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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

**URCSA Middelburg Congregation. Be Courageous In 2015
Because As Your Minister I Have A Dream and Vision**

**PASTORAL LETTER OF URCSA MIDDELBURG
CONGREGATION ON THE 1ST MARCH 2015.**

**We As URCSA Middelburg Congregation In 2015 We
Are Building Up The Temple Of The Lord.**

**Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus
Christ.**

**We as URCSA Middelburg Congregation, The Year 2014 was a successful
Year to us and we want to Thank God for His mercy and grace in our lives
and ministry. And we as URCSA Middelburg we say: "But by the Grace of
God we are what we are, and His Grace to us was not without effect. No, we
worked harder than all of them-yet not us only, but the grace of God was
with us in 2014". Today our congregation is growing Spiritually, Financially
and we are growing in numbers because of the Grace of God that is in us.**

**What is impossible in man is possible with God. We Thank God for
everything that is doing for us in our congregation. Glory be to God.**

In 2014 we've achieved the following:

- Church Council Workshop and Strategic Planning.
- Successful Good Friday in the History of our congregation.
- Good and Powerful Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- Visitors from STM in Washington DC.
- Successful Golf Day in June 2014.
- Powerful Mother's Services and Revival in August 2014.
- Good Fundraising Strategies and Implementations.
- Building of the New Church Toilets and Open them Officially on the 7th December 2014. New Church Toilets Completed.
- Successful Confirmations, Last Baptism and Holy Communion; and also Appreciation Sunday of Rev PP Molehe.
- Visitors from RCA In America, Chicago, New York and Holland.
- Half Night Prayer and Fasting

Brothers and Sisters in Christ all this activities that I've mentioned above we've achieved them because of the Grace of God. When God is on our side nothing will go wrong. God provides pure drinking water – II Kings 2: 19 – 25 In short it says: Jericho's water was undrinkable until the Prophet Elisha ordered the people to put salt in the pit. The water became pure. God's compassion makes the most basic resources for survival available to humans and animals. He doesn't only supply drinking water, but also living water for all who are thirsty.

This simply mean that 2015 is the Year that we are Building Up The Temple of the Lord and by Faith God will supply resources and sponsorships so that we can able to continue with our Project of Extending Our Church Building. Together we can make a difference. Without you we cannot make it but if we are together in this Vision we will be able to be the winners at the end of the day. Let me and you be committed because without your existence and commitment we won't go anywhere but if we are together we will make sure that the church is growing. Know that God's plans about us are not to harm us but are to prosper us, and to give us hope and future. Jeremiah 29: 11. The Minister and Church Council of URCSA Middelburg cannot succeed without your loyalty and continued hard work.

It is so much important to position our congregation in terms of growth and relevance to the Broader South African Society through addressing the following strategic aspects:

- Development of strategic plan with particular objectives to the achieved during the next five year from 2015 Till 2020.
- Development of a communication and marketing plan for our church.
- The growing of the church in terms of human capital and resources.
- Improvement of the work condition of our leadership in the church.
- The Extension of our Church Building as URCSA Middelburg.
- Follow up and implementation of the Decisions taken in the Church Council Meeting.
- Practicing Good Governance in the Church.

I, Rev Perceverance Percival Molehe I am having this feeling that say even we don't have money to start our Building Project of the Extension of the Church but Do Something. There was the Word that came to me that say: Be Courageous. Money is not the Problem as long you have Faith In Me I will do Everything For you. Now, I feel that even we don't have money but let us Start with the Foundation and Put Concrete by God's Grace. There is a Prophecy of God To Me. We are going to Start with the Extension Project By God's Grace. By Faith All Will Happen. What is Impossible in men is Possible with God. I believe that God's Miracles are going to Happen only by Faith and The Grace of God. It is our responsibility as the church to grow our congregation.

Ecclesiastes 10: 19

Do you want to lead people? You are going to need a lot of courage so that you can able to reach your Goal. In Joshua 1, God exhorted Joshua Three Times to be courageous. Joshua 1: 6, 7, 9. This was the beginning of Joshua's life as a leader. Obviously courage was very important for the ministry of Joshua to succeed. It takes a courageous person to advance into fearful and frightening circumstances. It takes courage to advance when outcome is uncertain. You need a lot of courage when failure looks like a real option. When defeat is rallying around to welcome you, you need to be hold to press on to victory. We all know that bystanders are waiting for our downfall. It takes courage to continue on a certain course of action. Without courage, you cannot call yourself a leader and visionary.

It takes courage to start a Church and To Extend the Church Building Or a Business. It needs lot of money and donors. But by Faith you will make it by the Grace of God.

Then someone will ask that what about if it fails? What about if it doesn't? Your answer must be simple: It takes courage to follow a New Idea.

It is only courageous people who can be leaders and visionaries. Success or failure depends on being courageous. It takes courage to stand up for the truth and make sure that your wishes and plans become successfully in your life and ministry. The why many people do not try ne aspects of ministry is because they Lack Courage. It takes courage to Pray for the Project and The Success of the Project but at the End of the Day God Will Answer Your Prayer. It takes courage to Minister the People and Convince them that we will make it but by the Grace of God We will make it. It takes courage to Develop a Trust but By God's Will people will trust you.

We as URCSA Middelburg we Ask God to give us the Spirit of Joshua so that we can able to Extend Our Church and Finish It By The Grace of God. At the end we will find ourselves advancing on to Higher Heights when we are very courageous.

In 2014 on the 7Th December we manage to Open the New Church Toilets by Faith and The Grace of God. Even is 2015 it is possible that we are Going to Finish Up our Church Extension and We will make it by the Grace.

We always say: As I was with Moses, I will be with you. Those are God's words to Joshua the Son of Nun.

In Conclusion:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: We need every congregant to become an active ambassador of Christ through URCSA Middelburg Congregation. We need to be advisers to one another in the best interest of spreading the Word of God and Gospel of Jesus Christ to our people, and make sure that our church grows spiritually. I believe that as the Leader I need to complete my commitment by doing what is right and make sure that all the members in the church are committed and making a huge difference in terms of growing the church and making impact on the broader South African Society. In actual fact the Philosophy that I am using as the leader should seriously consider to drive and regulate my involvement that says:

“I am here, and I care”.

It is within this particular context for the following aspects to be urgently addressed during 2015:

- **Auditing of the Church Book by External Auditors in April 2015.**
- **Development of a Strategic Plan for our congregation in 2015.**
 - **Development of a communication strategy.**
 - **Development of a Fund-Raising Strategy for our Congregation To Raise Funds for our Church Projects. i.e. Golf Day in May 2015, Gala Dinner in May 2015, Good Friday Service in April 2015, Building Special Fundraising in March 2015.**
- **Development of Church Commission according to different professions and skills.**
 - **Development of Leadership Skills and Management.**
 - **Development of nurturing Sunday School Children and Catechism Class.**

By your Help, Support and Prayers as URCSA Middelburg Congregation At End of 2015 we will be Opening Our Church Building Officially. We are now Courageous and we are Going To Start with The Foundation Soon probably End of March 2015 or Beginning of April 2015. Please pray for us.

We need your prayers and support. Please help us. We need your support and contribution. By God On Our Side All Will Happen Soon.

Blessed Is The Hand That Gives With Love.

Numbers 6:24-26 “The Lord blesses you and keeps you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace”.

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND BE WITH YOU ALL THE TIME IN
YOUR LIFE!!!**

Yours in Christ

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