One AFM Game Plan – Past. M.G. Mahlobo

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AFM GAME PLAN
Background

- Process of becoming a **missional** church.
- One AFM Game Plan – the communication process that aligns all levels of church leadership with a missional mindset.
What has been achieved?

• 2013: Launched with the NLF members.
• 2014: During the NOB Regional Empowerment Visits, workshopped with regional, network & departmental committees.
• 2015/2016: Committees launched the Game Plan with their Pastors.
What has been achieved?

• 2017: Local Pastors workshop the Game Plan with their **Governing Bodies**. Regional, network & departmental committees oversee this process. The Game Plan DVD Resource in **4 languages** (Afrikaans, English, Sesotho & isiZulu help in this regard).
The Game Plan DVD in 4 Languages

What is your #1 goal in your local assembly?

AFA colleague,

In 1995 the AFA became ONE in structure, standing under ONE constitution. A desire for
systemic unity has always been a part of the AFA’s story.

The “One AFA Game Plan” is the name we use to refer to our church, on all its leadership
levels, with the original calling of the AFA. At the heart lies the Great Commission, a
desire to see the AFA returning back to its MISSIONAL roots, where AFA members are
powerful witnesses & soul-winers in their communities on the market-place.

Your AFA Pastor will be challenged.

First, to make sure that you fully understand the missional concept yourself.
Secondly, to grow this missional mindset in your members and assembly.

To support you and encourage you, we have compiled this toolkit:

Disc 1: Read about Missional Church Strategy
(Subtitle: English, isiXhosa, Siswati & Afrikaans)

Disc 2: Watch video clips about Missional Church Strategy
(Subtitle: Pretoria for English, isiXhosa, Siswati & Afrikaans)

Disc 3: View Missional Church Strategy in pictures
(Digital Photo Album: Photos of MISSSIONAL & Drivers)

Disc 4: i. Addressing Game Plan Concerns – Video message from Dr. Jekal Burger
ii. Take the AFA MISSIONAL STRATEGY to MEMBERS – A practical toolkit for Pastors

Dr. Jekal Burger
(September 2013, GSA)

Together, moving in unity to fulfill our God-given missional calling!
What has been achieved?

• 2018: During the NOB Regional Empowerment Visits, a survey was done to determine the current status and needs regarding Game Plan Implementation.

• Today’s presentation will share the most important findings and insights. 1,668 were processed.
Findings

• **85.14%** said that their regional, network & departmental committee equipped the local Presiding Pastor or Assembly Leader in the Game Plan.
Findings

- **84.30%** said that their Presiding Pastor or Assembly Leader facilitated the Game Plan with members of the Governing Body.
Findings

• **47.87%** said that their regional, network & departmental committee requested a formal feedback report.

• Importance of a “coaching” mentality. Becoming missional is a continuous process as oppose to a once-off activity.
5 Biggest Challenges to Game Plan Implementation.
1. Challenges & Future Action

**Challenge:**
“Deeper” understanding of how to implement.

**Future Action:**
Develop practical measurable outcomes to guide implementation for assemblies and members.
2. Challenges & Future Action

**Challenge:**

The need for continuous relationship, encouragement and support.

**Future Action:**

Establish formal coaching structures within regions, networks and departments.
3. Challenges & Future Action

Challenge:
The need for practical examples.

Future Action:
Collect success stories that demonstrate implementation and results.
4. Challenges & Future Action

**Challenge:**
Game Plan must be seen as a priority.

**Future Action:**
Each quarter the church focus on one Game Plan driver across all national communication (Newsflashes, Pastoral Letters & Social Media).
5. Challenges & Future Action

**Challenge:**
How to communicate Game Plan drivers to members.

**Future Action:**
Develop sermon outlines/guidelines for each driver in Afrikaans, English, Sesotho & isiZulu.
Conclusion

A success story from our AFM/AGS assembly in Modimolle, Limpopo.

Demonstrating the working & practical implementation of all the Game Plan drivers.
One AFM Game Plan – Past. Johan Brits
Fokus Deo...is Life

We are the AFM/AGS in Modimolle Limpopo, and part of the Familia Dei Network.

We are situated in the middle of town...
Missional

The start of a new **English service**.

Many families moving into town from the township, where would they go to church? (They weren’t going back to the township church.) We could be a home for them!
Missional

The start of a new *English service*.

How we see this service...

- Middle-class in town.
- Immediate community focus.
- A modern English service.
- Working on breaking racial issues.
- Fellowship
Governance

Our church leadership decided: it is not ‘us’ and ‘them’, BUT just US, the same congregation, just another service like the others but in English.

We preach the same message in this English service as we do in the Afrikaans services.
How we started the English Service

Handed out **flyers** in the community.

(Community Involvement)

Had a **street braai**.

(Community Involvement)
How we started the English Service

Saturday morning ministry on streets. (Missional & Community Involvement)

We do church campaigns in our services from www.bible.org.za. (Discipleship)
How we started the English Service

We do projects reaching out to our schools & businesses.

(Community Involvement)
Ecumenical Involvement & Partnerships

There are *organisations* who have resources you can use, we use Walk Thru the Bible’s Church Campaigns, DVD courses and ‘Live’ training courses.

We are going to start next quarter with our Bible School, and there we’re using Bible School on Wheels from Teach Every Nation.
Pastor Elvis Mvulane. We started an English service with 20 people.
We now average 120 people per Sunday in this service.
Empowerment & Discipleship

Four months after starting we saw the need for an English **Sunday School**, and currently average 60 children.

We now also employ someone who takes charge of the Sunday School.
Our Dream

Our dream is to have 5,000 people in our English service! With 80,000 in the area we are very realistic.