



the Bible talks
where the Bible does the talking...

2024

PARTNERSHIP
BOOKLET

WHO ARE WE?

The Bible Talks (TBT) KZN is a non-denominational, reformed and evangelical ministry to university students in KwaZulu Natal.

We aim to reach the next generation of university students with the good news of Jesus.



WHERE ARE WE?

The University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN):

HOWARD COLLEGE
WESTVILLE CAMPUS
EDGEWOOD CAMPUS

We also have a start-up presence at the University of Zululand, and the Mangosuthu University of Technology.



SANIBONA! (HELLO!)

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you more about The Bible Talks (TBT) KZN and the exciting gospel opportunities on the university campuses of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

TBT is a ministry to university students, operating full-time on three main campuses, with an outreach to another two. The majority of the students on these campuses are isiZulu speakers and have travelled from far-flung rural and township areas of KZN and beyond.

Our hope is that the students we minister to will leave university not only with their degrees but with the good news of Jesus. Our prayer is that these men and women post-university will be dispersed by God into a myriad of different contexts as salt and light.



Our team of Campus Workers and Directors for 2024, pictured: Mziwanele Mhlanti, Sanele Nxumalo, Thobile Nguse, Kwazi Buthelezi, Ryan van der Avoort, Wendy Khakhuse and Bheki Mtshali



TBT MINISTRY ON CAMPUS

On campus, we prayerfully focus our ministry on three key areas: reaching widely, investing deeply, and multiplying ministry.



Every year, we engage with hundreds of students through weekly walk-up evangelism, one-to-one ministry, and various events on our campuses. Students are encouraged to consider what they believe and why and are invited to wrestle with the identity and claims of Jesus Christ.

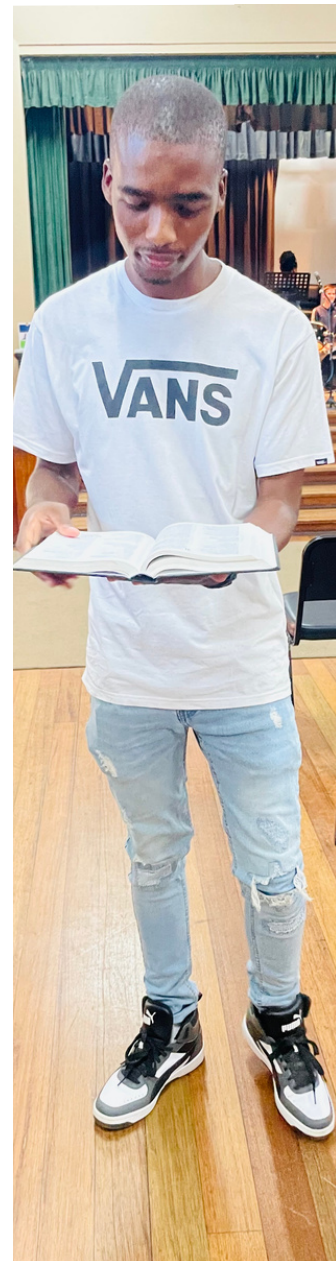
The main beliefs we encounter on campus are African Traditional Religion, nominal and cult forms of Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and atheism.



We meet students one-on-one, host weekly sermon hours and small group bible studies on each of the campuses. TBT also runs various conferences each year. We are increasingly trying to harness social media in reaching students for Christ, including weekly posts/articles to our website in both English and isiZulu. These are also distributed via the various campus WhatsApp groups. We also run a monthly "Read Scripture with TBT" initiative where we provide guided tours through books of the Bible, aiming to help students in their own regular devotional time from the Scriptures.



Most of our equipping of students takes place in Monday night campus EQUIP sessions. Here our core focus is to teach and train our student leaders in how to read the Bible for themselves and how to teach it to others. We also run various streams of training related to evangelism and apologetics, biblical theology, as well as key doctrines. Some of this equipping also takes place in one-to-one settings, and once off seminars.





TRAINING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF GOSPEL WORKERS!

For gospel work to continue, it is vital that more workers are trained for the harvest! Some of our TBT students finish their university degrees and desire to pursue full-time ministry.



TBT oversees the testing and training of these men and women through the KZN Ministry Apprenticeship programme (KZNMA) in partnership with local churches. Through this two-year programme, we aim not only to extend our campus ministry but also to replenish and strengthen existing local church ministry teams and see local churches planted, especially in rural and township parts of KZN. We want to see the gospel go out far and wide. In the years 2020-2023, we apprenticed 21 men and women!

To know
Jesus and
to make
him known.

We seek to know and love the **Lord Jesus Christ** and are zealous to make Jesus known to those God has placed around us.



KZNMA
UKUDLULISELA IVANGELI



While the apprentices are with TBT, they are equipped and trained to share the life-giving news about Jesus. Apprentices are involved in practical ministry: walk-up evangelism, running small groups, meeting up one-to-one with a few students each week, and helping with administration.



CHERELLE BARBEAU



"TBT has been an encouragement in my life, in that it has urged me to spend time in God's word but also to serve others in love and with kindness."

AVUMILE GQETYWA



"God is using TBT in helping me to grow in knowing him better and depending on him. TBT is also helping me in connecting and building relationships which are Christ centred which also contribute to my growth in knowing Christ."

MATHANDI MBANJWA



"I was a part of The Bible Talks from 2017-2019. God used TBT to help me come to the full understanding of the gospel. The constant support from fellow believers showed me the importance of having people to grow and share my faith with, enabling me to grow in my understanding and reverence in handling the Word of God."

MPILO NYAWOSE



"I'm currently doing my second year at UKZN Howard College. I met The Bible Talks during my first year and the Lord has used TBT in helping me grow in knowing Christ and in making him known, to grow in loving others and serving others. All this from a place within the university where 'the Bible does the talking!'"

STEWART NYALUNGA

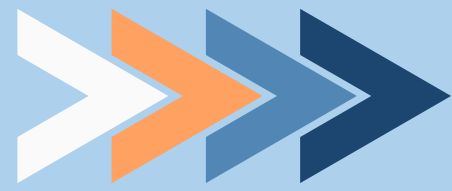


"I feel God has used TBT to instil further knowledge and guidance upon my life through Scripture. I have also seen an impact on the way I now interact with the bible in reading it. I am able to grapple with the core messages of Scripture rather than reading passively. I have also found that my relationships with people has improved for the better as I learn how to share the Gospel in truth and respect."

SOLLY BOSHOFF



"I was a part of TBT from 2012 to 2015, and also served as a chairperson of TBT at the Howard College Campus. I encountered and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour through the work of TBT. Furthermore, TBT helped me to grow in the knowledge of Christ by nurturing me spiritually through One on One meetings and brotherly accountability platforms."



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3
campuses



6
campuses

ON EACH CAMPUS, EVERY YEAR,
TBT WORKS TO SEE

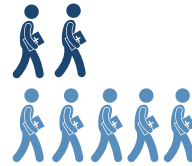
500+
students
*engaged in
evangelism*

30-60
students
*invested in
deeply*

6-16
student leaders
*equipped for ministry
& mission*



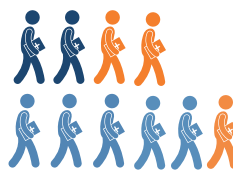
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2 campus directors

5 campus workers

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4 campus directors

6 campus workers



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10
partner churches

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16
partner churches

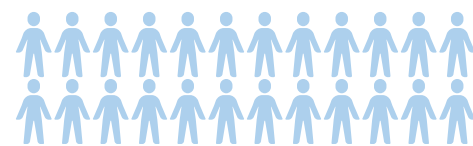


2020 - 2023



21
ministry apprentices

2024 - 2027



24
ministry apprentices

REVD. MUSA NTINGA



student → apprentice → pastor

"God used TBT to help me to discover the gospel of Jesus Christ and ignite in me the passion to share this gospel in the townships of South Africa and to help train men and women to plant healthy churches that will teach this gospel clearly and faithfully in Gauteng."

Musawenkosi (Musa) Ntinga
Rector of Christ Central Soweto
and Executive Director of the Gauteng Alliance



PARTNER WITH US

The harvest lies open and full in front of us. And the Lord has answered our prayers for full-time workers for the harvest field! Will you partner with us in prayers and finances to see the news of Jesus go out and deeper into the lives of the next generation of university students from KZN, South Africa, Africa, and beyond?



"Unless the Lord builds the house..."

(Ps 127:1-2)

The kind of work we need to see happen, can only happen if God does the deepest work needed. Pray that the Lord will open doors and hearts to the good news of Jesus on the university campuses of KZN.

<https://thebibletalks.org/pray-for-tbt>



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HAMBA VANGELI
(ONWARDS WITH THE GOSPEL)

THE BIBLE TALKS



But these are
written that you
may believe that
Jesus is the
Messiah, the
Son of God, and
that by
believing you
may have life in
his name.

John 20:31

