



We are called to be fruitful in our lives, to achieve much for the Kingdom of God. Our mandate on this earth is to go out into all nations and share the Gospel. We live with eternity in mind, all desiring to hear the wonderful words of our King, "Well done, good and faithful servant ... " One such man who is living out this calling is Pastor Raymond Lombard. From missionary work in nations around Africa, to training house church leaders in China, Raymond's footsteps are directed fully by Jesus, and his life's work is a testament to this humble submission.

A life devoted to Christ

Raymond Daniel Lombard was born on the 18th of May 1960 in Harare, Zimbabwe. His family moved back to South Africa in 1965, and lived in Benoni for most of his young life. Today, Raymond lives in Durbanville, Cape Town, and is married to his beautiful wife, Amanda. The couple have five children, and are blessed with six grandchildren. He is the Senior Pastor at the Full Gospel Church, Lewende Woord, Parow, a ministry that he has been actively involved in for almost 40 years. Raymond is led by our Lord Jesus, and has devoted his life to being a diligent worker. He seeks to rightly divide the Word of Truth, as Paul advises in 2 Timothy 2:15.

*AS CHRISTIANS, WE
ARE CALLED TO BE
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AND WORLD
CHANGERS.*

Testimony of finding Christ

As a teenager, Raymond began to question the meaning of life, and wondered what his purpose was. "As a young man of seventeen, I struggled with the existential meaning of life. What was I living for? Why was I born? I was searching for answers; I had feelings of utter emptiness deep within my soul. Sometimes I would kneel by my bed and pray, but nothing happened and no-one ever answered me. The emptiness inside of me remained with me ... This is how my search for God began, although the questions remained "where would I find God? Or does God find us?".

Enlisted in the Navy

When Raymond was 18 years old, he received a letter in the post -his call-up letter for national service. He reported to Saldanha Bay, where he started his two years of national service in the Navy. Raymond recalls sitting with three of his friends who were serving with him, in August 1979. They were talking about religion, and whether they thought they would go to heaven. One of Raymond's friends told him that the Bible states that you have to be born again to enter the Kingdom of God. This made Raymond question his salvation. For four days he had a spiritual battle about being born again. On the fourth night, not being able to sleep, he woke up his friend to discuss this burning question.

A Damascus experience

While sitting outside under a tree, Raymond asked his friend how to become born again. To his utter amazement, his friend could not answer him. At that moment, Raymond realised that God was the only One who could give him the peace that he so ardently wanted. He then prayed for God's forgiveness, and became born-again. Raymond turned to his friend, and asked him if he also wanted to give his heart to the Lord. "My Damascus experience was an impressionable event in my life. Looking up into the moonlit night, I felt as if a light from heaven was shining directly into my heart. I knew while I was sitting there that Jesus Christ was with me and in my heart. I realised, at that very moment, that I was born-again."

Dedicating his life to Christ

This life-changing moment was the catalyst for a future of service, a life devoted to the works of Jesus. Raymond went on to study Theology at Irene Theological College, of the Full Gospel Church of God. He entered the ministry full-time in March 1982, and was ordained on the 5th of January 1985. On the 18th of May 1998, Raymond was further ordained by the Church of God Cleveland, Tennessee in the United States of America.

Pastor Ray started *Raymond Lombard Ministries* to educate, teach, and enrich pastors, evangelists, church leaders, and all Christians in the Word of God. He has been involved in impressionable missionary work in nations around the world, which you can read more about over the next few pages.

Covid-19 led to new opportunities

Alongside his main ministry, Raymond also hosts a weekly Bible school at his Church in Parow. Before lockdown, this Bible School welcomed close to 500 students every

week! Since lockdown, the Bible School has been successfully broadcast on the internet. Various topics have been covered in the Bible School. Raymond has a proactive staff and leadership team in his assembly, which makes it possible for him to be active in missionary work in Southern, East, Central, North and West Africa, Asia, India, South-East Asia, Central and Latin America.

Pastor Ray shares about the impact of Covid on the Lewende Woord Bible School:

"During the same week that President Ramaphosa announced our national lockdown, I wrestled with the Lord with the question of - well, what to do now? Our Bible School has around 500 students that attend at our church on a Tuesday evening. According to the lockdown rules, I had to close the doors to the school. While speaking to the Lord about this, I heard the words, 'Carpe Diem!' I answered Him, 'I understand what You are saying, seize the day!' Then the Lord said 'Crisis' in Chinese. I immediately understood what He was saying. A few months earlier, while doing missionary work in Beijing, my Chinese friend and brother in Christ explained the word to me by writing it on a piece of paper. He showed me that the word consists of two components -danger and opportunity. Immediately I had a revelation in my spirit. The Lord was saying, 'Yes, this is a dangerous time, but it is also a time of opportunity. Seize the day!'"

"We immediately started to upload the video recordings of our Bible School and Sunday services onto the internet. We have our own You Tube channel - Raymond Lombard Ministries. With over 2 254 000 views since April 2020, our videos have touched many lives. Our viewership continues to grow daily! Praise the Lord!"

IMPACTFUL MISSIONS AND OUTREACH WORK

Wheels for God's Word

On the 5th of September 1995, at 5am in the morning during his prayer time, Raymond experienced a touch of God on his life concerning a special calling into the Mission Field (1 Cor 16:9). This resulted in the formation of **Wheels for God's Word (WGW)**.

Today, this is a mission organisation that is doing work in 38 countries on the African continent, namely: South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, Madagascar, Botswana, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Angola, Democratic Republic Congo, Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Central Africa Republic, Sudan, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria, Benin, Niger, Togo, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Senegal, Mali, Egypt, Gambia, Liberia, Niger, and Rwanda.

Since the formation of this organisation, Raymond has trained over 22 000 preachers and Church leaders in Africa. Through this ministry, more than 4 000 bicycles and many motorcycles have also been given to pastors and evangelists, which has helped spread the Gospel 10-12 times faster.

These pastors and evangelists have been trained using the Heart of Man charts. Over 20 600 Heart of Man large charts, 65 000 Heart of Man booklets, 5 000 pocket size Heart of Man charts, and thousands of Bibles have been distributed in these countries.

As the Director of Wheels for God's Word, Raymond has been serving the Church in Africa in Missions for 27 years.

Focus on the Word Radio Show

Since 2002, Raymond has been fortunate enough to have a radio show dedicated to the ministry and missionary work that he is

involved in. "Focus on the Word" is broadcast on Radio Tygerberg, the largest Afrikaans Christian radio station in South Africa (400 000 listeners). This is one of the most popular weekly radio Bible programmes that serves the wider community in the Western Cape, as well as internationally on the internet streaming. All programmes are available on podcast. Tune in to 104FM on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 19:30 to listen to Raymond.

Firewall Project Africa

Since 2014, another vision called the **Firewall Project Africa**, aims at raising a Firewall of God's Spirit and grace in Africa, focusing initially upon the countries stretching from Senegal to Ethiopia, and down south to Mozambique.

God, in His mercy, has used Raymond to evangelise in different countries on the continent of Africa. Because of this, the Africa Council appointed him as the Co-ordinator of this Firewall project. In October 2019, Raymond was appointed by the Africa Council Church of God World Missions as the Director of Evangelism and Church Planting.

Since 2016, the Firewall Project has developed into a global initiative called the **Global Fire Advance**. Raymond is one of the founding Board members of the Global Fire Advance. Their objective is to strategically plan and accomplish evangelism, discipleship, and Church planting around the world with involvement in South America and Central America. To date, strategic training has been done in Panama (Central America), as well as Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Argentina (South America).

Pastor Ray has trained thousands of pastors in four main cities in India (Ranchi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and New Delhi), as well as in South East Asian countries like Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, and Philippines.



- 1. Presiding Pastor at "Lewende Woord" Full Gospel Church of God**
- 2. Founder / Director of Wheels for God's Word**
- 3. Director of Evangelism and Church Planting for the Africa Council of the Church of God World Missions**
- 4. The Africa Firewall Coordinator**
- 5. Vice-Chancellor of the Church of God International Bible College**
- 6. A board member of the Advisory Council of Reforma**



You are one exceptional man! You have triumphed over tragedy and have lived, and are living, your life with an eternal perspective.

You are a legend in your own life time! An example of how a godly leader should live.

You are a visionary who gets things done while others are still in the planning stage.

You are the most awesome teacher of the Word! Your knowledge of the Bible is amazing.

You work and study hard, even when on holiday!

Your dedication and love for God and people are inspiring and your mission outreaches to the world are phenomenal.

Being married to you is an honour.
Love you lots.

Amanda

Raymond,

I will always be grateful and thankful for what you have done for our family. You went to pray for my father Eddie Kat many times in Paarl when he fell ill and then also led him to the Lord and baptised him in 2016.

In 2009 you dedicated my beautiful baby daughter Jemma Kat to the Lord and then in 2016 you also dedicated my beautiful baby son Jenson Kat.

In 2015 you prayed for Shanon's father Jacques in hospital when he had a life-threatening accident and also led him to the Lord.

Raymond, for these things mentioned we will forever be grateful to you.

You are a mighty servant of the Lord. Your dedication and care towards everyone comes through in everything you say and do.

Congratulations in achieving 40 years of service for the Lord. What a great achievement!

Lots of love, appreciation and blessings.

Love,

Pierre, Shanon, Jemma & Jenson



To our spiritual father Raymond,

We want to sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your ongoing dedication to the Word of God and for sharing your knowledge and using your special gift to encourage and grow faith in our hearts and the hearts of the community.

Thank you for all your hard work, commitment and endurance and for enriching and saving lives by bringing people to Jesus.

We want to especially thank you for investing your time and knowledge during family Bible study which helped us find the Lord as well for the dedication of our children, Mikayla & Keyan. And an even greater thank you for baptising us as well as other members of the family which was possibly the biggest gift and blessing we have received.

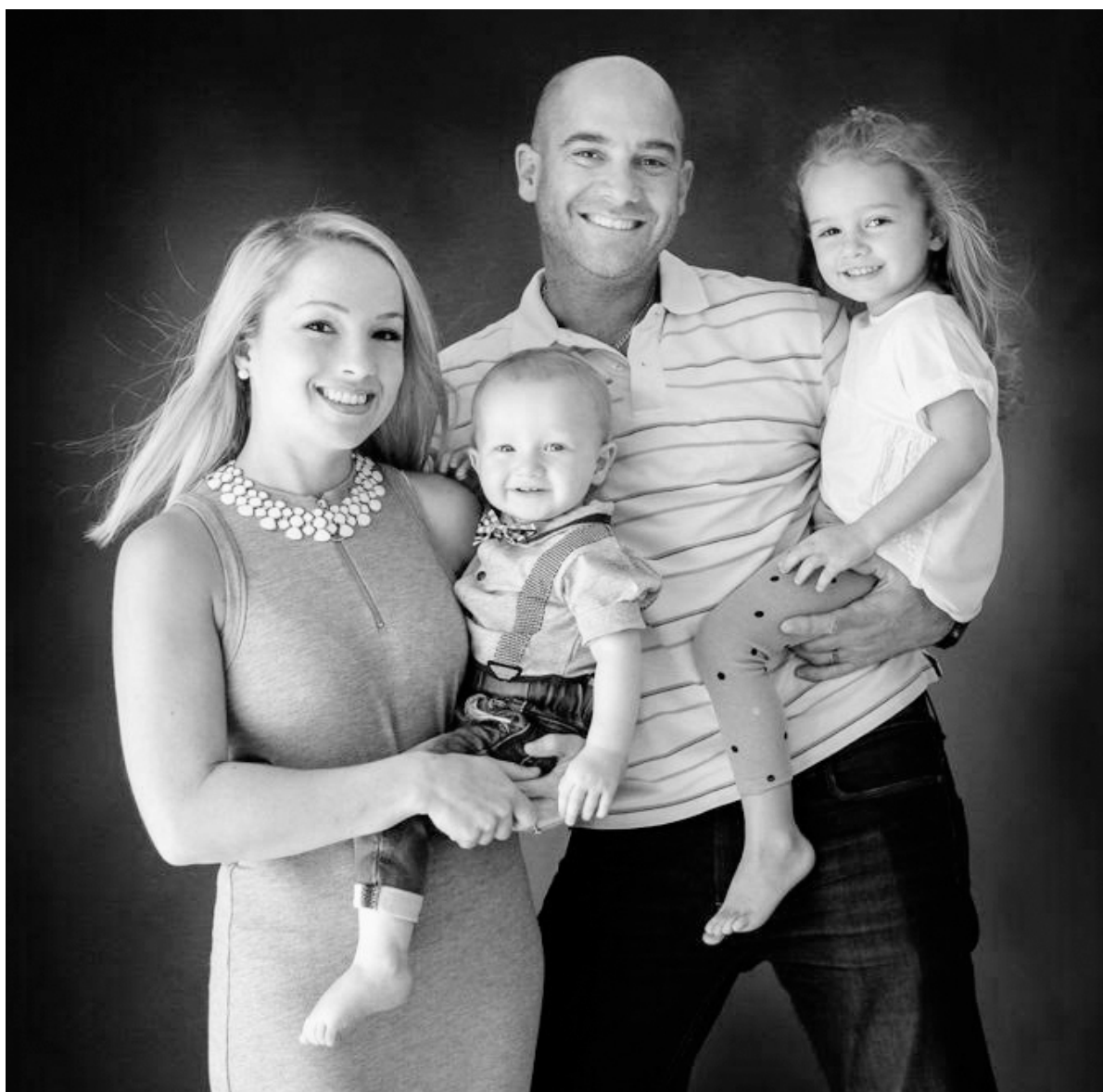
We are so grateful for your service and example and we are blessed beyond measure to have you as our spiritual father.

We praise God for how He is using you and for all the lives you have touched. May He continue to use you and truly bless you for the faithful, dedicated shepherd you are to His flock.

We are extremely proud of you and we love and appreciate you endlessly.

Ryan, Michelle, Mikayla & Keyan

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In Honour of my Dad

Ephesians 6:4 "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

A heart-felt congratulations to my Dad for completing 40 years in the ministry!

In reflection of my life and the years gone by - by observing my Dad over so many years - it has become clear that this level of achievement is only obtainable by implementing specific principles in your daily life, a few of which I will highlight here, as this has taught me valuable lessons and set the example of how to become truly successful in life, not by the standards of this world, but by the divine standards of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1. **Time with the Lord** – Dedication toward a regular and healthy prayer-life. The dividends are clearly visible through-out my Dad's very successful and globally-impacting ministry, being a direct reflection hereof.
2. **Time with His Word** – Dedication towards studying and understanding the Word of God. A biblical knowledge I have yet to come across again is presented in my Dad. Years of study and reading of the Word brought about revelations, knowledge and understanding which is almost impossible to find elsewhere.
3. **Trust and Faith** – Trusting the Lord and believing that He is the perfecter of His Word. Hearing the Voice of God on a regular basis only comes with regular practice of the previous points, spending time in prayer and studying His Word. My Dad therefore epitomizes Trusting and having Faith regardless of circumstances or obstacles which may inevitably come our way, not allowing these to overpower us, but to become Overcomers by the Power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. **Teaching** – Sharing what we learn with others to enrich their spiritual lives. Countless hours spent on sermons, seminars, books and teachings by my Dad has selflessly impacted millions of lives across the world by imparting to them volumes of knowledge gained over many years.

Thank you, Dad, for the example over all these years of how to walk with the Lord, imparting also in my own life a Love and Knowledge for the Word, a seeking spirit to find the Truth, and the desire to Teach others that which I learn.

May the Lord bless you even more abundantly, may He continue to keep you, and may His face continually shine upon you, today and forever. Amen.

Raymond, Dominique, Raynique & Izelke



Thank you Ray for being the spiritual head of our home and a giant in the faith. There's nothing greater than knowing there's someone of integrity and honour leading our family.

Thank you for providing answers for any question we have day or night be it at dinners, around a braai, on a walk or whenever and wherever they arise... everyone knows you're always willing to help, teach and guide. You have stewarded your life well and I know everything you've invested will return ten fold. No one can accuse you of doing too little in anything you set your mind on and put your hand to. You've created a legacy and it will surely live on. "Well done my good and faithful servant" will surely be heard and the good news is you're not done yet and I believe the latter will be greater than the former. So thank you for your life of ministry, of truth, of saying "here I am Lord, use me" we are grateful you answered the call.

Wessel, Clarissa & Noah



Al van kleins af is ek gewoon daaraan om altyd 'n pa te hê wat vlieg oor die wêreld en elke dag 10 000 goed het om te doen, maar nog nooit het ek getwyfel hoe lief pappa vir my is nie. Ek dink ook ek is ongelooflik gelukkig om so amazing rolmodel te hê, wat vir my oneindige baie lewenslesse geleer het (nie deur woorde nie, maar deur hoe pappa lewe!). Ek kon leer oor wysheid, nederigheid, besluite neem en hoe om 'n "godly life" te lewe.

Vir my en Shaun beteken pappa ongelooflik baie! En ons het so baie lekker memories saam, van Agulhas tot al die pad in Tennessee!

Pappa is regtig 'n rots in ons familie en iemand wie ons weet ons altyd na toe kan kom vir advies, liefde of net lekker lag!

Baie dankie vir alles wat Pappa vir ons doen en beteken. Ek glo regtig ons is blessed agv Pappa se blessings wat oorloop in ons lewe!!

We love you sooooo much!!

Annelie & Shaun



Raymond my boetie , hoe trots is ons op jou!!!

Tot met 2015 het ons altyd by Ma gehoor, Raymond is oppad land uit of iewers heen op pad, sy het ons almal op hoogte gehou dat dit goed gaan met almal, Sondagoggend het julle mekaar gebel, ons het mekaar nie so gereeld gesien nie want Ma het altyd jaarliks by julle kom kuier of as jy dalk n tydjie het, het jy haar uitgevat.

Na 2015 toe Ma oorlede is, het alles verander en is ons nou in kontak met mekaar en sien ons mekaar ook op 'n meer gereelde basis, ons kuier sommer op die Lughawe wanneer jy oorstaan vir 'n uur of so en nou besef ons ook eers werklik die ekstent van jou Koninkrykswerk.

In 2019 met Covid het julle begin met Youtube en kyk ons alles, jy is nou op 'n gereelde basis 4 – 5 keer, of soms meer 'n week in ons sitkamer en hoor ons "hallo Oom Raymond of baai Oom Raymond" wanneer die kinders of kleinkinders by die deur instap of ek hoor van iewers in die huis "Nee Raymond, nie nou nie" dan soek Hennie iets op Potgooi of 'n program waarin jy gepraat het.

Toe ons kinders was, het ons altyd munisipale swembad toe gegaan en dan wil ek saam met die 4 boeties gaan en julle was nie altyd lus om my saam te vat nie, dan gooi julle my in die swembad (soos boeties doen) met die kan ek selfs nou nog nie swem nie J want julle wou die girls gaan uit check het.... ek sou nooit kon raai dat in 2019 op die ouderdom van 56 gedurende Covid sou ons jou vra om my en Hennie te kom doop en dat jy my weer onder water gaan sit nie, en so het ek die voorreg gehad dat my eie boetie my en my man kom doop.

Jy is ons geestelike mentor en ons leer ongelooflik baie van jou, ons kyk op na jou en bewonder jou vir die ongelooflike impak wat jy op die mense het oor die wêreld heen en die Koninkrykswerk wat jy doen.

Ons is baie lief vir jou!

Liefde

Hennie en Cathy



Ray, Swarie,

Congratulations on an amazing milestone in your ministry. Your dedication and obedience to His calling has meant a lot of time away from your family over the years, but you always made sure you were home for the important days. We learnt so much in the family Bible study sessions and it was there that we realised your amazing gift of teaching and how much you had to offer.

We pray that you will continue to use this for many years to reach people. May God continue to bless you and enlarge your territory. You will always have the full support of the family.

Love you

Gary and Renè



Dear Raymond,

Choice Christian greetings!

On the very special occasion of the celebration of your 40 years of full-time ministry, I want to offer my most sincere congratulations and profound appreciation for all you have done to impact the world for Christ. You have truly been a champion for the furtherance of God's Kingdom upon this earth and have stood in the gap when the courage of a champion was most needed. We thank you for this sacrificial spirit and willing heart.

As General Director of Church of God World Missions, I want to personally thank you for all you have done for missionaries, pastors, churches, orphanages and institutions of higher learning and Biblical education around the world. You have, through your generous heart, impacted the entire world for Christ. Untold millions will come to know Christ because of your care and heart for evangelism and, training.

God bless you my dear friend and may He give you many more years of furthering the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ until the glorious day of His return.

Your servant in Christ,

David M. Griffis, D.D.

General Director
Church of God World Missions





Ray - congratulations on 40 years of ministry.

I am blessed to know you as my Brother, friend and colleague in ministry. Your vision and passion for God's kingdom and your love for the lost are an inspiration.

With you - I will drive any day through the Sarah, paint München red, drive with a Quad through the Namibia and go any where to share the good news of Jesus.

You are blessed to have Amanda on your side as your as wife and Partner in ministry. You have proven your calling to the fullest! May He give you strength for another 40 years!!

Dr. Peter & Debbie Thomas

Church of God World Missions
Africa Council : Field Director





Dr Raymond Lombard – alumnus van die NWU (Potchefstroom)

Ons Opperherder het my en Raymond se pad in die vroeë 1980's vir enkele jare laat saamloop in Frankfort in die Vrystaat, waar die Here ons albei geroep het om as herder en leraar te dien! En van dag een was daar 'n duidelike een-Gees-tigheid.

Dekades later het ons Opperherder ons paaie opnuut laat kruis: toe ek dekaan was van Fakulteit Teologie aan die NWU, en ons Fakulteit in 'n samewerkingsooreenkoms met die VEKvG getree het. Toe Raymond aanmeld vir verdere studie, was dit nie moeilik om die toelatingspaneel te oorreed om Meestersgraad-status aan Raymond te gee op grond van sy 9 (op daardie stadium) boeke, en hom toelating direk tot doktorsgraadstudies te gee nie. Só kon hy dan werk aan sy PhD-graad, met 'n proefskrif getitel: "Theological Education in a Missio Dei perspective in the African context".

Mag Raymond se uitstaande getuienis en mylpaal van 40 jaar in voltydse bediening vir hom en sy naby-mense baie beteken!

Professor Fika Janse van Rensburg

Emeritus professor en rektor van die NWU se Potchefstroomkampus

VEERTIG JAAR AGTER DIE PREEKSTOEL.

Dit is 'n besondere mylpaal om te bereik - 40 jaar!!!

Niemand weet van AL die oorwinnings en suksesverhale in die lewens van mense wat oor 'n tydperk van 40 jaar geraak is nie. Ook nie van die teleurstellings, hartseer en terugslae nie. Die EEN wat geroep het weet, omdat HY Sy diensknegte roep en bekwaam maak vir hul bediening.

Dit is HY wat eendag sal sê: "Mooi so!!!

Ons sê in die tussentyd "Jy het goed gedoen kollega - hou só aan - die wenpaal is in sig."

Ons dink jy kan baie goed voel oor jou getuigenis van die bediening. Ons glo die mooi verhaal van jou bediening sal nog altyd voortgaan - "TOTDAT HY KOM."

Dr. Peter Hudson

(Vorige Moderator : Volle Evangelie Kerk van God)



Pastoor Raymond Lombard se PhD studie by Noord-Wes Universiteit
Prof Flip Buys

My pad het met Pastoor Lombard gekruis in 2014 toe hy by Noord-Wes Universiteit ingeskryf het om nagraadse studies te doen.

Op grond van sy ervaring en bestaande publikasies het die Fakulteit Teologie aan hom Meestersgraad status verleen en is ek aan hom toegewys as studieleier en promotor vir 'n doktorsgraad studie.

In ons gesprekke het ek gou bewus geword dat sy studie 'n ontsaglike bydrae kan maak tot die besef van teoloë se besef van die groot nood van meer relevante teologiese opleiding van miljoene onopgeleide predikers en evangeliste wêreldwyd. Daarom het ek hom aangemoedig om die *Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers* wat van 15 – 22 Junie in 2016 in Bangkok in Thailand gehou is saam met my te gaan bywoon.

Die kongres is deur 2500 deelnemers afkomstig van 100 lande bygewoon. Tydens die kongres het verkeie teologie dosente vanoor die wêreld met groot belangstelling kennis geneem van sy benadering tot sending, kerkplanting en opleiding van kerkleiers. Dit het daartoe gelei dat hy veel meer versoeke ontvang het om in Asiese lande opleidingskursusse aan te bied. Dit het daartoe gelei dat hy soveel meer internasionale reise en kursusse moes inpas en sodoende moes hy sy doktorsgraad studie vir 'n tyd lank op die kantlyn plaas. Maar nou is dit weer voluit aan die gang.

Baie geluk met 'n besondere mylpaal van 40 jaar in voltydse diens.

Professor Flip Buys

Missiology Research Professor North West University

When I was called to the Malmesbury FGC in 1993, I had the privilege of meeting Raymond. I asked him to minister at the assembly and teach on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many members were baptized in the Holy Spirit at those meetings.

When Raymond first explained his mission to supply bicycles to pastors in central Africa, I was as excited as he was and still is. He started **Wheels for God's Word** and we helped with the collecting of used and even broken bicycles which was repaired and shipped all over Africa. He was passionate then and still is today.

I left Malmesbury in 2001 and lost some contact with Raymond. We only met at the general



conference of the FGC yet it seemed as if we were never apart.

I started working closely with Raymond when we were on the Africa Council in 2015 at the meeting in Zambia. I was regional superintendent for southern Africa for world missions and he was responsible for the **FIREWALL** project. He was appointed as the director of evangelism and training for Africa for Church of God World Missions by the Africa council.

I accompanied him when he did training of pastors with the heart of man chart in Zimbabwe and Eswatini.

Raymond has not lost his passion for souls even after the enemy threw all kinds of attacks at him. He weathered many storms but stands steadfast in his walk with the Lord.

For me to be known as a brother and friend is a great privilege and honour.

Congratulations my brother on reaching 40 year full time in ministry. Remember your reward is out of this world.

May God keep His hand on you and your family all the days of your life.

Be Blessed

Pastor Philip Buckley

Superintendent COGWM : Southern Africa

RAYMOND LOMBARD

My friend

Jesus said ... ^{13 a} *"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.*

¹⁴ *"You are My friends, if you do what I command you.*

¹⁵ *"No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. (Joh 15:12-15 NAS)*

Because of the love of Jesus in our lives we found each other as pastors and friends. There are many valuable things that I could say about you Raymond today which would fill pages and take days to read. It has been history in the making.

My friendship with you has made an impact on both of our lives. Friendship means being able to walk in transparency, honesty and humility.

Friendship needs to be nurtured and developed and many times it means walking through the valley of Bakah (tears) in order to understand someone's heart and hurt. Raymond your love for Jesus through these valleys has not diminished. I have seen you walk through this valley many times but always come through triumphantly.

It has been Christ in you the hope of all glory that we have seen and enjoyed.

Friendships develop good health in a person's walk with Christ. The Apostle John wrote these words:

¹⁴ *but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by (3 Jo 1:13-14 NAS)*

There are times that one needs to speak face to face and confirm each other's strength in Christ. For this kind of friendship increases ones sense of belonging and purpose. There is always that sense of increased faith after sharing a mission trip.

Friendship in Christ gives a person the meaning of self-worth. A friend is someone you are willing to ride kilometers for without numbering them in order to give him a loaf of bread in the middle of the night. Raymond you are that kind of friend.

"Raymond, You're somebody special
You're the only one of your kind
God gave you a body
And a bright healthy mind
He had a special purpose
That He wanted you to find
That's why He made you special
You're the only one of your kind.

Dr Mac Hayward

Chairman : Missions Board Full Gospel Church of God in SA

Dit is vir my en Elaine 'n besondere eer om te deel in die vriendskap met Raymond en Amanda, en te reflekteer oor sy 40 jaar mylpaal in die voltydse bediening.

Raymond en ek het mekaar in 1983 leer ken toe ek van sy bediening in Frankfort kennisgeneem, en ek hom genooi het om te bedien in die gemeente Park Tabernakel, Vanderbijlpark.

Raymond, my goeie ou vriend, hoe vinnig het ons jare van bediening en vriendskap verby gespoed, en daar was soveel "hartsake" waarin ons deelgenootskap gehad het en wat nog helder in my geheue vasgelê is. Raymond was vir my 'n vriend deur dik en dun.

Daar was 'n tyd in 1998 toe my eggenote behandeling moes kry in die Grootte Schuur hospitaal, en Raymond en sy vrou tjie ons vir 3 weke huisvesting gegee het, en toe Ina in 2002 oorlede is, het hy haar begrafnis waargeneem. Hy was my naaste vriend in rou, smart en hartseer! Daardie empatie en bystand het ongelooflik baie vir my beteken. Toe ek 'n jaar later wou trou met Elaine, was hy die een wat die huweliksluiting behartig het, en gedeel het in ons vreugde.

By verskeie geleenthede het hy ook met groot krag ons gemeente bedien. Veral met die doping in die Heilige Gees was daar baie sukses deur die genadegawes van die Heilige Gees. Ons het ook met entoesiasme "Wiele vir Gods Woord" ondersteun.

Raymond, ons bid jou en Amanda die guns en seën van Vader God toe, en is oortuig dat julle nog vele jare met groot vrug die bediening en sending verantwoordelikhede sal nakom. Geloofd sy die Here, want Sy roeping is onberoulik!

Jaggie en Elaine Van Niekerk

Going into Africa with Raymond on mission trips brought a new dynamic into ministry for me. I will never forget our first missions' trip to DRC where we were introduced to Dr. Diafwila Mbawangi, president of all protestant churches in DRC. who took us to the rain forests where we saw thousands of pygmies surrender to Christ. In Kinshasa we found our self surrounded by undesirable people who demanded our cameras and money. God helped us talk our way out of a tight situation.

I am honoured to know Raymond Daniel Lombard, President and founder of "Wheels for God's Word" and catch some of his enthusiasm, excitement and fire he has for lost souls. His energy reminds me of the advert of the rabbit and Duracell battery that never quits! Outside of South Africa we trained pastors in 11 countries as well as Madagascar. I will never forget amazing experiences we shared crossing together: Lake Malawi on the 'Flyboat" to the island and then on a wind-driven overloaded daugh to Mozambique (I got Sun-stoke) and how we walked extra carefully on paths Mozambique that had landmines on either sides to take the Gospel to remote villages; the mechanic under a tree in Tanzania who fixed the bakkie which needed a fuel pump part; witnessing over 450 pastors trained and given bicycles in Zambia; ministry in Bulawayo with Harold Peasley; brushing our teeth in Lesotho because there was no water; riding on off-road motorcycle in the rain forest to a pygmy village and how on our way back I lost my footing while crossing a "tree- bridge" and fell into the river but God miraculously caught me, lifted me out of the water and placed my feet on the tree-bridge and I walked to safety; the hair-raising experience traveling in a combi from Kampala to DRC when we stopped by mercenary soldiers in the dense forest, the driver said "Oh no, we are going to be killed." I spoke to them in my broken Swahili that " God is Great" and showed them a Heart of Man and Gospel literature and we gave the main man a Heart of Man Chart and Gospel literature and they let us go unharmed, there are many other precious memories with Raymond.

God has singled Raymond out to be a " Light-bearer" of the Grace of God" to unreached people all over the world. As president of "Word on Wheels" I am humbled to have been part of this great worldwide ministry that has expanded beyond his/our wildest dreams, I wish him God's continued favour and blessings in the years ahead. CONGRATULATIONS on 40 years of ministry wearing 2 caps.

Your "Engelsman" friend.

Pastor Ferdie Warwick



Ray Lombard is a true Christian, truly saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. God is his source, strength and grace. Passionately, Ray follows a God-given vision to make disciples and to seek the marginalized and lost. He is a great role model and example by living out the Great Commandment (Matt. 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) on a daily base, whether he is in Cape Town, the jungles of the Congo, or in one of the vast cities or countries on the globe.

I had and continue to have the great privilege in serving together with him in numerous ministry contexts, including Christian Education and serving together on the Africa Council. Ray's insight and wisdom, even in difficult situations, is always forward looking and Kingdom minded.

Congratulation to 40 years in fulltime ministry.

Pastor Jürgen Rudolph

Christian Education Coordinator for Church of God Africa.



Raymond,

You are my brother from another mother. I never dreamed that there was someone on the other side of the world that is as passionate about missions as you are. We connected from day one, your enthusiasm and passion for lost souls are unequalled through all of our travels across this planet you've proven to me that missions is your heartbeat. Looking to the future with great anticipation - we will rest when we get to heaven.

Pastor Ronnie Hepperly



Beste Raymond.

Baie geluk met 'n geweldige groot mylpaal in jou lewe. Ek wil egter ook dankie sê vir alles wat jy vir die Koningryk van Jesus die afgelope 4 dekades gedoen het. Jou passie, toewyding, roepingsbewustheid en jou onwrikbare geloof in en liefde vir God is 'n ware inspirasie en voorbeeld vir my en elke gelowige.

Mag jy vir nog baie jare gespaar word.

Hardus Zevenster

CEO : Radio Tygerberg

Dit is met groot vreugde in ons harte dat ook ons vandag 'n klein deeltjie kan bydrae in die lewe en bediening van Past Raymond Lombard: sy bediening hier in Suid Afrika en in vele Noord Afrika lande.

Ook elders oorsee in menige lande, waarheen die Here hom gestuur het, sal ook 'n heel nuwe boek bevat. As my Kollega kan ek net getuig dat Raymond se deugde, sy begaafdheid, sy onstuitbare werksetiek en eerlikheid bydrae tot die som totaal van herder, leraar en sendeling/evangelis by uitnemendheid. Bowenal, sy Woordverspreiding in sosiale media en ander platforms dra die getuienis van 'n begaafde en begeesterde Godsmann, onder die salwing van God se genade - asook die Guns van God wat op sy lewe en bediening rus.

Pastor Deon Jewaskiewitz



I met pastor Raymond Lombard in January 2003 in front of the pulpit in Lewende Woord Congregation in Parow. It was after my first attendance of that year's Bible School. Coming from another denomination I was awestruck about all the new things I learned, and secondly about this man's knowledge of God's Word.

Little did I know that one day I will work with him.

He baptised me and Uschi, my wife in water and prayed with me to be baptised in the Holy Spirit. Later he also welcomed us as new members to Lewende Woord Congregation.

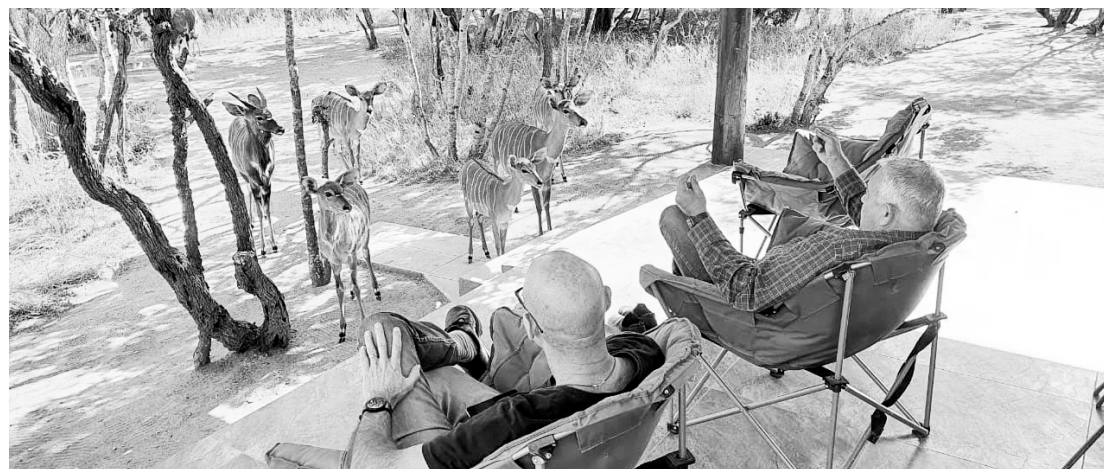
I started to work with him since January 2012, which means that it is now more than ten years. It was always about Wheels for God's Word and it was in that same year that I had the privilege to travel with him into Africa. Ethiopia was a big adventure. I will share one story about ps Raymond while we were there. We were waiting to receive confirmation about bicycles that we wanted to buy. A few teenagers were playing soccer on one of these tables with the turning handles. This was happening next to the road in the business area of the small town. The next moment he was playing with them . . . and he won!

Over the years many memories were made, too many to mention here. What impressed me about him was however not his knowledge and his work in Africa and in Lewende Woord, but his endurance when results seemed small and insignificant. At the point where other people would have called it a day and cut their losses, he persevered. Today I can see how God honoured his perseverance.

Congratulations Raymond Daniel Lombard on this milestone in your ministry and life. God's plan for your life is not completed yet. Keep going strong and do what you do best: teaching the Word.

Thank you for your influence in my life on many levels. Love you as a brother, friend and colleague. May God continue to bless you as always.

Pastor Adri Theron



Raymond

Baie geluk met hierdie besondere mylpaal van 40 jaar in die voltydse bediening!

Behalwe dat die getal jare besonders is, is dít wat dié tydperk verteenwoordig, uitstaande. Jy het soveel passie vir die werk van die Here, siele wat gewen moet word, en die toerus en opleiding van pastore om mense wêreldwyd te bereik.

Jou integriteit en daaglikse handel met mense is onbesproke: jou energie en lus vir die lewe is 'n aansporing en inspirasie.

Die ewigheid sal getuig van al die lewens wat geraak is deur jou gehoorsaamheid aan God, die uitleef van jou bediening and jou passie vir mense.

Ek is bevoorreg om vir jou te werk as persoonlike sekretaresse, jou my pastoor en "baas" te noem, maar ook my vriend.

Mag ons nog jare saamwerk!

Chelayne Meaker

Personal Secretary



Raymond baie geluk met jou 40 jaar in die bediening dit is inderdaad 'n baie besondere mylpaal in die Koningryk van ons Hemelse Vader.

Jou kennis van die Bybel en jou passie om die Woord van God, na elke uithoek van die wêreld met soveel energie te versprei, soms in baie haglike, moeilike asook goeie omstandighede, het jy aangehou, toe Here vir jou die boodskap gee "Seize the Moment" het jy dit met albei hande gegryp, en wow what a story, toe die aanlyn bediening in November 2021 'n nuwe mylpaal behaal, met 2 miljoen met toestelle wêreldwyd wat na jou kyk en daar letterlik mense duisend kilometer ver reis om gedoop te word.

Dit is vir my 'n voorreg om vir 12 jaar as kerk sekretaresse saam jou te werk. Raymond vir 18 jaar is jy en Amanda vir my en Johan ons beste vriende en vertrouelinge, saam het ons baie gelag, gehuil en deur diepwaters gegaan. Met trots kan ek sê dit is lekker om saam jou die Here te dien.

Johan het altyd gesê ons moet altyd nederig en op ons knieë voor die Here bly en saam dien ons die Here, dit is wat jy doen. Mag die Here se seën, goedheid en guns altyd oor jou en jou gesin se lewens wees.

My gebed vir jou is dat ons Hemelse Vader jou bediening van krag tot krag na nuwe hoogtes sal neem en jou seën met goeie gesondheid om die werk vir die Here te doen.

Liefde

Marrienne Coetzee

Church Secretary





Pastoor baie geluk met jou 40 jaar in die bediening, en 30 jaar by Lewende Woord Parow.

Baie dankie vir die geleentheid om as Onderhoud bestuurder en Koster vir die afgelope 5 jaar saam Pastoor te kan werk, asook om deel te wees van die Media span.

Mag ons Hemelse Vader Pastoor se bediening van na nuwe hoogtes neem en jou seën met goeie gesondheid om die werk vir die Here te doen.

Adriaan Kotze

Maintenance Manager



Raymond

Woorde ontbreek eintlik by so 'n groot mylpaal! Alhoewel ons altyd al die eer aan God gee, want dis Hy wat ons in staat stel om ons roeping te vervul, gebruik God tog mense om die werk te doen. Jou menswees, integriteit en getrouheid aan God se Woord spreek baie duideliker as enige preek wat jy ooit gepreek het. Jy is vir my 'n geestelike mentor en ek salueer jou as 'n Godsman en 'n vriend.

Baie geluk met hierdie spesiale mylpaal in jou lewe en mag God jou bewaar en ryklik seën in die jare wat voorlê.

"Stay awesome, my friend."

Sydney Hudson

Music Director

So sluip die groot "Vier Nul" nader en hoe nader hy kruip hoe meer reflekteer ons oor die afgelope 40 jaar van pastoor Raymond Lombard se bedieningsjare.

In September 1979 met ons beroep na die Walvisbaai gemeente het ons pastoor Raymond ontmoet as lidmaat van die gemeente terwyl hy in die Vloot besig was met sy diensplig. Hy was 'n jong bekeerling wat met groot ywer en met diepe deursetting die Woord bestudeer het. In die woorde van Tommy Tenney: "He was so hungry for God; nobody could out hunger him!" Hy het gou Woordgefundeerde waardes en normes ontwikkel wat hy toegepas het in sy religieuse lewe.

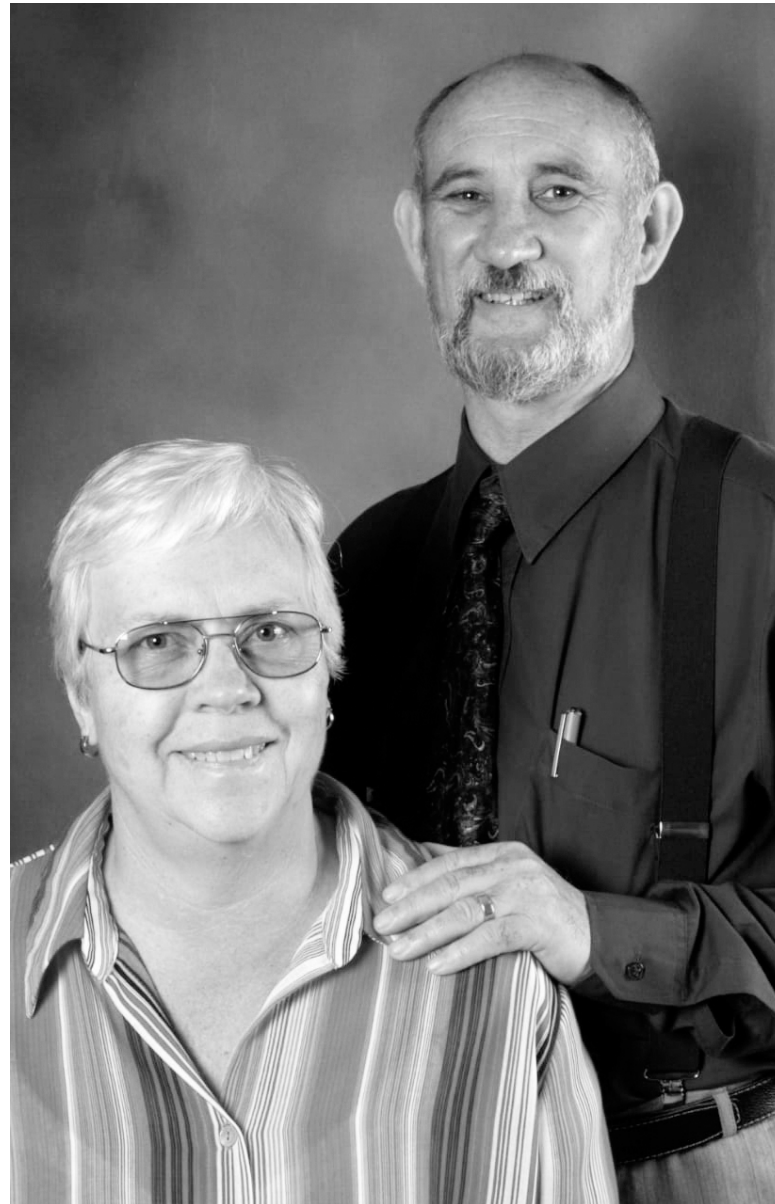
In 1982 was ons bevoorreg om saam in die Noord Natal Distriksraad vir die Here te arbei terwyl ons in Estcourt gemeente was en Raymond in die Ladysmith gemeente was. Alreeds daar het hy getoon dat die ywer vir die werk van die Here hom verteen. Met integriteit en toewyding het hy met groot sukses die jeug bedien in die Distrik.

Ons is bevoorreg om vandag saam te werk in die Church of God International Bible College om 'n verskil te maak.

Die laaste 40 jaar het baie vinnig verbygegaan, maar ons is vol moed en opgewonde vir die onbekende wat môre begin vir Raymond en Amanda se bediening.

"Selfs tot jou ouderdom en grys hare is Ek Hy, Ek is Hy wat jou sal onderhou. Ek het jou gemaak en Ek sal jou dra; Ek sal jou ondersteun en ek sal jou red. (Jesaja 46:4 NIV)

Dr Gert en Daphne Venter





The Board of Directors of the Church of God International Bible College
Front: Amanda Lombard, Pastor Raymond Lombard, Pastor Deon Jewaskiewitz,
Back: Rudi Vogt, Dr Gert Venter, Cobus Barnard, Pastor Adri Theron

RAYMOND DANIEL LOMBARD

Yster slyp yster vriende vorm
mekaar: Spreuke 27:17

My en Raymond se vriendskap
strek oor bykans drie dekades -
tye van swaarkry, verdriet, verlies,
oorwinning en vreugde - alles te
danke aan die Groot Genade van
ons Skepper.

Daar is al 'n paar sakke sout saam
opgeet wat die toets van die tyd
deurstaan het.

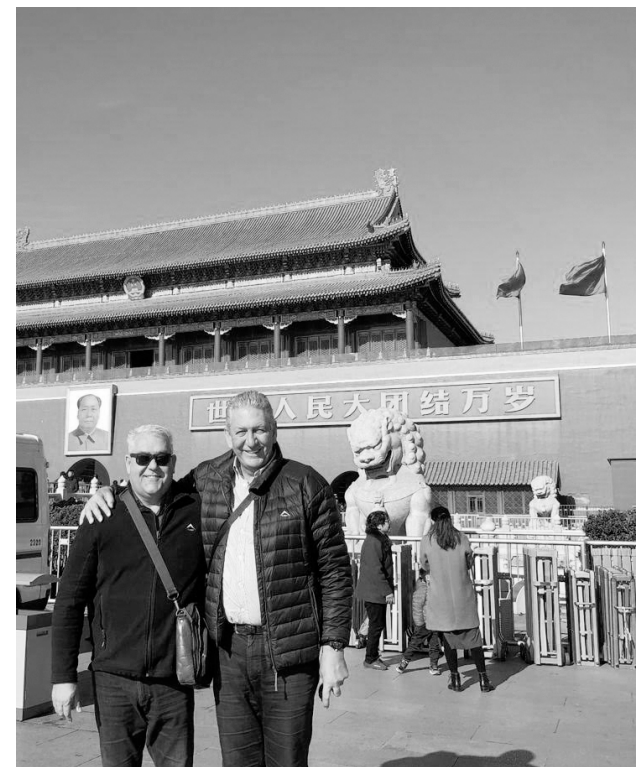
Hoogtepunt in my lewe was om
saam met Raymond die Chinese
ondergrondse kerk te besoek in
2018. Tydens die besoek het hy die
Chinese pastore opleiding gegee
in die boek van Openbaring - min
wetende dat twee jaar later die
boek van Openbaring in die wereld
in vervulling sal gaan met rasse
skrede.

Die krone wat Raymond eendag
van ons Hemelse Vader gaan
ontvang vir al die siele wat hy na
Jesus toe gelei het sal skitter vir
ewig. Dit is vir my kosbaar om die
gedig van Helen Steiner Rice op
te dra aan my vriend Raymond.

Dankie vir jou ywer en passie
en ongelooflike kennis van die
Woord.

The Beauty of Friendship
Friendship is a Priceless Gift
It can't be bought or sold
But it's value is far greater
Than a mountain made of Gold
For gold is sold and lifeless
It can neither see nor hear
And in the time of trouble
It is powerless to cheer
It has no ears to listen
Nor heart to understand
It cannot bring you comfort
Or reach out a helping hand
So when you ask God for a gift
Be thankful if He sends
Not diamonds, pearls or riches
But the Love of a Real True
Friend

Ralph Hamman



Raymond,

Congratulations on this prestigious milestone in your ministry!

I am honoured to know you - a man with such a passion of introducing the lost to our awesome Heavenly Father. You have such an incredible foundation in Gods Word, with instant recall and ability to connect all relevant scriptures that continually clears up so many otherwise missed explanations and understandings of Gods amazing love. I stand amazed at your integrity, focus and energy! May your teachings reach the ends of the earth and all the UPG's of the world, inspiring others to follow in Christ's footsteps.

What a privilege to serve in your ministry!

Neal Meaker



My eerste kennismaking met Past. Raymond, was deur die Woordskool waar ek hom leer ken het as 'n man met reuse kennis oor die Bybel, maar ook agtergekom 'n diepe verhouding met Die HERE het.

Juis as gevolg van bogenoemde, het Past. Raymond ook 'n passie vir Evangeliesasie werk en kan hy nie wag om nog 'n onbereikte volk te bereik met Die Goeie Nuus, die Evangelie van Jesus Christus, nie.

In die gemeenteraad het ek hom leer ken as 'n man wat altyd die eer aan Die HERE gee vir al die seëninge wat ons gemeente uit Sy Hand ontvang.

'n Vergadering was ook nog nooit 'n lang "boring" byeenkoms nie, nee, daar is altyd volgens die agenda gewerk en alle punte is deeglik hanteer en opgelos, niks was besluiteloos oorgelaat tot later nie – Raymond se motto dink ek nogal is : **"Carpe Diem"**.

Past Raymond se leiding is besonders, en sy kennis oor die Kerk konstitusie is van so aard dat hy selfs die Uitvoerende Raad kan tereg wys wanneer hulle fouteer.

Dus, my opsomming van pastoor Raymond :

'n Man van Integriteit...

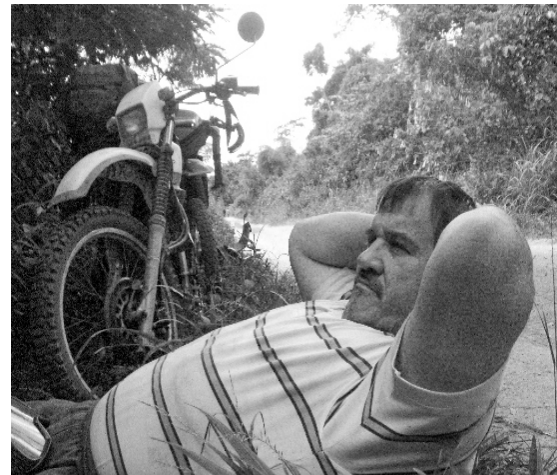
'n Vriend sonder Weerga...

'n Leier by Uitnemendheid...

'n Wenner in Christus !!!

Baie dankie Past. Raymond vir 40 jaar wat jy absoluut vir Die Here geleef het.

Philip Pretorius



Raymond baie geluk, dit is inderdaad 'n baie besonderse mylpaal in die Koningryk van God. Ek dank die Here vir jou as my broer en bosbroer, met soveel insig en dryf met alles wat jy aanpak, dat elkeen van die miljoen hits gekom het met ure se voorbereiding van jou kant af. Meerso, dat daar so groot inpak gemaak is in soveel mense wêreldwyd wat hulle harte en lewens weer aan die Here gegee het, soveel dopelinge tydens lockdown.

Mag die Here jou voortaan seën met insig en wysheid, goeie gesondheid, om voort te gaan om die Koningryk te vul.

Baie lief vir jou broer met baie agting en respek vir jou. Kan maar net weer bevestig, saam dien ons die Here. Krone vir jou.

Liefde en seën

Jou bosbroer

Johan Coetzee

Vir die afgelope 20 jaar is Pastoor Raymond Lombard aanbieder van die weeklikse Fokus op die Woord-program op Radio Tygerberg 104FM. In die program kyk hy o.a. na verskeie Bybelboeke en oor die afgelope twee dekades bly hierdie een van die radiostasie se gewildste programme.

Die klankingenieurs wat die opnames by die radiostasie hanteer was Jamie-Lee Pillay en tans is Naomi Engelbrecht daarvoor verantwoordelik.

Om na hierdie opnames te luister, is 'n voorreg aangesien dit ook my kennis van die Bybel versterk. "Ek leer elke keer iets nuut en dit maak my eie Bybelleestyd selfs meer spesiaal."

Pastoor Raymond, baie geluk met hierdie spesiale gebeurtenis.



Naomi Engelbrecht

(Radio Tygerberg)



Pastoor Raymond Lombard is meer as net n programaanbieder by Radio Tygerberg. Vir ons personeel is hy n kollega, pastoor, vriend en mentor. Vir ons luisteraars is hy n bron van inligting en kennis en word sy programme deur die jare absoluut getrou geluister en gevolg. Ons is waarlik geseën met die diepte en omvang van lering wat ons weekliks van pastoor Lombard ontvang. Die entoesiasme en vreugde waarmee die Woord oopgebreek word is luistergenot sonder weerga. As gereelde gas op die inbelprogram Wat-Sê-Jy? was dit van ons gewildste programme wat luisteraars agterna op Potgooi aanvra.

Dis ons gebed dat die Here pastoor nog vrugtig sal gebruik in Sy akker en dat Sy kudde vir nog baie jare die geestelike voedsel sal geniet wat u so mildelik aanbied. Mag die Here u ryklik seën en toerus om die goeie werk voort te sit.

Dankie vir pastoor se onverpoosde entoesiastiese geestelike leierskap

Spiritual leadership is moving people on to God's agenda - Henry Blackaby

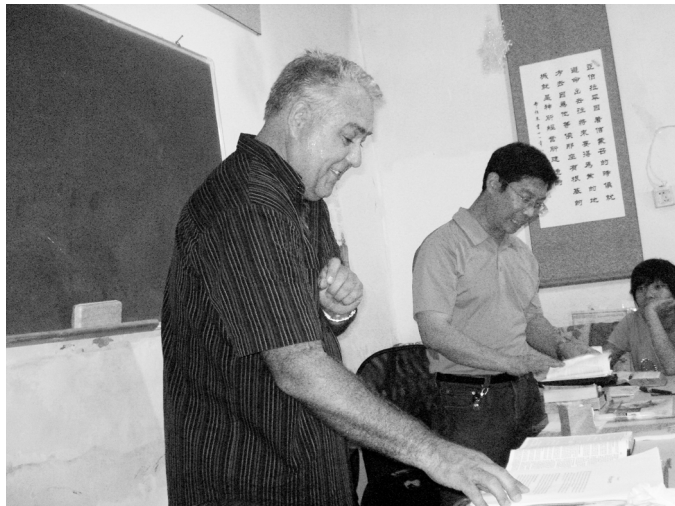
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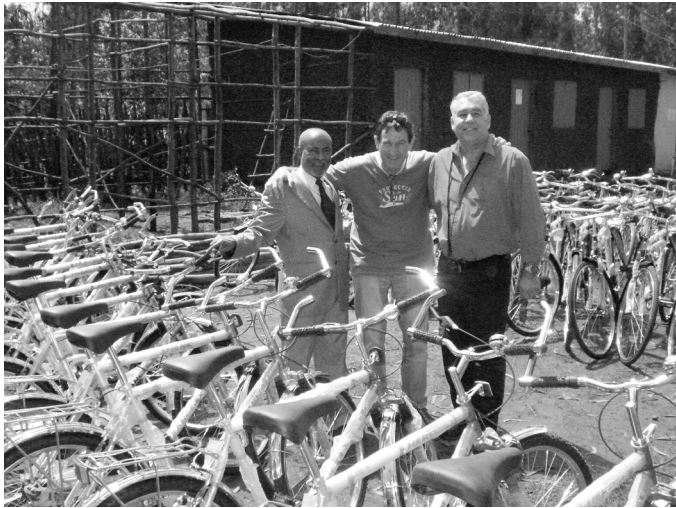




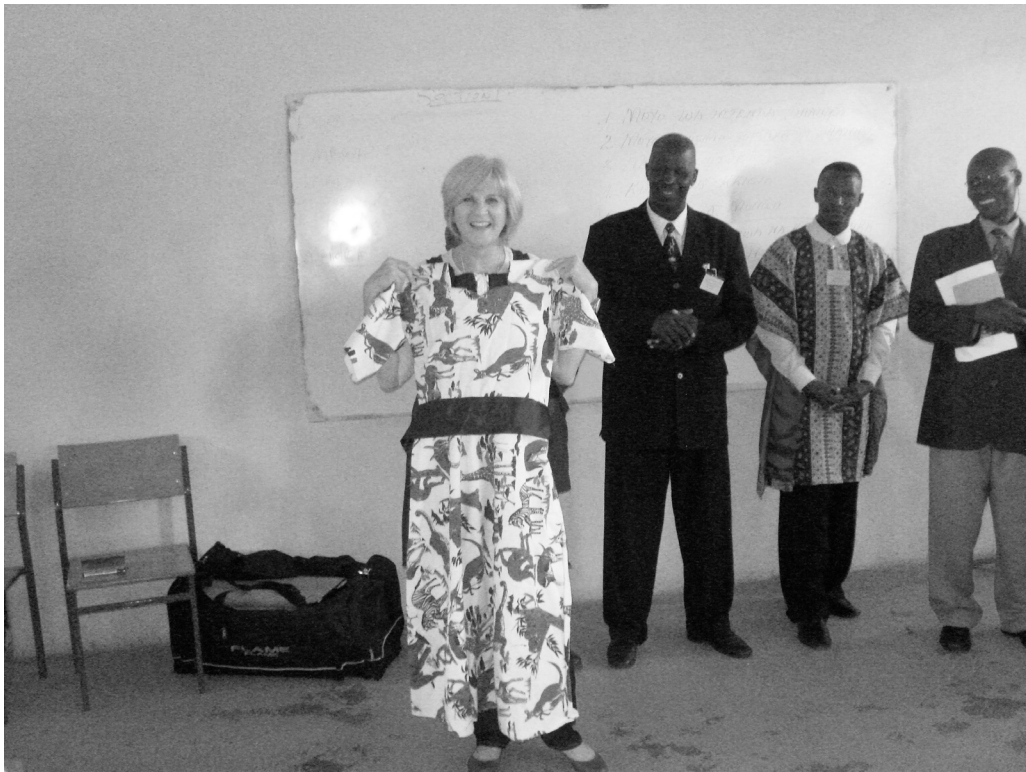


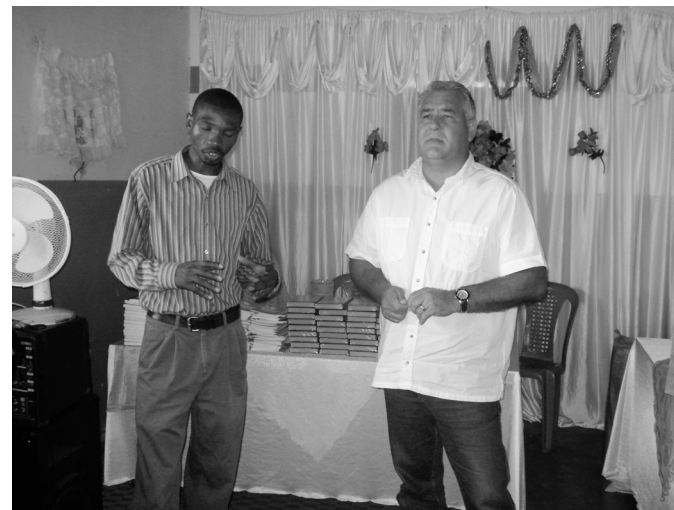








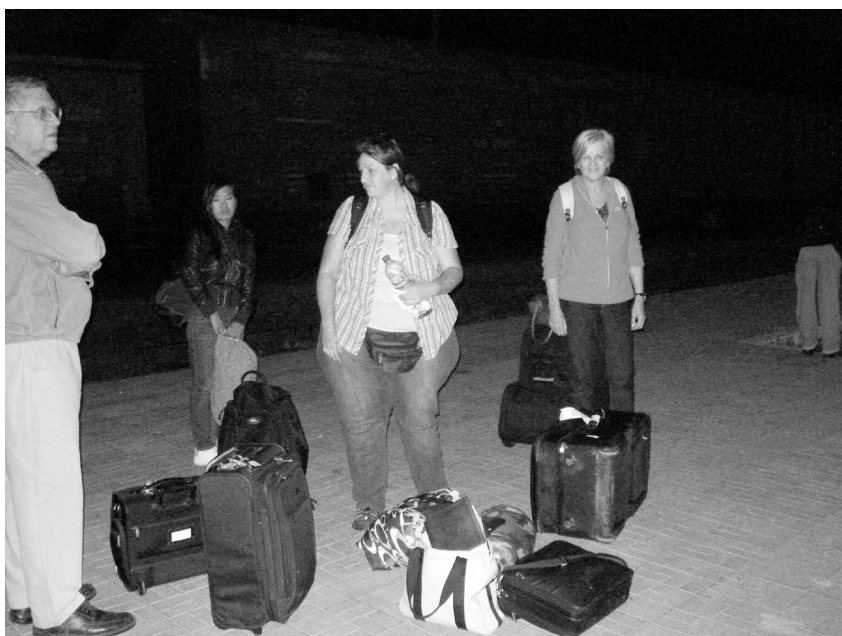




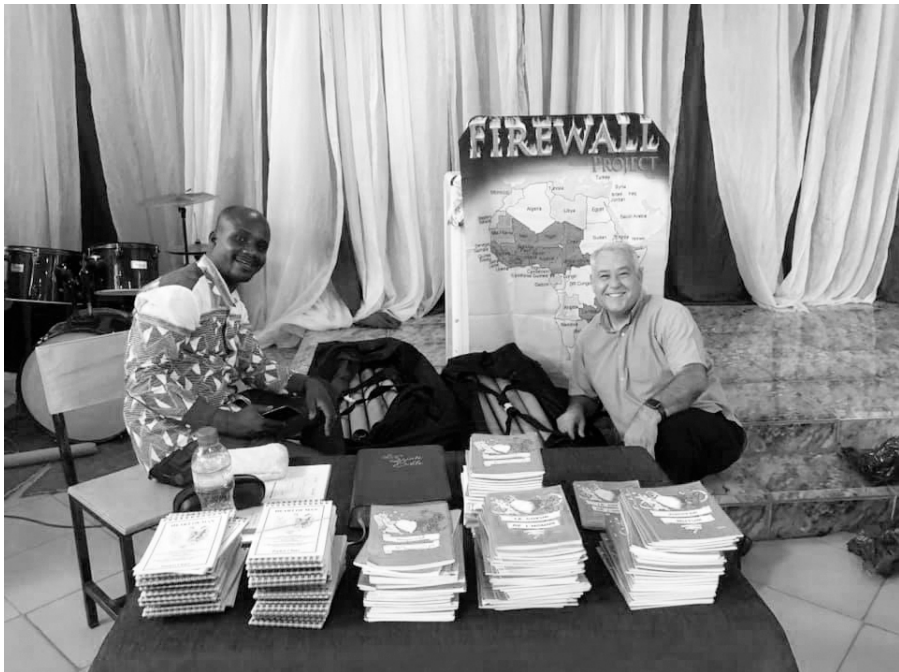










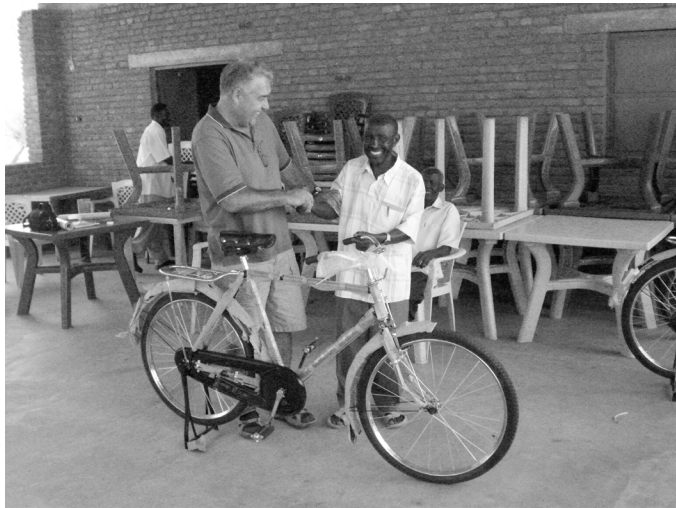
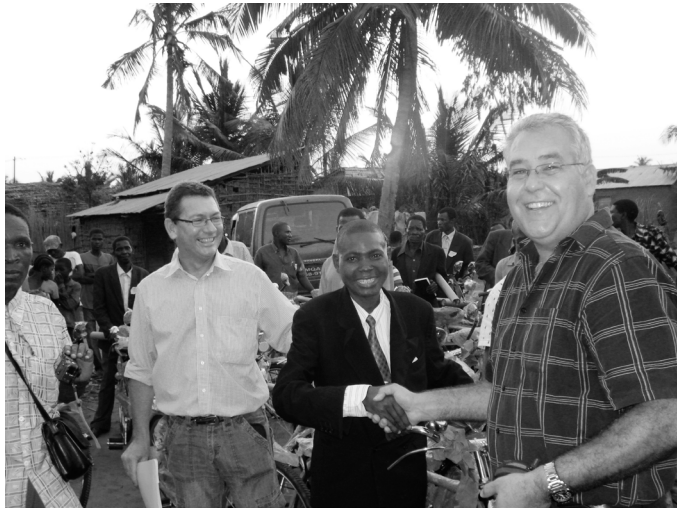












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An inspired author
Raymond has written thirteen books throughout his ministry.
They include the following:

The Book of Revelation (verse-by-verse commentary)
The Book of Daniel (verse-by-verse commentary)
The Spirit World
Kingdom Theology (Mysteries of the New Testament)
Dispensational Truth (Mysteries of the New Testament)
The Names of God
Jesus Christ in the Old Testament (Priesthood, Tabernacle, Offerings, Feasts of the Lord and the Angel of the Lord)
Synopsis of the New Testament
What Does the Bible Teach? Volume 1
What Does the Bible Teach? Volume 2
What Does the Bible Teach? Volume 3
What Does the Bible Teach? Volume 4
The Testimony

All ten books were written in Afrikaans, nine of which have been translated into English, five into Mandarin Chinese, six into French, four into Spanish, one each into Mongolian, Arabic, Sotho and Xhosa. To date, more than 20 000 books have been printed. Raymond is a phenomenal teacher in the prophetic scriptures, especially in the books of Revelation and Daniel. All these powerful books, as well as translations, are available on Raymond's website.

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