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The moment we have been waiting for has arrived. Praise the Lord!

## **A Series of Events**

Calvary University is a reality on South African Soil! Calvary Academics will be a partner in this reality. This Monday morning the wheels will come into motion.

There is no doubt in our minds that you will want to know more than we are able to say in this one letter of announcement but we urge you to be patient as a plan is now set in motion that is plotted out till the year 2023.

The core of the plan is three-fold: Training, Medical care and Empowerment through skills and opportunity. Since you and I have to do with Training, let us deal with this topic (and please allow us to stick to this only as we can foresee a host of questions that may have to do with the other areas).

## **Learning on Three Levels**

Learning hubs will be established (independent from the Bible Schools) where Junior Schools (age 3 to grade 3), Middle Schools (Grade 4 to grade 9), College (Grade 10 to grade 12 and Cert. to first Diploma) and University (Bachelor to Doctorate) will be offered. Plans will be drawn up for these physical facilities which will see Middle **Schools and Colleges** being placed together in one centre. In South Africa 255 of these are envisaged. The **University** will be housed in 10 administrative centres and a total of 30 campuses in South Africa. We will start with one in Pretoria on ground that is licenced for educational activities. Some dormitories will be built for 2011.

To legalise this we will finalise the licence (accreditation) in May for both the school education and the higher education. All the previous qualifications will also be covered. We will handle Matric as well as FET skills professions on the name **Calvary Academics** and the Degrees as before through Calvary University. A schedule indicating WHERE and WHEN the hubs will be located is still to be published. No questions please!

## **e-Learning Platform**

The **e-learning platform** on the Internet, which will also be used in the schools and in fact by all students 3 year old and up to PhD., will be called **Calvary Academics**. The CLT material will also be re-branded to this name as Calvary is buying this off CLT. We will still do the same as what we have been doing i.e. supplying you with material. The only big change is that the **e-learning** will slowly get into our lives as a powerful tool of learning. Years of our planning will now become a reality. The new Church Life curriculum is just the forerunner of it. Just bear with us as we will direct you how to flow into it.

The platform is necessary as the whole plan for Africa is extended to 44 countries with University campuses in 36 of them. Swaziland, Botswana and Zimbabwe are the first three. Hundreds of thousands of students will eventually study the same courses to qualify in the same programmes. Uniformity of programmes is therefore necessary.

Hundreds of **skills professions** will also be mentored through the CA platform which is underwritten by Calvary University for its quality standards.

## Ministry Affiliation

Pastors are usually members of a denomination or what is also called a **Fellowship**. Such an organisation sets standards where no other kind of organisation such as the government or an educational institution has that right because it is not in its domain. Churches register such an affiliation with the government in order to lodge their **doctrine of faith** through a statement of faith and then this can serve as a legal basis for their marriage officers to be qualified and registered. They also get a set of documents and learn the ropes of how couples can get married and how to get their marriage recorded which is therefore officially legalised by the state.

There is a further reason that people who minister should have such an affiliation with other “ministers” who all adhere to the same confession of faith. It is one of **quality** and **identification**. Should someone be ministering in any role of the five-fold ministry such as being an evangelist, a conference speaker, (ad)ministrator of a school (dean), counsellor, teacher of the gospel, etc. who do not necessarily hold the title of “pastor” or do the work of a pastor in a church – they also should have access to an affiliation in order to register at another organisation as a counsellor or dean.

## Calvary Ministries

Calvary University holds to a statement of faith and requires that its lecturers teach along those lines and that the deans will be able to enforce their staff to hold to the pure interpretation of the accepted faith. This is required for the sake of the people we serve – the learners. The best solution to be able to guarantee to our public we serve that this is the case in all schools, tuition centres, colleges and university campuses – is to have their key personnel all become members of such an organisation.

This means that there could be an organisation called “Calvary Ministries” with which the School Headmasters, all the University Faculty, College Deans and Tuition Centre Deans **can** or **should** or **must** affiliate. In the case of TC’s (who have denominations who look after them) it will be “can” or “should” whereas all the hubs will be “must”.

This is in the planning stage and we were asked to put this idea to all the 250 tuition centres affiliated to CLT for their opinion. We would like to know what your first response is and also that you would voice your concerns about this idea.

## Marriage Officers

Should such a fellowship be started, one of the differences with other denominations and fellowships will be that a wide variety of different memberships will be possible. Not all memberships will have access to the function of “Marriage Officer” as this is becoming quite a complicated task with all the corruption that Home Affairs have encountered. The left thumb print will be taken as a new requirement and ID’s must now first be verified of foreigners and perhaps also of RSA citizens as well.

Calvary Ministries, should it be incorporated, would require their members to do an on-line course of 10 or 20 credits, plus they will have to write the government exam in order to become a marriage officer. There will have to be an element of counselling and pastoral care and follow-up before non- churchgoers can get married.

Please tell us what you think and pray with us as we begin this big task in Africa.

May God bless your ministry      The CLT Board