



The Beauties and Challenges of Africa



Different parts of the huge informal settlement Khayelitsha in Cape Town

Dear Friends,

The nice thing about South Africa, with approximately 25 % of white population, is that the people in general regardless of their race or color are all just as interested in God's word as they are in the rest of Africa. It is quite amazing to see a country which in many ways looks like Europe where people's lives are still so deeply rooted in faith. The problematic side of this country however lies - just as in the other African nations - in the huge difference between rich

and poor which is a great challenge that still needs to be solved.

One such example is Khayelitsha, the biggest slum area in Cape Town with about 800 000 black people living mostly in shacks, stretching about 10 km long and 5 km wide. About 80 % of these people are jobless and alcohol, drugs, prostitution, AIDS, criminality etc are rampant in these informal settlements.

Our team here is helping in the schools of two of the squatter camps with free eye tests for the children and is trying to get them as many free glasses as possible, which they cannot afford otherwise. They also bring food to a local soup kitchen which cares for the homeless people. We visit the University and help the students who have no goals and need new motivation. People here as everywhere else need spiritual help and



Wolfgang talks and prays with over 100 children from the orphanage Baphumulele in Khayelitsha at a Christmas Party



Lenka & Wolfgang with our friend Prudence from Congo who came to S. Arica to look for a job. He travelled a long distance to visit us

situation of children in Kisenso isn't good, food situation is even worse. When you were here, we had 150 children (orphans), since you left, 52 died because of lack of food. Now, we have 98 children. Some of them (37 children) try to go to school but they don't have possibilities to continue studies because school in Congo is too expensive for them."

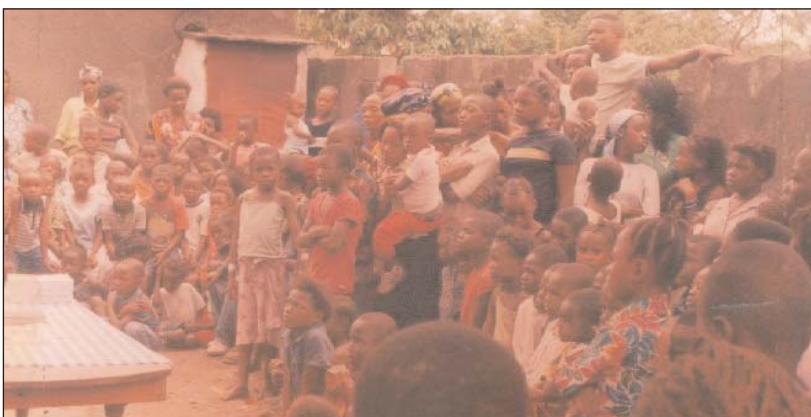
Another friend of ours there wrote us and explained how important it is to pray for the situation: "... We hope very much, that God will answer all these prayers and will show mercy to this country. He already did just that so many times, like on June 30th (2005, where elections were supposed to happen and got postponed). Unrest was planned and predicted. Many foreigners had already left the country. And NOTHING happened! God protects this city in an unexplainable way. Please pray with us for the coming year, which will be decisive with the coming elections. At the end of next June everything should be over."

Thank you for your prayers for the situation in Congo. Our thanks goes also to those of you who are actively helping through your donations to change the sad situation of the poor children there.

We appreciate your help very much and wish you a very *HAPPY CHRISTMAS* and His blessings for the coming *NEW YEAR*,

With best regards,

Wolfgang, Lenka and Team



Recent pictures of Pastor Theophile (far right) and helpers with children at SABEC in Kisenso, Kinshasa, Congo DRC

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