

## ActionOverseas June 2009 Newsletter from South Africa

Dear Friends

We are glad to report that the fourth democratic elections passed off peacefully and were declared to be free and fair.

Our new President, Jacob Zuma has a lot of proving to do as some South Africans fear that the country will go the same way as Zimbabwe.

The Government need to continue on a good fiscal policy but they also need to improve service delivery on the promises they have made concerning poverty, unemployment and the "biggie" - CRIME.

We are optimistic for the future because of the freedom of the media and the democratic system of Government.



Ivor has just returned from the National Council Meetings in Durban.

The challenge is great for these men as they face the demands not only nationally but also for the Mission fields of Namibia, Angola and the D.R.C. We hear much about the "R" [recession] word and because the problem is global, churches in every denomination here are feeling its effect.

One of the concerns raised in the National Council was finding adequate finance to support the vision of the National Missions Committee for the future.

We rise in faith, believing that God will supply our every need.

We ask for your prayers as we will be in Namibia and Angola from the 3rd of June to the 2nd of July.

By the time you read this letter, we will have seen - good or bad ! - how much work has been done on the church roof in Mabor, Luanda, Angola.

We do know that it will not be completed but thanks to the SA National Missions Committee, we will be bringing an amount of 1500 pounds to assist with this work.

Again we travel on the strength of your prayers , knowing that God will give us the wisdom and health that we need.

Gail Jacobs is a young woman from the Mitchells Plain church in Cape Town. She is a Corporal in the SA Navy and will be in the DRC for three months from the end of May serving with the United Nations peacekeeping force there. Gail will be stationed in Goma, which is in the north east of the DRC. War continues to rage there and we are ask you to pray for her safety.

Lots of love

Ivor and Alice