

Portraits of Partnership



Lwamondo Parish, South Africa

I was born in Johannesburg. From my mother's siblings, I am number three, we are six. My mother raised us from selling traditional beer. This helped us a lot to finance schooling. In 1988 I lost my mother from asthma related disease. In 2006, I lost my father at 78 years.

In 1989, I was married to Shonisani. We are blessed with three sons. Phumudzo (Comfort) born in 1989. He is at the University of Venda doing 4th year in Law degree. Marubini is our second born son. Born in 1996. He is in grade 8 at Thohoyandou Technical High school. Marubini is the first name of my late mother. Our lastborn is Shudufhadzo (blessings). He was born when the delegation of Pastor Steve, Pastor Sue, Margareta and the others were here. He is doing grade 6 at Awelani Christian School. In 1993, I completed standard 10. In 1984, I was employed as a temporary teacher for a period of one year. The aim was to raise tuition fee. In 1985, I registered as a student teacher. I completed teaching in 3 years record time. In 1998, I was employed as a teacher at Shondoni Secondary School, teaching Social Sciences i.e. History and Geography. Since 1998, I have been teaching at the same School, same position.

In South Africa, everybody is excited about the coming FIFA world cup. National flags been hoisted all over. Airports rebuild and renewed TV and radio are full of exciting world cup advertisement. The President of the country is appealing for unity, support of the national team. Every Friday is football Friday. People are encouraged to wear the national team jersey. Teach somebody how to sing the National Anthem. It is exciting time in anticipation. We are now beginning to understand and know the meaning of the national flag and national anthem. Everybody is behind the national team Bafanabafana. It is an exciting time.