaster to awaken you. Connect, listen, and be ready for what is to come.*

**WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30PM**



**ALSO ON OUR FREEDOM ON AIR TV,  
CHANNEL 1161 HD OR CHANNEL 1162 SD**





*“Hundreds fed, clothed and counselled – because compassion is not a once-off event; it is a way of life.”*

By Tania Nguanda | uckg.org.za

The Unisocial group conducts monthly outreach programmes at Lethabong, a dump site community where many underprivileged families and individuals struggle to meet their daily needs.

Once a month, the team dedicates a full day to a larger-scale outreach effort, combining material support with spiritual encouragement and counselling.

Recently, the team assisted 225 individuals and 78 families by providing food parcels, clothing donations, and counselling support.

They shared a word of faith from Ecclesiastes 9:4, offering encouragement and hope during difficult times.

At the monthly outreach, 120 people were fed and 80 clothing kits were distributed to disadvantaged families and children, accompanied by prayer and a message of hope.

*Every visit includes prayer, personal conversations, and a message of hope aimed at restoring dignity and strengthening faith within the community.*

**Community Service in Mthata**

In Mthata, the Unisocial team joined forces with the Caleb Group to carry out a meaningful outreach at Empilweni Old Age Home and Stanford clinic.

Together, they donated Bibles and books – including From



Wound to Scar and The Secrets and Mysteries of the Soul – to spread the Word of God beyond the church walls.

The Caleb Group also offered personal care services to the elderly, including haircuts, nail care, and make-up, bringing dignity and joy to those often overlooked.

At Stanford Clinic, the team runs an ongoing outreach programme. Every Tuesday, they offer prayer, share short messages of encouragement, and distribute devotional material to patients in waiting areas.

On Fridays, they pray with and encourage medical staff, providing support in a demanding work environment.



**Change Language to English**

Follow these simple steps to change the language on your app



*Holy Bible*

with personal commentary by Bishop Edir Macedo



The Holy Bible, with personal commentary by Bishop Edir Macedo, is the complete app for reading and listening to the Holy Bible.



[bibliafielcomentada.com](http://bibliafielcomentada.com)

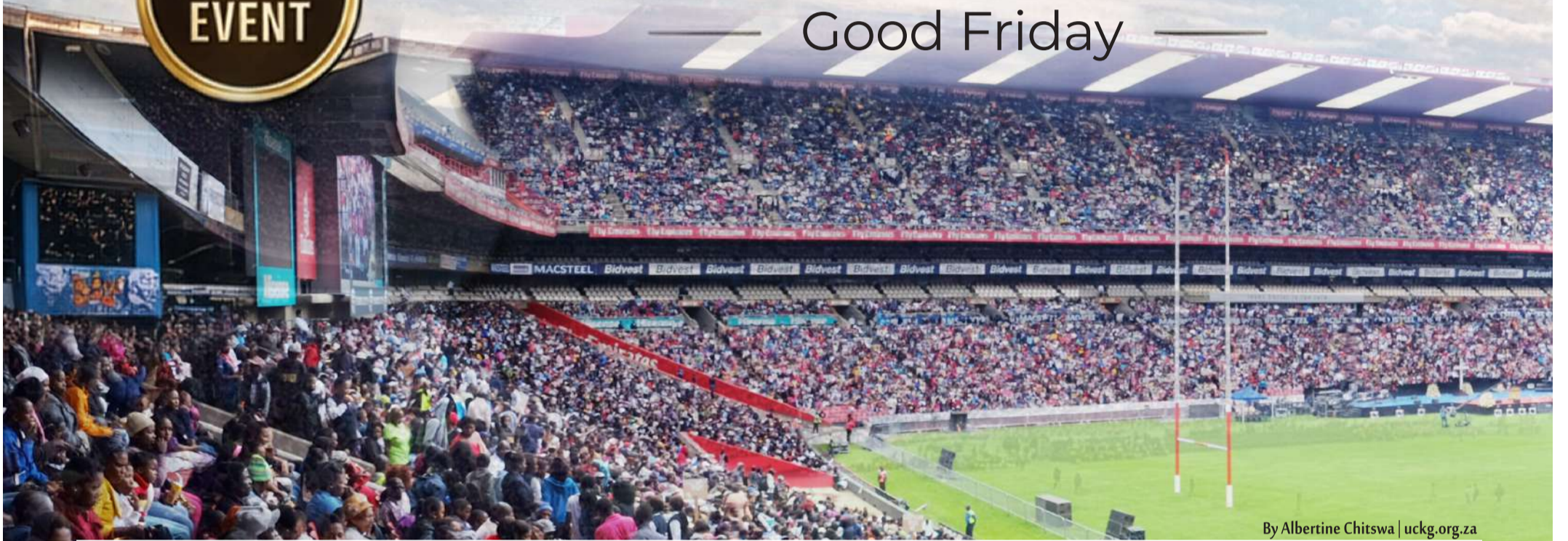
- 1 Open the app and click on the **Settings** icon
- 2 Select **'Inglês'** from the language options
- 3 Click on **'Salvar'** to save your changes





# AMANDLA NGAWETHU

Good Friday



By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

**When God's Power Descends at Ellis Park, Lives Will Never Be the Same**

Imagine a place where chains break, tears are dried, and hearts are made whole. This Good Friday, 03 April at 10am, Ellis Park Stadium becomes that place once again.

*The Amandla*

*Ngawethu event is not just an event. It is an encounter that transforms ordinary lives into testimonies of faith.*

At past gatherings, we witnessed the impossible made possible.

Thousands poured in from every corner of Johannesburg and beyond, travelling by train, bus, car, or on foot.

They came with heavy burdens, broken dreams, and silent cries, and left with joy, healing, and hope that cannot be measured.

The day is filled with live performances, engaging presentations, and a message of faith so powerful that it lingers within every attendee long after the remarkable day. But the true

miracle is in the life transformations. Just as the Lord Jesus declared on the cross, "It is finished!", those who attend this event will also see their misery, pain, and shame finished.

At these events, lives are restored, hearts are healed, and destinies are renewed.

**Free distribution of the oil**

This year, we bring even more of God's power to you. Attendees will receive oil blessed by the Bishops at Gethsemane in Israel.

This holy oil is a tangible expression of faith, a means to

release healing, restoration, and breakthrough in every area of life.

**Why should you join?**

Join thousands of believers at this life-changing event and experience firsthand what it means to be touched by God's love.

Whether you are battling illness, facing personal struggles, or seeking spiritual renewal, Amandla Ngawethu 2026 is your divine appointment. ✦

*For more information, call our 24-hour toll-free Helpline: 0800 330 320.*



**It is not just a gathering, but a life changing event.**

Good Friday | 03 April | 10AM | Ellis Park Stadium - Johannesburg



# They didn't come for the crowd. They came for an answer.



**Mary Tshwene**

My husband had lost his job, and we were struggling to make ends meet while raising our two children.

Life felt hopeless. I was invited to the Amandla Ngawethu event at Ellis Park Stadium, and though my husband initially refused to attend it, we went there together.

The bishop spoke about never giving up and about trusting God. **During the prayer, I cried out to Him for my family.** The next Monday, my husband was called back to work and our financial situation improved.

Now we are able to provide for our family and we live peacefully. ✨



**Julia Mphuthi**

My daughter was diagnosed with bronchitis and it affected our family deeply.

I attended the Amandla Ngawethu event and **received the blessed oil.** I committed to using it in faith, anointing my daughter every morning and evening. Her health improved, and she was completely healed from bronchitis.

Now she is strong and healthy, and I am filled with gratitude.

Through this event, I also received the Holy Spirit and continue to grow in faith. God's power transformed my daughter's life and restored hope to our family. ✨



**Eunice Lesiba**

I was worried about my two sons. They were struggling in their finances, and I did not know how to help them.

I heard about the Amandla Ngawethu event on Good Friday and decided to attend it, hoping that God would do something in their lives.

At the event, I prayed for them and received the blessed oil. I anointed my sons with faith, trusting in God's power. Soon afterwards, my younger son got a job and my eldest started prospering at work.

Now I have peace because God's hand guides and provides for our family. ✨

## What should you bring with you and what you should not bring to the Stadium:

Things to Bring	Things NOT to Bring:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Water</li> <li>- Umbrella</li> <li>- Hat</li> <li>- Sunscreen</li> <li>- Comfortable walking shoes</li> <li>- Light snacks</li> <li>- Portable fan or cooling towel</li> <li>✓ Notebook and pen for taking notes or writing prayers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Glass bottles or containers</li> <li>- Any form of alcohol or alcoholic beverages</li> <li>- Cans, metal containers/objects, glass bottles, glass/containers &amp; objects</li> <li>- Explosives, fireworks</li> <li>- Any form of compressed gas container incl. gas bottles, spray paint, etc.</li> <li>- Chemicals of any nature incl. dry ice</li> <li>- Animals (other than guide-dogs)</li> <li>- Braai /cooking equipment</li> <li>- Umbrellas with sharp steel pointed ends</li> <li>- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc.</li> <li>- Any other item/object which a SAPS Authorised Member or VOC Commander reasonably considers to be of a potentially dangerous nature</li> </ul>

**REACH OUT**

FOR MORE ADDRESSES WHERE THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN OTHER PROVINCES.

CALL OUR TOLL-FREE HELPLINE

**0800 330 320**

**Thousands have experienced it before - Now it is your turn!**

With the distribution of the Oil blessed at Gethsemane  
Get your own bottle of this oil, free of charge







*Making disciples in missionary trip to Abidjan, Kabadougou and Yamoussoukro, in Ivory Coast.*

**Purpose in the Struggle**

Tuesday in Yamoussoukro deepened this understanding. Life's challenges were presented as instruments that ultimately glorify God. Problems refine faith. They reveal where we stand spiritually.

The message returned to forgiveness as a requirement. To receive God's forgiveness and to see the work of our hands blessed, we must forgive those who hurt us. Faith and obedience walk together. One cannot exist fruitfully without the other.

**A Warning Against Distraction**

By Wednesday in Abidjan, the tone carried

urgency. There was a strong warning about spiritual distractions. The devil sets traps through problems and emotional pressures, knowing that if our attention shifts from God, we become vulnerable. Distraction leads to drifting. Drifting leads to distance.

Believers were urged to remain rooted in God, firm in faith, and united in purpose as members of the body of Christ. When we stay grounded in Him, we function properly. We grow stronger. We remain aligned with His will.

**A Nation Touched by Faith**

Across cities and districts, one message thundered consistently: Believe fully. Obey completely. Forgive sincerely. Stand firmly.

The same God who transformed lives in the Scriptures is present today. His power has not diminished. His goodness has not expired. His promises remain alive.

Ivory Coast witnessed hearts returning to God, faith being restored, and believers rising with renewed conviction, because when faith rises, problems fall, and when obedience leads, God's power is revealed.



**UNIVER**  
VIDEO

**THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF CONTENT FOR YOU TO INVEST IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**SIGN UP FOR A YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION**

You can subscribe to Univer Video for an entire year. When signing up for a plan, choose a yearly plan and enjoy thousands of hours of content to invest in your Spiritual life.

Download at



or Sign up at [Univervideo.com](http://Univervideo.com)



Ensino



# Self Help What Is Inside of You?

## DISCOVER WHO YOU TRULY ARE



SOWETO

*In a society that often overlooks and undervalues women, the meeting provides a safe space to pause, reflect, and see yourself through God's eyes.*



JOHANNESBURG



CAPE TOWN

The Self-Help meeting is an inspiring gathering designed for women navigating the pressures and expectations of life in today's world.

It is a moment to explore your heart, confront hidden struggles, and gain the tools to live intentionally, courageously, and faithfully.

At the recent meeting at the Temple of Solomon in Brazil, Mrs Cristiane Cardoso delivered a message that captivated and challenged every woman in attendance.

She began with a reminder that even those who serve God faithfully are not perfect. Pride, complacency, and distance from God can affect anyone.

*"Our hearts are deceitful and corrupt," she said. "Only God and we ourselves truly know what lies within our hearts. Salvation is not a one-*

*time event; it is a daily journey."*

She invited women to take an "X-ray of the soul", to look beyond appearances, roles, or accomplishments. True identity is revealed through thoughts, desires, and feelings. Hidden insecurities, jealousy, or unaddressed hurt can quietly shape our behaviour.

The meeting encouraged women to examine their hearts honestly, to remove what hinders their growth, and to embrace their identity in God. Attendees were given

the opportunity to surrender what they had been carrying within: hurt, fears, insecurities, and hidden struggles, and to place these in God's hands. It was a moment of liberation, a release of burdens that allowed women to step forward in faith and self-awareness.

Do not miss the next Self-Help meeting and discover who you truly are?

*Follow the weekly Meditation on the Word of God program and the Woman-2Woman show for messages that will help you develop and shape your life.*

### WE ASKED AND THEY RESPONDED

**Vuyo**, 51, Consultant

*The Self-Help meeting is a wake-up session that gives me awareness of who I truly am. This awareness helps me align my thoughts, feelings, and desires with God's will.*

**Melaine**, 30, Administrative Clerk

*For me, the Self-Help meeting is a platform where we gain tools to handle the challenges we women face. It helps us address hidden emotions and past struggles and equips us to grow emotionally and mentally.*

**Charmaine**, 19, Student

*I see the Self-Help meeting as a space for self-reflection. It helps identify the roots of our behaviours, to understand where they come from.*



## ZAMBIA FEATURE

### 'FROM WOUND TO SCAR' BOOK LAUNCH



Women queuing for a chance to get their books at this special launch in Zambia.

**The launch of From Wound to Scar took place in Zambia on 14 February, drawing many women who were eager to secure a copy of the book and glean from its impactful content.**

**In a society where women are often discouraged from speaking openly about abuse, the event stood as a bold and healing initiative.**

Many women silently carry emotional wounds, and this book speaks directly to that hidden hurt, offering hope and restoration.

Since its release, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Among the testimonies is that of Serah Kaonga, a VYG member, who shared

how the book helped her reflect on her life, past and mistakes. She realised that she had been living as a prisoner of fear, constantly limiting herself to avoid failure.

Through the book, she has learned to release her fears and embrace a new perspective on her education, family life, relationships and, above all, her spiritual life.

From Wound to Scar is a powerful reminder that healing is possible and that true growth begins within.



*This book speaks directly to women's hidden hurt, offering hope and restoration.*

**F O A**  
FREEDOM ON AIR TV

**FREEDOM ON AIR TV GUIDE | 24-HOUR CHANNEL**

**PROVIDING ROUND THE CLOCK CONTENT THAT IS GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY**

CHANNEL 1161 HD | CHANNEL 1162 SD

<p><b>Meditation on the Word</b> The Pastor's Wives' Meditation - every Monday and Thursday.</p>	<p><b>The Man of Galilee</b> Biblical Documentary Bible-based stories to inspire and uplift you.</p>	<p><b>Podcast: Beyond the End</b> Discover more signs of the end times.</p>	<p><b>I am Soul Precious</b> Daily messages of faith to bless and uplift your day.</p>	<p><b>Woman 2 Woman</b> Inspirational stories filled with teachings and life tips.</p>	<p><b>Inner Healing</b> It is not about coping anymore but healing at the root through faith and becoming whole again.</p>	<p><b>Game Changers</b> Practical guidance to encourage and help you change your life.</p>
--	--	---	--	--	--	--

**A CHRISTIAN CHANNEL FOR ALL GENERATIONS.**  
Safe for kids. Powerful for parents.  
Life-changing for all.

**WHERE FAMILY TIME MEETS FAITH.**

**ORDER YOUR DECODER AT YOUR NEAREST UNIVERSAL CHURCH**



# JABULA NATHI Letter of Gratitude

An Earnest Thank You to Every Generous Heart from the CBC and PTU family



## ITEMS SPONSORED

- 432 kids chairs
- 285 plastic chairs
- 104 tables
- 26 gazebos/tents
- 16 PTU banners
- 29 whiteboards
- 16 storage cabinets
- 14 TV screens
- 180 litres of paint
- 3 printers
- 30 cups
- 30 plates
- 7 light bulbs
- 1 fan
- 1 play mat
- 1 church bought drywall
- 2 churches repaired their ceilings
- 2 churches installed tiles



**T**he PTU-CBC Expo was more than a vibrant celebration of growth and talent. It became a remarkable display of generosity, unity and shared responsibility for the next generation. During the event, organisations, businesses and individuals stepped forward with meaningful donations to support the children and teenagers who attend the Children's Biblical Centre (CBC) and Power Teen Universal (PTU) lessons every week.


The impact of these contributions cannot be overstated. From learning materials to practical resources, every item donated will play a role in creating an environment where children and teens can learn effectively, participate confidently and develop essential life skills. These are not simply supplies placed on shelves but tools that will help shape focus, discipline, creativity and self-belief in each child and teen.

The children and teenagers who will benefit from these donations might not fully grasp the scale of the support they have received, but the difference will be felt in every lesson, every activity and every opportunity made possible through these resources.

**To every organisation that donated and every individual who contributed, thank you.**  
Your generosity has created momentum, strengthened purpose and helped lay the foundation for a brighter, more empowered future for the young people of the CBC and PTU. ✨




DISCLAIMERS: The contents of this publication reflect the opinions of the interviewees. This publication is for information purposes only. Opinions and advice expressed do not necessarily represent the views of the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God. The Universal Church does not claim to heal anyone, but believes that through the power of faith in the name of Jesus, a person can receive healing. Those under medical treatment are advised to continue taking prescribed medication and following their doctors' instructions.



# SOWETO CATHEDRAL HOLY GROUND

SUNDAY 10AM | 24456 Immink Drive, Zone 6, Diepkloof, SOWETO



# ANGRY, **VIOLENT** AND AN ADDICT

ALL HIS EARNINGS WENT TO HIS ADDICTIONS, LEAVING HIM WITH NOTHING - NOT EVEN FOOD ON THE TABLE.

By Tania Nguanda | uckg.org.za



“Growing up, I developed intense anger issues because of bullying. So I started lifting weights to bulk up, and I also got tattoos. I wanted to look intimidating so that people would fear me.



This anger followed me into adulthood. I began drinking heavily, smoking, and using drugs.

Every weekend, I'd go to clubs looking for fights.

Also all the money I earned went to feeding my addictions, and I was left with nothing - no food at home, no hope for the future.

When I was alone and sober, reality would hit hard.

I knew I was failing my family and disappointing my parents, especially my mother, who had big dreams for me.

I wanted to change but couldn't find the strength to do so.

Everything changed when I picked up a Universal News newspaper on the street. Reading the testimonies, I realised that I could find help. I came to the Universal Church and started attending services.



Through perseverance and using my faith, I eventually gave up my addictions and wild lifestyle. I let go of all the grudges and the anger.

For the first time in years, I could think about my future. I wanted a new life. I knew this would only happen when I fully surrendered my life to God and received His Holy Spirit.

When He filled me with His Spirit, everything changed. The anger left, and God's love filled my heart. God also blessed me with a family of my own and a construction company. Today, I have the peace I had so desperately longed for and my life has meaning and purpose,” said Richard.

## Find your nearest UCKG

Over 280 branches countrywide

### GAUTENG

#### Park Station (JHB CBD)

25 Plein Street, Johannesburg

#### Pretoria (CBD)

175 Nana Sita Street (Old Skinner Street)

#### Vanderbijlpark

Shop No. 4, C R Swart Street

#### Vereeniging

Shop 1, 8 Kruger Avenue (Opp. Sassa)

### WESTERN CAPE

#### Cape Town

9 Buitenkant Street (near Grand Parade)

#### George

121 Cradock Street, CBD

### EASTERN CAPE

#### East London

5 Gladstone Street

#### Mthatha

36 Owen Street

#### Port Elizabeth

45 Norongo Road & Cnr Sopazi Street, New Brighton

### NORTHERN CAPE

#### Kimberley

44 Sidney Street, (Opp. The Library)

#### Upington

Leeukop Ave, Rosebudes Centrum, Rosedale

### KWAZULU NATAL

#### Durban

465 Anton Lembede Street (Opp. Durdoc Centre)

#### Pietermaritzburg

399 Church Street (Opp. Capital Centre)

### FREE STATE

#### Bloemfontein

60 Oliver Tambo Road

#### Qwa Qwa

Midtown Shopping Complex, Shop No. 2

#### Welkom:

Mario's Taxi Rank Complex, 4 Kort Street

### LIMPOPO

#### Pietersburg

Shop 3, 20 Jorrisen Street

### MPUMALANGA

#### Nelspruit

6 Samora Machel Drive, Petroleum Street, Mbombela

#### Witbank

8 Arras Street, CBD

### NORTH WEST

#### Rustenburg

134 Kloppe Street

#### Mahikeng

20-22 Martin Street (Old DR Church)

Branches in 9 provinces



Scan the QR Code for more addresses

OR CALL OUR 24-HOUR TOLL FREE HELPLINE:

**0800 330 320**

One-to-one counselling available at all branches (free of charge).