

Speech of His Royal Majesty, the King of the Zulus, delivered at KwaSizabantu Mission

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Thank you, you may be seated.

To the church, the program directors, I am here today with some members of the Royal family, who have been introduced to you. I especially greet Rev Stegen, who, although he is absent, I am sure is with us in spirit. May the Lord bless you. I also greet the amakhosi who are the pillars of the throne and the Zulu people.

I want to especially thank Miss Dube. I feel blessed in seeing you, as you mentioned the close relationship you had with the late Queen, my mother. I am glad to see that you are still here and that you are well. I bear witness to the fact that you were very close to my mother. This also testifies to how close our family ties are with the Mission. This is why I say I am so happy to see that you, Miss Dube, are still with us. When I see you, I do not feel like an orphan.

I greet the Stegen family. I had the privilege of growing up with you and spending time with you, when His Majesty, the late king, brought us here with him.

While I stand here today, many emotions pass through my mind and heart when I think back of how the late King used to stand here. Little did I know then that one day I would stand where His Majesty once stood. Thank you, Mr Ngubane, for the introduction and for explaining how you grew up in the area and met His Majesty, the late king, here at the Mission.

I thank you for the fellowship that the royal family has experienced here over the years and the road you have walked with us. Rev Stegen's vision for this work has been achieved but he would never have been able to accomplish all this on his own. Miss Dube, I am thankful that you stood by his side all these years, from the inception of this work and that the Mission has remained true to its calling.

You have planted the good seed of being thankful, in the Zulu nation. I will never stop thanking you for that because today I see the result of that seed. I also want to refer to the seed of righteousness. Here at the Mission there is counselling and a rehab centre. I am grateful for that, because that is how you as a congregation are supporting me by helping my nation, just as you also did for my father the late king. You are helping the nation to be healed and to go forward. Thank you very much. This testifies to the fact that we are holding hands in the work.

I have heard that I have my very own special room here. If only I had known this earlier, I would have been better prepared! Unfortunately, I did not bring my suitcase along to be able to sleep over. Nevertheless, I appreciate it very much and I do not doubt that this is a home to me.

I have noticed that a new generation has grown up to continue with the work of their fathers. For example, there is Hulda and others, continuing with the work. I would like to assure you, KwaSizabantu Mission congregation, of my unwavering support. I will stand with you through thick and thin, just as His Majesty, the late king, did.

I have come today to renew the relationship we, the royal family and the Zulu nation, had with the Mission under the reign of His Majesty, the late king. His Majesty, the late king, recognised that God's finger had touched this work and realised that it was specially blessed. I had the privilege to read the book "God Amongst the Zulus". It is a truly upbuilding book. It describes God's work amongst the Zulu nation through

Rev Stegen's ministry, how the Christian faith was planted in the nation and how a way was opened that gives hope and a future. Today I see the fruit of that work in this congregation.

I see Miss Dube and others who were involved in our lives as we grew up. You also supported us at various functions and festivities. The vision of Rev Stegen has come to fulfilment, we see it happening in the nation. I do not know how I will ever be able to thank Rev Stegen enough. Through God's grace we will always be praying for you and this congregation.

This will also be my second home. I love you and I appreciate the difference you are making amongst the youth through your Youth Conferences. This is where we truly need to work together, because Satan is determined to destroy our youth. If the youth are destroyed, we have no future. I want to assure you that I stand with you in this task to help the youth.

Please pray for the royal family. As Mr Ngubane and Miss Dube has said, they make no distinction between the royal family. They love all the members of the royal family equally. I likewise, although there are currently court cases involving members of the royal family, pitted against each other. Even though there may be a rift that does not mean that there can never be reconciliation. There should not be division, because if there is division in the royal family, how much more so not in the rest of the nation? I want to encourage all those who have divisions in their families to be reconciled.

This kingship and this nation are part of God's plan. God ordained it from heaven. Therefore, those who fight against this kingship are fighting against God Himself. They are fighting against prayer and against the nation.

As Mr Ngubane said, it is God who has watched over KwaSizabantu Mission. We as the royal family should not take any other approach. It is a disgrace that there are court cases involving members of the royal family, but we will fight against the spirit of darkness through prayer.

At my coronation I said to the nation that I will not be able to fulfil my duty as king without God. You have heard that His Majesty, the late king, was a frequent visitor to KwaSizabantu Mission. We grew up with the Bible. We knew nothing else. We grew up knowing that He is the One who is able to protect us. You may have a security detail but there is no one who can protect as God can. We commit all to Him. Likewise, regarding to the nation, we commit all to Him.

We trust our Creator, we love Him, we serve Him, and we believe in Him.

I am thankful for the opportunity I had today to greet you. I also want to thank all the amakhosi, neighbours of the Mission, for coming. I stand with you, and I will take hands with you.

Thank you very much. May God bless you. Amen.