

# Vision led him to squatter camp

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## Dutch missionary spreads Gospel in EC squatter camp

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**EAST LONDON —** Residents of the Mzamo'mhle squatter camp in Gonubie have a new neighbour in the form of a missionary from Holland.

Mr Wiebe van der Heide, 26, set up home in the camp after he claims to have been told by God that he must go and teach the Bible to the people there.

He arrived three weeks ago and quickly set about organising a place for children to come and play and "have peace".

He was in this area last year when he was serving on board the mercy ship Anastasis which was moored in the harbour for several months.

He visited Duncan Village and met a fellow Christian who stays in different camps teaching the Bible to residents.

He felt that this was what he wanted to do, so he returned to his home in the northern part of Holland and applied for a visa.

He arrived in Gonubie just under a month ago and has been busy making friends and con-

tact with the people there.

He is trying to learn Xhosa so he can communicate more with people, especially the children.

He has constructed some wooden building blocks for them to play with and has around 20 young visitors a day.

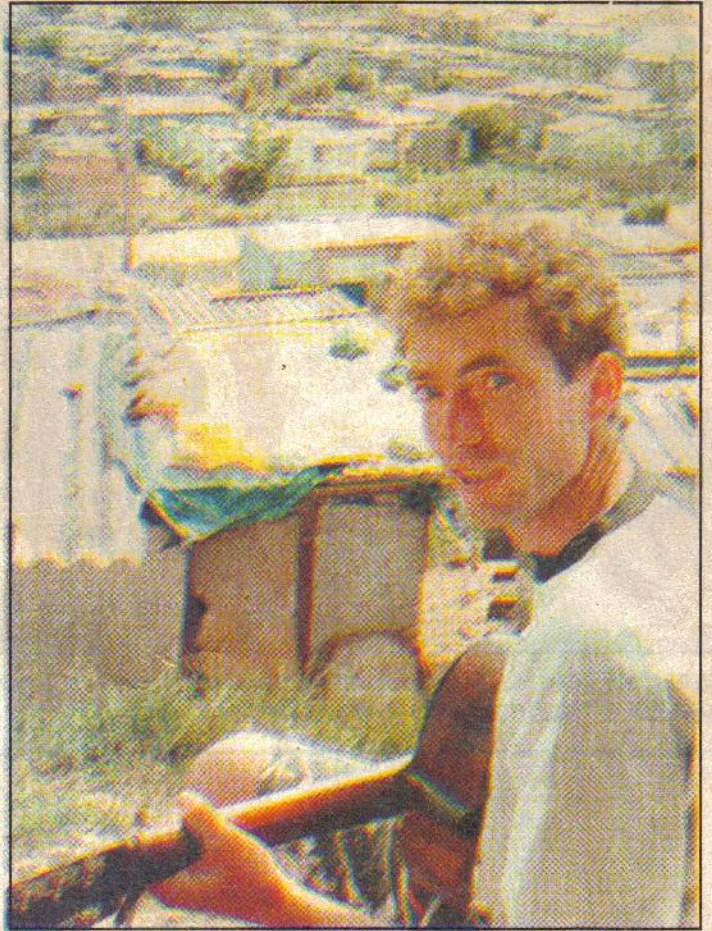
His parents, Jan and Gre, and eight brothers and sisters, all think he is doing a worthy job but are not sure whether he should live in a squatter camp.

He is staying in a shack with Mrs Koleka Ganeko and, despite the lack of electricity and running water, is comfortable.

"There is nothing that I miss about home. I am at the centre of God's will and that makes me very happy," he said.

Mrs Ganeko said: "He is doing a wonderful job for God here."

He does not know how long he will remain at the camp, saying that God will tell him when to go, although he is interested in maybe travelling to Mexico to work in shanty town communities there.



**GOD'S WORK:** Mr Wiebe van der Heide from Holland at the Gonubie squatter camp where he ministers.

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