

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a summary of the importance, significance and impact that TEAM of SES has had in South Africa over the past three years.

The reason for establishing an apologetic ministry like *AntWoord* in South Africa can be traced back to wanting to assist the local church in equipping Christian believers to effectively and winsomely engage with a sceptical and often hostile world. To be sure, there are churches where the development of the mind and the resources available for doing so, are given some attention. But unfortunately the general and overall attitude is still that what matters most are the merits of untainted *Christian living*, so that the importance of sound *Christian thinking* is often downplayed and undervalued. The inevitable consequence of such a one-sided approach to what it means to be a Christian, is that the church and Christianity are often deemed irrelevant and even incredible in so many areas of the cultural sphere and intellectual life.

Since its inception six years ago, the founding members of AntWoord have been acutely aware of the ministry's rather insignificant capacity and very short reach. But because AntWoord was born from a sense of calling and for the sake of merely being faithful to the Gospel of Christ, this was never a debilitating characteristic. What a ministry like AntWoord never quite envisioned, though, was its partnership with TEAM and the far-reaching impact this would have in the South African community.

TEAM is a truly dynamic and visionary division of SES. It has been an extraordinary privilege for AntWoord to come along side TEAM for the purpose of influencing the church in South Africa (for understanding the need and importance of apologetics) as well as for making an impact for life-change in our secular culture at large. Without TEAM's Godly vision, unmistakable expertise and strategic planning, local efforts would probably have remained marginal. But because of the sacrificial efforts of TEAM in South Africa for the past three years, the following has occurred, with its culmination in the very successful May 2010 events:

1. Sympathetic relations for future work with these three secular academic institutions (such as engagement with lecturers on an academic level): North West University, University of Pretoria, and the University of South Africa
2. The establishing of at least one *Ratio Christi* chapter for students at one of above mentioned universities
3. An established expectation that the *Faith & Reason Apologetics Conference* has become a special and remarkable annual event held at *kerksondemure*

4. A growing awareness with the leadership of some of the larger local churches (for e.g. Moreleta Church) of the kind of work being done for the sake of the Kingdom, with the possibility of greater influence to, and involvement from members of these churches
5. Interest from various high schools and churches for formal training and apologetics courses on a continual/longer term basis
6. The planned development of an accredited course (certificate and diploma level) in apologetics (inspired by, and possibly in corroboration with SEAI)
7. The establishing of connections with various churches, organisations and influential individuals *nationally* (but also closer networking with existing ones) where there are tremendous excitement and interest in developing Christian Apologetics and sound Christian teaching in South Africa (a reflection of the failure of South African seminaries in this regard)
8. A 100 percent growth in the full-time personnel of AntWoord, as well as in its part-time personnel – a direct result of TEAM's enthusiasm and work.
9. A growing support and encouragement for the aspirations and work of a local apologetics ministry like AntWoord, and for the apologetics endeavour in general, from people through our website and where presentations are done.
10. Possible opportunities to expand and widen the scope for apologetics in the African context and need.

It only seems appropriate to make these results and developments known to leadership at SES, and to thank them for their continued support and input through TEAM over the past three years. Your efforts have born fruit for His Kingdom and continue to do so beyond expectations.

Kind regards

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