

Halala ifikile imini - Hallelujah, the day has arrived!

A hot summer Sunday morning dawned in Port Elizabeth on 25 January 2015 and the children of God made their way to the Motherwell church for the long awaited and greatly anticipated divine service to be held by the chief apostle.



Members started to arrive as early as two-and-a-half hours before the divine service was scheduled to commence. Sisters in colourful, festive traditional attire depicted the mood of the day.

As the members arrived and settled in, the choirs created a beautiful atmosphere by rendering anthems both in English and isiXhosa. The chief apostle and those accompanying him, District Apostles Barnes and Ndan-dula, District Apostle Helper Mhango and all the apostles of the District Church Cape, were greeted by the Sunday school children as they entered the church premises. After the children concluded their traditional isiXhosa welcome song the chief apostle briefly spoke to them assuring them of his love for them.

The chief apostle and his entourage were then greeted by an “imBongi” an isiXhosa praise singer who escorted them to a marquee tent erected outside of the church to cater for the overflow of members. The chief apostle addressed the congregation seated in the marquee and expressed his joy of being in their presence.

The divine service commenced with the opening hymn, Kuyo intab’ eZioni (On Zion’s mount of radiant light) sang in isiXhosa at the venue. The sermon was based on the text word of Matthew 5: 48 “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect”. The sermon was translated at the altar into isiXhosa while the chief apostle served in English.

In the sermon, which was audio-visually transmitted to all the receiving stations on the network, the congregants were encouraged to look to Jesus as an example

of perfection. He defined perfection. He knew the difference between good and bad and did exactly what His Father wanted Him to do. This should be our striving.

The chief apostle was assisted in his serving by by District Apostle Helper Mhango from Malawi and District Apostle Ndandula from Zambia. Prior to the conclusion of the divine service the chief apostle ordained Bishops George Fwalo and Edwin Kasamu into the apostle ministry for the District Church of Zambia. The congregation sang an isiXhosa traditional anthem while the chief apostle and those accompanying them left the church hall.

What an awesome ending to a blessed weekend. Halala, Chief Apostle, Halala!!



















