



WHO WE ARE

- We are a ministry of the Gracepoint Methodist Church, Glenferness, South Africa, under the leadership of Reverend Gary and Jacqui Rivas, falling under Compassion and Justice.
- The Alpha Under a Tree Ministry is headed up Andre and Kim van Staden.
- Our team, on the ground is headed up by Kathy van Staden and assisted by Pastor Gilbert Ditlhobolo and Samson Sepisi.
- We bring up teaching teams to assist with certain session, whilst other sessions are presented by our established team on the ground, headed by Kathy van Staden.

REFERENCES

- Alpha Under a Tree has been presented in Clayoven, Johannesburg, and more recently in Bray, Hereford Botswana and Tosca, South Africa.
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“Is there more to life than this?”



ALPHA UNDER A TREE
RECONCILIATION & HEALING



ALPHA UNDER A TREE MINISTRY

- Our Mission is to obey the Great Commission. Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28: 18 – 20)
- Alpha Under a Tree is an Afrocentric adaptation of the original Alpha course authored by Nicky Gumble, which has been presented to more than 30 million people worldwide.
- Our aim is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that promotes unity among the people and the various church denominations.
- Alpha Under a Tree is a wonderful teaching tool, which facilitates and attempts to answer the fundamental truths about our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, in a unique community driven way. It is both a teaching and an evangelical tool.
- We strive to reach the unreachable, in seeking a Christ healed Africa.
- To reach the marginalized, economically vulnerable communities, not only in South Africa but throughout the continent of Africa.
- Ours is the ministry of conciliation and therefore we strive to promote cross cultural healing in our continent.



HOW DOES IT WORK

- We partner with a local church or community leader in the area.
- It is a seven-week course, run on Saturday afternoons, during which we provide sound biblical teaching and activation, believing that our faith is not only intellectual but also experiential, based on a personal relationship with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- A light meal is served after each session to engender a sense of intimacy and community and to promote discussion on the teaching material presented.
- We choose a tree that is central to community life thereby reinforcing the neutrality of the course.
- On completion of the seven-week course each participant is given a certificate of completion and a bible to acknowledge their commitment to the course and for them to equip them to begin the path of discipleship.

