



**BAPTIST CONVENTION OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
**“Impacting Lives”**

**Lott Carey Report**  
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**To: Lott Carey Foreign Missions  
Dr Amanda Haines**

Dear Rev. Emmett Dunn, General Secretary

**BCSA Mission synopsis to Lott Carey**

**1. Country**

South Africa

**2. Name of mission**

Lott Carey Mission in South Africa

**3. Year partnership with Lott Carey began**

Since 1987

**4. Name of Superintendent/Leader**

Dr Thembelani Elvis Jentile

**5. Nature of Mission**

Education, Gender Based violence and farming programmes.

**6. Impact of ministry**

**6.1 Ndawo Yakho Abused Women's Shelter**

Every abused woman has a chance to heal and gain confidence to live a purposeful life with love and dignity. We help women and their children in South Africa by

providing safe accommodation, practical care, counselling, and life skills to empower and reintegrate into the society. The shelter was almost full till January 2023 in which we discharged quite a few clients in January 2023. During this period, we've had four newborn babies at the shelter (two girls and two boys). Currently we have seven clients. We had one of our clients passing on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023 after an illness and undergone surgeries to which after, she started deteriorating up until she gave up the fight to life. She was laid to rest on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2023. We are grateful to the Baptist family for carrying us with financial donations and prayers to be able to assist the family to give her a decent send off. □ The centre operates with a part time staff (Administrator, Social worker, Skills Coordinator) Our clients are not receiving full service in terms of psyche support. The Administrator finds herself having to go an extra mile in terms of operations. We need more volunteers who will be fully committed to Ndawo Yakho work. We do not have electrical appliances, e.g., kettle, boiler, and iron.

Further, early in the year the Baptist Convention Women's Department renovated a skills training room at Ndawo Yakho. The women are learning to sew, design patterns, dressmaking to start small business and be financially sustainable.

## **6.2 The Theological College**

The Baptist Theological College is fully functional. We have recently had our first Winter School of Theology since the advent of Covid-19. Also, we have an Acting principal in the person of Rev. Paul Msiza. He is also tutoring Baptist Studies for ordination candidates. Our staff is enriched by the appointment of Rev Mokabane, Dr Matlou. It needs to be mentioned that these saints, are not getting salaries from the College, only their claim forms for travelling and marking are covered.

In 2022 first semester students registered three courses on Higher Certificate in Ministry. The number of Baptist principles students was 64 for 2022. This current year we have 12 new students and 25 second year students, who are also on the Baptist Principles Studies Class. BCSA has a total enrolment of 37 students for 2023.

BCSA would appreciate the help of Lott Carey Pastors who may be interest in online tutoring of our students.

### **6.3 Thusong Farming**

BCSA has a farming project, where we plant and breed sheep. We have so far about 20 sheep. We still encourage and solicit Lott Carey partners to assist us with this work. The goal is to be self-sustainable since most Churches are struggling to give towards the work after the Covid-19 advent.

#### **7. Number of persons/communities served.**

The BCSA has, through the help of Lott Carey and BWA responded to disaster areas such as KwaZulu-Natal, where thousands of citizens lost their homes and belongings due to floods and tornados. BCSA has also responded to a water crisis in Pretoria where 17 people died due to unclean water. We have also trained a great number of pastors for our churches. This was done through the help of Lott Carey partners and friends.

#### **8. Needs require for ministry to thrive.**

- Skills growth and transfer, especially around Theological training, and Farming.
- Finances for our immediate projects such as farming and Christian Leadership.
- Disaster management skills because South Africa is experiencing many disasters due to climate change. This also calls for theological response to Climate Change and most of us are not properly trained on this front. If we can get experts on this regard and sharpen each other, it will be great for our denomination.

#### **9. Prayer concerns**

- Financial mobilisation and sustainability.
- Farming project to grow.
- To expand our mission to neighbouring countries. So that we can send and support our missionaries accordingly.
- Our skills development program to be sustainable and impact lives.
- Train and empower more leaders.
- Our advocacy work on the national arena.

**Conclusion**

The BCSA is grateful for the help shown by the Lott Carey Churches and pastors towards our work. We pray for God's blessings on all the leaders thereof.