

Kuruman Moffat Mission in collaboration with JTGDM celebrates 200 years of existence

The London Missionary Society in collaboration with the John Taolo District Municipality will on 18 March 2016 hold a function to mark the start of the 200 years of the existence of the Moffat Mission. The mission has been closed to the public due to renovations over the past two years. As the mission is a heritage, site most of the sections have been left in their original state to give visitors a feel and view of how things were 200 years ago when the first group of missionaries arrived in the area. Missionaries from London over 200 years ago and met with while at the same time working together with Local people led by their chiefs to establish centers of worship and education. These Missionaries also in their way contributed towards improving the lives of locals by for example building schools and helping in making basic services such as water easily accessible to local communities. One of the local chiefs who assisted in the establishment of these missions by among others making land available for the establishment of the missions was Kgosi Mothibi. Furthermore that period is of significance as it was when the Bible was translated to indigenous languages.



The celebrations project is a big one that is expected to continue over a period of about five years. This celebrations project will among others also involve research that will be

conducted by academics of repute in order to bring to light the contribution of all involved (including the locals) in the establishment of the mission and other sites of importance associated with the London Missionaries such as the Tigerkloof center of education situated about 10 kilometers from the town of Vryburg in the North West Province. The celebrations will mostly involve and be led by members of the various synods while at the same time other governmental and non-governmental organizations and entities will take part in the celebrations activities since the arrival and influence of the London Missionaries in South Africa affected the lives of communities even beyond the members and congregants of the UCCSA.

People and organizations from various formations are expected to attend the Launch of the 200 years celebrations and among those who will grace the occasion include the Premier of the Northern Cape Province Ms. Sylvia Lucas, UCCSA president and Secretary, leaders of other faith organizations, members of civil societies, Mayors and Councilors from various Municipalities