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## PRESS STATEMENT

Prayer Day Session

Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, hosted a Prayer Session at Moses Monanyane Sports Complex in Shongoane Village on 14 December 2017. Stakeholders comprising of Local Chiefs, Eskom-Matimba representative, Pastors and community members were in attendance.

Since the beginning of the year there has been a high number of accidents reported in Lephalale, this became a serious concern within the Municipality, as the number of people losing their lives increased especially the youth.

The Mayor saw it fit to host the event, to pray for roads accidents to come to an end, to pray for unemployment and for rain.

"Most of us rely on cattle and crop farming and when the sun is very hot, we are hit hard. We need good harvest from our farms and we need green grazing grass for our cattle. All these need rain. If it doesn't rain, we suffer a lot. The holy Bible advices us to pray for rain. That is why the Bible Zacharia 10: 1 says: Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people and plants of the field to everyone" said the Mayor.

Pastor William Mpethe and Pastor Ramela Dibetso rendered inspiring sermons which left the community members renewed and full of hope. They went through bible scriptures (Exodus 23 verse 22, Joel 2 verse 12 and 13, Zacharia 10 verse 1, Romans 12 verse 9, Deuteronomy and 11 Luke 16 verses 31).



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In his closing remarks, the Mayor reminded all people to stay safe, obey traffic rules and celebrate the festive season responsibly.

"December festive season has arrived. Let's get the correct meaning of this festive season. It is the time to share, the time to give to the poor freely and willingly, the time to celebrate the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. But whatever we do during this festive season, we must always remember that our district is the highest in the province on statistics of people who are infected by HIV. The famous ABC message may sound like an out dated, boring, tedious and monotonous slogan, but it saves lives."

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