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# LEWIS MINISTRY

Following His Way, His Truth, His Life

## No.4 Today!

On Monday afternoon a young man drove into the Memorial Park, got out of his bakkie and ended his life! One of the workers burst into my office and the only word I understood which launched me off my chair was “skiet” (shooting). I ran out of the office and saw all of the workers rushing down to the far end of the Park where the private estates are. As I approached the bakkie with much apprehension, fearing that I might even be shot in the process of investigating this “shooting” I prayed for grace and braced myself for what I might see. The workers then shouted to me that he was in the estate. As I looked over the wall of the estate I could see the body of a man lying on the ground partially obscured by a bench. Nothing could have prepared me for the gruesome sight I would see when coming around the bakkie, giving me a full view of the deceased. It was awful. Soon family arrived on the scene and then the police arrived and it was then I was informed - this is **No. 4 Today!** The 4th suicide in Durbanville today!

What a tragedy this is! 4 young people who had lost all sight of hope in this life!

What’s wrong with this town?

What’s wrong with these people?

Praise God for His Son Jesus Christ who came to seek and save the lost!

Who found me, lost, dead in my transgressions and sin and yet He still loved me, and gave His life for me and saved my soul. He has given me a living hope to live life each day and a living hope even to die and be with Him for eternity.

Do you have this living hope?

What about Durbanville - there are so many who don’t have this hope and need to hear the Gospel! What about the area where you live, the people whom God allows into your life each day, the communities around your area where you live?

What are you doing to get the Gospel message of living hope out to them? I have the wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel at funerals.

I had just finished sharing the Gospel at 2 funerals that day when this incident occurred which has given me the opportunity once again to speak to each of the staff at the Park. They each received trauma counseling from the South African Police trauma unit but that counsel cannot give hope, only the Gospel can. **Pray for their salvation** - they all go to church but have never heard the Truth that only Jesus Christ can save them!

### **What is the church doing today to get the Gospel out?**

I fear this is the biggest failure of the church today. Our churches are filled with people who know the Gospel, who are “rich with knowledge of the Word of God”, who love to have their ears tickled with fine oratory, “amazing sermons”, clever presentations from their Pastors, finest singing, praise and worship, yet who fail to share their faith with anyone else. Not even their own family and friends, work colleagues let alone anyone else they meet each day.

What kind of Christianity is this?

What kind of love is this?

Where in the Bible is this kind of Christianity taught?

Brethren, friends, supporters **please pray with me** that the Lord would raise up workers for the Gospels sake, faithful saints, missionaries, church planters, pastors who will actually do the work of an evangelist and demonstrate the love of Christ.

If you pray this then be prepared to go yourself!

Thank you for your love, prayers and financial support in our Gospel ministry. We have had many come to know Christ in Fisantekraal through a team effort at evangelising. Last Sunday 4 were baptised after sharing their faith with our church. We praise God for every soul that is saved. We have 19 youth going to Winter Camps this year and we are excited to have 2 counsellors there. Thandikhaya led a young man to the Lord just before supper last night and Nolufefe a young girl this morning! **Please pray** for these camps that many who hear the Gospel will be saved.

May the Lord bless, strengthen and encourage each of you as you seek to live for Him. Love in Christ, Cal & Sue