JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER – PASTORS PAT AND BONGHI'S HOME IN SOUTH AFRICA DESTROYED BY FIRE

There have been tragedies recently in Africa with the churches and ministries Don and Myrna had started while in Africa as missionaries, but God prevented worse from happening.

PASTORS PAT AND BONGHI'S HOUSE BURNS DOWN, WITH THEIR FURNITURE, CLOTHES, AND EVERYTHING THEY OWNED

Pastors Pat and Bonghi of the Worship Center in Magona, South Africa, **saw their house burn down recently where they lost virtually everything.** See picture below of the house on fire.



Pastors Pat and Bonghi's house burning in the middle of the night recently in Magona, South Africa. They escaped in their pajamas and lost virtually everything in the house, but thankfully they and their two daughters got out unharmed.

The fire started and quickly spread in the middle of the night by an accident with a candle. Candles are frequently used in South Africa because the national electric company shuts off the electricity for hours each day because of inefficient power generation.

Thankfully and miraculously, **Pat, Bonghi, and their two daughters, Sarah, 13, and Priscilla, 4, were able to barely escape with their lives – while in their pajamas** – as the fire and smoke engulfed their home within minutes.

As you see in the pictures below, everything in their kitchen was destroyed.



Kitchen and utensils destroyed by the fire.



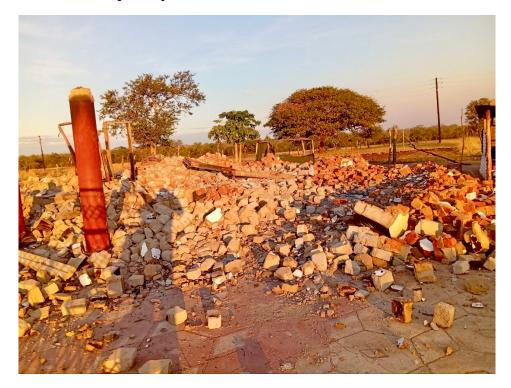
As you also see below, the house structure was severely damaged.



Aftermath of Pastor's Pat and Bonghi's house fire.



So, the house had to be completely leveled and will have to be rebuilt from scratch.



Pat and Bonghi's house had to be leveled because of the fire.

Pat, Bonghi, Sarah and Priscilla lost all of their clothes in the fire. We have been helping them along with supporters to buy new clothes, especially for the children. It is currently winter in Magona and the temperature drops into the 40's Fahrenheit at night through the morning.

The family is currently staying in rooms in the Worship Center. Pictured below is a service at the Center the Sunday after the fire. The rooms where the family are staying are behind the platform. See picture further below of Priscilla in a makeshift bed in one of the church rooms.



First service after the fire. Pat and family are living in the rooms behind the front platform.



Daughter Priscilla in her makeshift bedroom in the church.

BONGHI'S MOTHER PASSES

Besides the trauma of losing their home and possessions, **Bonghi's mother passed away shortly after the fire, following a long illness.** See picture below of people mourning at her mother's funeral.



A few days after the fire, Bonghi's mother passed. Friends and family shown mourning.

When asked about these tragic events, **Pat said that he is thankful that although the devil wanted to take his kids**, God saved them both. And Bonghi, though she misses her Mom greatly, is thankful that her mother is no longer suffering but is in heaven, where **they will be reunited someday**.

As far as losing her house and all her possessions, Bonghi said that the Lord told her that **everything will be OK and that they are to keep their eyes on Jesus**. What a wonderful attitude to have amidst such a catastrophe!

You see the hardship that these brave and committed pastors face in South Africa. We want to continue to help them overcome these attacks from the enemy.

1 John 4:4 states,

"You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." NAS

Psalm 34:7 says,

"The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and he delivers them." NIV

And as Bonghi said above, we are to keep our eyes on Jesus,

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." **Hebrews 12:2** NIV

And Isaiah 26:3 states,

"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You!" NLT

Being obedient to these and other commandments from God through the power of the Holy Spirit is how these wonderful pastors have been able to endure these and other trials. **AND WE ARE CALLED TO DO THE SAME**, as we go through our adversities in life. **As we trust in the Lord and keep our eyes on Him, we, too, can have victory with our problems!**

HELP TO REBUILD THE HOUSE AND SUPPORT FOR THESE PASTORS

We want to continue to help and support these pastors. We especially want to help Pat and Bonghi build another house ASAP, as their living conditions are very difficult. Pat has given us a quote on what it would cost to rebuild and furnish their house, as well as replenish their wardrobe, which was completely destroyed.

The total figure to cover all of this is: \$37,000 - much less than in the US, as we Americans well know.

Would you please help in whatever amount you can to be God's vessels to assist these pastors and their precious children to have another home? They and we would be so grateful, and we believe that God will smile greatly at your sacrifice to help.

Thank you for your prayers and help. Please see giving options below.

GIVING OPTIONS – **GOES 100% TO SUPPORT THE PASTORS IN AFRICA AND TO HELP REBUILD PASTOR PAT AND BONGHI'S HOME.**

PayPal: paypal.me/BohdonPaprockyj!

Venmo: @DonandMyrna-Paprockyj (1019 for confirmation)

Zelle: 270-799-1019

Cash App: \$BohdonZPaprockyj

We are so EXCITED to continue ministering in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, (where we ministered as missionaries) and many other countries. May God abundantly bless you!!

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, Don and Myrna