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# Restoration at Wupperthal



*Parsonage at Wupperthal* © Sr Angelene Swart

The following buildings were beautifully restored: The Church Building and Parsonage; Creche (Educare centre), Church Hall, Post Office, Mission Store and Mission Store House, Blacksmith Shop, Lelpoldt House and Guest House.

Buildings still in the process of renovation are the School Hostels, Tannery, Shoe Factory and Library.

We are indeed very blessed and very thankful for all donations and contributions received in cash and kind to assist with restoring this picturesque historic Mission Station and giving hope to all the inhabitants.

It will take time to heal the mental, physical and spiritual bruises caused by this overwhelming and painful incident. The fundraising to assist the rebuilding of the homes of families continues.

We remain confident and trust God completely to restore the Mission Station and the congregation to their full potential to continue with the Great Commission.

**Sr Angelene Swart**

*On behalf of the Moravian Church in South Africa*

Wupperthal is a Moravian Mission Station situated 72 Km South East of Clarwilliam in the Western Province of South Africa. A devastating fire occurred on 31st December 2018 which destroyed most church buildings and 53 houses of congregants.

After many meetings with all stakeholders a restoration programme started on 26th March 2019. A formal agreement between the Church, the Rupert Foundation and Sanlam Insurance Company was signed to restore the church buildings on the church precinct. The private homes that were destroyed

were not part of the agreement. The plans for the restoration of the heritage buildings were prepared by the Cape Institute of Architects on a pro bono basis.

The families are housed in temporary homes which were built by the government. A special fund was started with donations received to assist the households, which is but a drop in the ocean given all the needs of the families. A committee was established known as the Wupperthal Community Development Organization to administer the funds with regular reports to the Provincial Board Executive.



*Educare Centre at Wupperthal* © Sr Angelene Swart

*If you would like to send a donation to help with the rebuilding of the family homes, you can: send a cheque payable to 'Moravian Union Inc' to Church House; make a BACS payment to 40-52-40 Account number 00023436; or you can make a card payment by calling Church House on 020 8883 3409.*