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Romans 15:33 The God of peace be with you all. Amen

The **All Africa Baptist Fellowship** held its first post-Covid face to face **Exco meeting** in Kigali, Rwanda from 19-24 Feb. A special morning rally at the Kigali Convention Centre was attended by over 350 Baptists from Rwanda, Burundi, DR Congo & Uganda. Five new Baptist bodies from Mali, DRC, Congo Republic & Mauritius were received into Membership. The AABF now consists of 77 Unions in 37 African countries with some 52 000 local churches & over 21 million baptized believers! BUSA is a full & active member of AABF.



**BECAM-NET:** Thirty one Kenyan Pastors/Laymen will be completing the **CTBS Pulse Program "20 Short Courses in Pastoral Ministry"** this year DV. The Interim BECAM-NET Director handed over the books for the last 3 courses to Rev. Maisha from Mombasa at the recent AABF meetings.

The **Cape Town Baptist Seminary** held their **Commencement Service** at Durbanville Baptist on Sunday 19 Feb. They have 29 new degree students & a total amount of 72 students. There are also 200 Distance Learning "Pulse Program" students.



The **Baptist Theological College** in Johannesburg held a special **Valentine's Day Outreach** on the streets surrounding the College. Students & some faculty members dressed in red, distributed sweets, the Challenge Newspaper & shared the Gospel with folk. At least 4 people committed their lives to Christ.

The **BU National Pastors & Wives "Renew" Conference** was held at the Sunbury Campsite on the KZN North Coast from 17-19 Feb. It was attended by a total of 53 Pastors/Wives from five of our Regional Networks. **Dr. Gerhard Venter & Pastor Greg Matthei** were the keynote speakers.

**Western Cape Baptist Network** held their first **Pastors & Wives** meeting for 2023 on 25 Feb at the home of Pastor Dean & Yolanda Ford. Some 35 folk attended.



**Free State Baptist Network** honoured pastoral widow **Mama Sophia Latyeba (83 yrs)** at a special Appreciation Dinner on 4 March at the Bon Hotel in Bloemfontein. Over 65 folk graced the event. Mama Latyeba & her late husband Pastor Benford faithfully served in the Free State for some 60 years & impacted many lives for Christ. The **BWD President Heather Sullivan** represented the BUSA.

**Honeyridge (BNA)** baptized 3 Seniors & 4 Young Adults; **Claremont (WCBN)** baptized 3 Young Adults.

**Congratulations to Pastor Lincoln & Avril Lavans** on their induction at **Empangeni Baptist**.

**Condolences to the Roos family** on the sad loss of **Pastor Anton Roos (Retired)**

**Please note:**

The **2023 BU Prayer Guide** is available on the BU website ([www.baptistunion.org.za](http://www.baptistunion.org.za))

The **2023 BU Easter Missions Appeal** is earmarked for the development of **Inner City Ministry in S.A.**



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