

# RHS O/16A- en FICUS netbalmeisies wen die Tuks skole-reeks!



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**Rustenburg** – Die Tuks Skole-reeks is die strafste skolekompetisie in die land. Skole neem op uitnodiging aan hierdie strawwe kompetisie deel en ding mee teen die land se top skole.

Op Saterdag, 22 April 2017, neem die netbalspanne van die Hoërskool Rustenburg deel aan die finaal van die Tuks Skole-reeks. Die o/16A- sowel as Ficus netbalspan tree as weners uit die stryd en spog met goue medaljes om die nek. Hierdie oorwinnings is die gevolg van baie harde werk, toewyding en opoffering.

## 2 RUSTIES & AFRIGTER VERKIES TOT O/16 TUKS SPAN

Tydens die finaal van die Tuks Skole-reeks is daar 'n o.16-uitnodigingsspan gekies. Twee Rusties, Kayla van Tonder en Su-Mari Rocher is tot hierdie span verkies. Die o.16A-netbalspan se afripter, me. Elsa Morris is ook as afripter van die Tuks-uitnodigingsspan verkies. Ons is baie trots op hulle!



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## Prayer meetings, marches, protests, movements

# WILL THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

By Stuart Pennington

Over the past weekend, on 22 April 2017, +/- 1 400 000 citizens gathered outside Bloemfontein to pray for our beloved country South Africa. "It's Time" was organised by Angus Buchan (see S.A. Heroes) On Thursday, 27 April, we celebrate Freedom Day, 23 years since our transition to a constitutional democracy.

I think most would agree, as a country, we are not where we hoped to be.

Over the past four weeks we have witnessed prayer meetings, marches, protests and demonstrations all over the country, even as far as sleepy Kenton-on-Sea, against our President Zuma's leadership style, state capture, rampant corruption and cabinet cronyism.

This is a good story.

I would guess over the past four weeks that close on 2 million South Africans of all creeds, colours, cultures and convictions have come together in one way or another, unprecedented, to pray, to demonstrate, to protest..... and more is planned.

**That's +/- 3.8% of the whole population and +/- 7.5% of the adult population.**

That's a significant number by any standards. But, will all this make a difference to our future?

This can be answered in a number of ways:

- Religious and emotional conviction
- Statistical probability and reliability
- Unfolding consequent events

*I did some reading:*

Two of the most eminent writers on the Power of Prayer, Derek Prince (Secrets of a Prayer Warrior) and John Stott (Issues facing Christians to-day) write extensively on the power of prayer and make two important points, backed up my considerable empirical evidence.

- Prince states, "the way we pray will decide the way the universe goes."
- John Stott states "Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those who humble

themselves to serve."

As an illustration of this 'power' the Old Testament Genesis describes the Lord's anxiety of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah as he talks with Abraham, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see what they have done and destroy them."

*(I'm sure all faiths have similar stories of the contest between good and evil. It is not my intention to promote a particular faith or religion – I use this story to illustrate a point).*

*To continue:* Abraham pleads "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are 50 righteous people (in a city of 1 000), will you really not spare them?"

The Lord answers "If I find 50 righteous people I will spare the whole place for their sake, for they will heal the sin." Abraham negotiates. "And if it's only 10?" The Lord answers, "I will do the same." There were none, so the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed.

*This is an empirical fact. When the archaeological, geographical and epigraphic evidence is reviewed in detail, it is clear that the infamous cities of Sodom and Gomorrah have now been found. What is more, this evidence demonstrates that the Bible provides an accurate eyewitness account of events that occurred southeast of the Dead Sea over 4,000 years ago...*

This begs the question: Does our Lord have his hand on our land? Can our force for good prevail?

**Statistical probability and reliability:**

10 out of 1 000 is 1 %, and it was believed that they could heal the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah! 7.5% of South African adults are involved in the broad 'SAVE SOUTH AFRICA' movement.

Profoundly, can this percentage of citizens create, amongst ALL South Africans, an unstoppable, deeply emotional, unwavering conviction for positive, ethical and value-based change – all contained in our Constitution of which we remain so proud?

Do we have the ability to heal this country?

If my memory of statistical probability and reliability

is accurate the number – 7.5% – is way more than is required for a statistically representative, accurate and reliable sample.

Conclusion...

**So, as we concerned South Africans, regardless of creed, colour, culture or religious persuasion acknowledge Freedom Day we must stay the journey with our conviction:**

- it will spread
- it will grow
- it will succeed
- it will save South Africa

