

# Reimagining Mission in Light of COVID-19

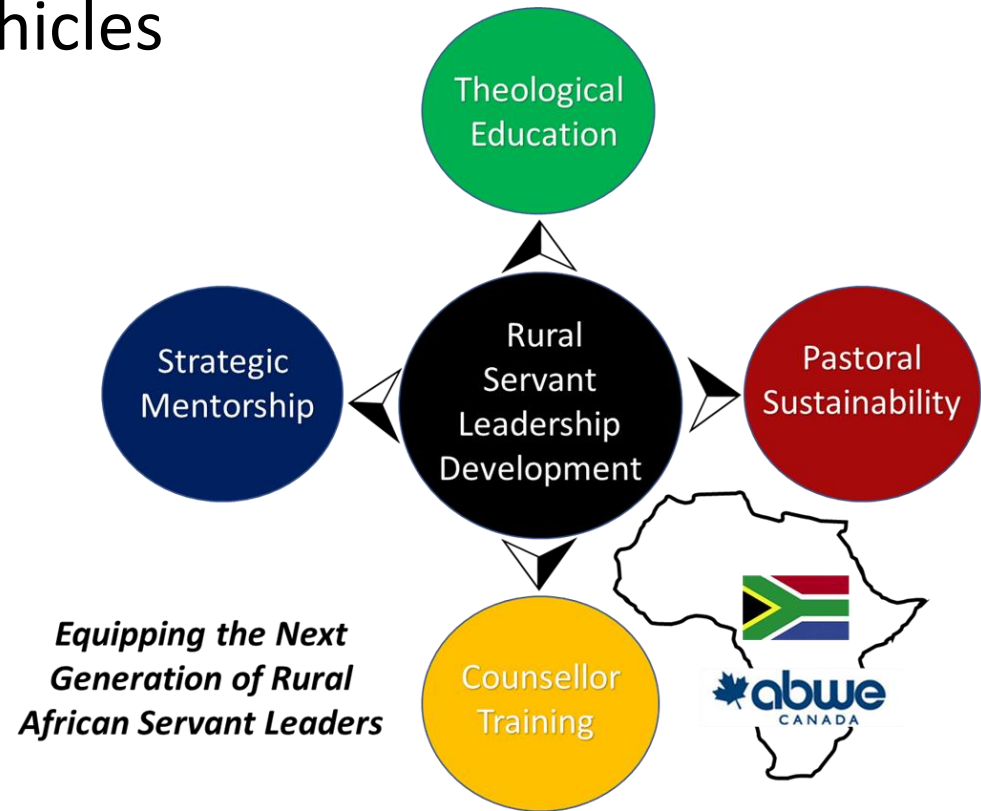


- In light COVID-19 there have been challenges; Dr. Craig and Rene have had to reimagine and restructure their Mission to South Africa.
- The name has changed to ABWE South Africa Redevelopment Mission Project.
- Dr. Craig is dividing his time between **ABWE Canada Mission** and **Next Step Coaching and Coaching.**

What is the purpose of the Mission supported by Cornerstone Baptist Church?

- We are ***equipping the Next Generation of Rural African Servant Leaders*** through 4 main ministry vehicles

- Theological Education
- Pastoral Sustainability
- Counsellor Training
- Strategic Mentorship



# Who are the Strategic Partners in Equipping the Next Generation of Rural African Servant Leaders?

Three strategic Ministry Partners:



Across Borders for World Evangelism – Canada



Godly, committed and competent African Rural Pastors and Social Workers on the ground in Rural KwaZulu Natal



Originally the plan was for Dr. Craig and Rene to relocate and to move back to SA full time for 5 years.

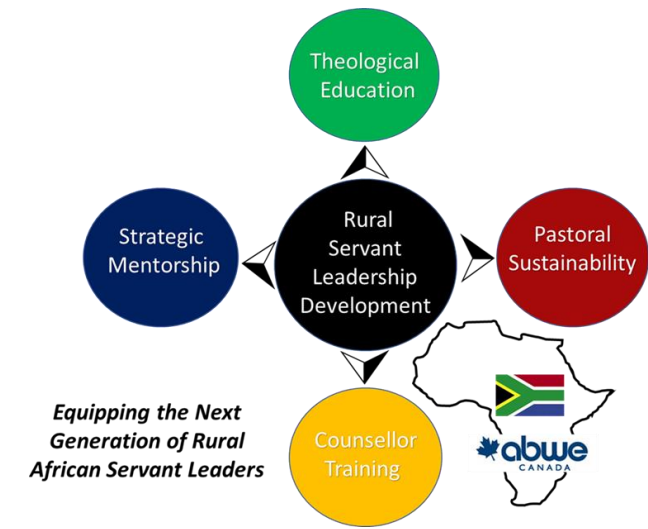
For a variety of reasons that plan shifted several months ago.

Where have they landed now?

Mission has had to be reimagined.  
COVID -19 has NOT been an obstacle  
but an opportunity to rethink the  
strategy of the South African  
Mission.



- Mission in South Africa was always about raising up theologically educated men and women who were Biblical, Practically and Culturally Relevant to address the pressing needs in Rural KwaZulu Natal.
- From the outset Dr. Craig and Rene were never going to be the “Great White Hope”. Through 12 visits they established deep trustworthy collaborative partnerships with key African rural leaders and churches.



- The on going visits to Rural KwaZulu Natal gave Dr. Craig and Rene the ability to

- **Learn about** the godly, committed and competent African Rural Leadership and their actual theological, sustainability, counselling and mentorship needs

- Then to....

- **Learn from** strategic godly, committed and competent African Rural Leadership and their actual theological, sustainability, counselling and mentorship needs

- COVID-19 has given Dr. Craig and Rene the ability to

***Learn and partner with these*** strategic godly, committed and competent African Rural Leadership on the ground so that they are equipped, empowered, entrusted and encouraged to meet these theological, sustainability, counselling and mentorship needs.



# God raised up Pastor Shadrack Khumalo

Strategic Mentorship

God is using this godly Pastor for His Glory.  
Pastor Shadrack is the

- Pastor Shadrack is a strategic Partner. He is Pastor of Empangeni Baptist Church. A critical geographical location and gateway into the deep rural areas.
- Pastor Shadrack has the respect of Rural Pastors. He is Biblically sound, culturally relevant and has theological depth.



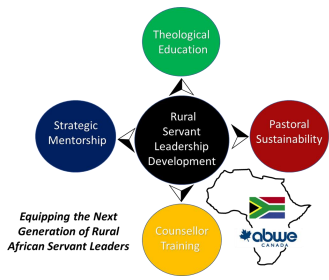


## Strategic Mentorship

Pastor Shadrack is also the Pastor Benevolence Facilitator during COVID-19

- Pastor Shadrack distributes food to these vulnerable Pastors.
- This includes relevant mentorship specific to the needs of these Pastors.
- He is also going to hold Discipleship Training. In the midst of COVID-19 there are revivals that spring up, but there is a need for Spiritual growth at a “Milk” and “Meat” level.





Dr. Craig is in constant contact with Rural Pastors assisting with message preparation

Researching on their behalf and sending them theological material

Writing relevant articles and message outlines for them

Reworking curriculum for Zululand School of the Bible

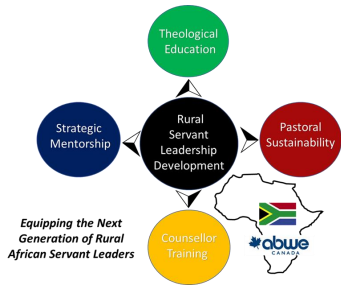


He ensures there is a consistent Financial accountability and reporting structure in partnership with Pastor Shadrack, Empangeni Baptist Church and ABWE Canada for supporting Pastoral Training at Mukhanyo Theological College and Zululand School of the Bible

Keeping up to date with Pastor Shadrack regarding Mukhanyo Theological College. This included speaking at Mukhanyo Theological College Seminar. (Video available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WV3dbYium40>)

Interviewing and recruiting potential missionaries for working in Rural KwaZulu Natal part time or long term.





## Pastoral Sustainability

Dr. Craig working with Pastor Shadrack in obtaining and discussing daily-weekly updates of the Pastoral Benevolence recipients

Discusses the needs of the Pastors in Rural areas with Pastor Shadrack

He assesses proposal for potential Pastoral Sustainability projects

He seeks potential supporters for these projects and pastoral sustainability

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# Counsellor Training

- Dr. Craig is currently researching and writing Work books and articles a number of relevant themes and topics including:
  - Shame,
  - Trauma,
  - Addiction,
  - Marriage
  - Conflict resolution



## Strategic Mentorship

- Dr. Craig is in contact with the Rural Pastors in Rural KwaZulu Natal. Please view and listen to the Video and Audio testimony's of these Rural Pastors in Cornerstone Baptist Church's Mission South Africa page:

[https://www.cornerstoneorillia.org/missions/south\\_africa\\_missions/index.php](https://www.cornerstoneorillia.org/missions/south_africa_missions/index.php)

Corresponding and communicating with the leadership of Musawenkosi, Izulu Orphan Projects and "I Learn to Live" Projects.

Corresponding and communicating with ABWE and Supporters

# Next Step Counselling and Coaching

- God has revealed the desperate need for Counselling and Coaching in and around Orillia

## Prayer requests



- Pray for the strengthening of the marriages of Rural Pastors
- Pray for the Spiritual depth and growth of the Rural Believers and their families
- Pray for the COVID-19 Crisis and the need of the People
- Pray for the raising of support for initiatives in Pastoral Sustainability
- Pray for raising support for a pump for Pastor Bongani's Church
- Pray for support of the Building and Day care for Pastor Andile's Church