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KwaSizabantu Mission is not a cult!

The vicious attack on KwaSizabantu Mission is shocking. This media explosion aims to spread rumours and destroy the humanitarian and spiritual work of this Christian Mission.

Contrary to their claims, we are not a cult, we are not a sect and we are not exclusive. KwaSizabantu Mission is a middle of the road evangelical organisation with complete openness to other churches and organisations. We live harmoniously within the boundaries of the Christian faith.

Throughout its existence, KwaSizabantu Mission has invited ministers from various denominations and backgrounds to the ministers' conferences and radio station to preach and fellowship indicating that KSB does not believe that it alone has exclusive ownership of the truth. The doctrinal foundation and the religious beliefs of the Mission are based on the Bible and the classical confessions of the church.

Hundreds of thousands of people have visited KwaSizabantu Mission and received support and help at the Mission's own expense for over 50 years. No one has ever been forced to stay there. No employee or volunteer has ever been forced to work there.

Since its inception, no church collections have been requested by the Mission and neither visitor nor incumbent has been asked for money. To date (since 2013) over 18 500 youths have flocked to the Mission to receive help through the CYPISA restoration programme free of charge. For those employed in the various projects the Mission has adhered to the relevant wage legislation, while providing jobs, skills and education to thousands of rural people to the benefit of many communities. The Mission projects (including aQuellé and Emseni Farming) were founded to financially support the various ministries.

The Mission is confident that neither it nor its associated businesses have committed any financial irregularity with respect to allegations of money laundering. The leadership of the Mission take their responsibilities and financial matters seriously and have nothing to hide.

If the EXODUS articles undermine the essential work of the Mission, black South Africans will suffer. Young people struggling because of social ills will lose the benefit of the free services provided by the Mission.

Those driving the current smear campaign have resorted to the low tactics of libel and defamation. It smacks of racism, misguided, out-of-context narratives presented by disgruntled members of society.

People making such horrendous allegations against the Mission are free to follow the normal lawful procedures. Those who have been 'allegedly' violated against, should seek justice through the judicial system. The fact that these allegations have never been taken to the authorities begs the question; why not? Why have the so-called victims not done what the law requires? Why blame the Mission?

The Mission was founded to bring hope and healing, peace and restoration to a fractured South African society and is committed to continue doing so.

"It will become a majestic cedar, sending forth its branches and producing seed. Birds of every sort will nest in it, finding shelter in the shade of its branches." Ezekiel 17:23

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