

**REMARKS BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE PRIME
MINISTER
DR TJITUNGA ELIJAH NGURARE
AT THE
REACH NAMIBIA CHURCH
29 JUNE 2025**

Most Revd Siegfried Ngubane
Rt. Revd. Lukas Katenda and Madam
Rt Revd. Glenn Lyons D Presenting
Rt Revd. Martin Morrison
Rt Revd. Njabulo Mazibuko
Rt Revd. Joe Mundamawo
Bishop Nelson Nghifikepunye Ndakevondjo and Madam
Ministers and Members of Parliament here present
Hon Ephraim Nekongo, Secretary of SWAPO Party Youth League and MP
Hon Prof Job Amupanda and Madam
Hon Nelson Kalangula
Honorable Elia Irimari, Governor of Oshana Region
Honorable Ronny Negonga our host councilor
President of the Official Opposition Dr Panduleni litula and other opposition
leaders present
Distinguished Pastors, Church Elders,
Young people and congregants of REACH Namibia,

Good morning and thank you for the warm welcome.

1. I am deeply humbled to join you today for this meaningful service. It is a privilege and a blessing to share this sacred space with you in the presence of God.
2. I stand before you not just as a Prime Minister, but as a fellow christian of ELCIN who believes in the power of faith.
3. We are reminded this morning of the words of Jesus Christ in Matthew 18:20, which say: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
4. It is a powerful reminder that God does not need thousands of people to be present. He needs only hearts that are open, people who are sincere and a community that is willing to come together in His name.

The spirit of One Namibia, One Nation

5. In that same spirit of togetherness, I want to reflect on a truth that is at the heart of our democracy and our national identity: regardless of religion, denomination, or belief, we are ONE PEOPLE.
6. Our country is blessed with so many rich and diverse cultures and traditions.
7. And yet still, we share one flag and one Constitution. Our diversity should never be a reason for division. It must be our biggest source of strength.
8. As Namibians, regardless of your background, colour, culture or any other factor, we are bound by a common love for this beautiful Namibia and our shared responsibility to build it together.
9. The values we learn in church, those of compassion, truth, humility and justice, these are the very same values that define our public life and national policies.

The Power and Promise of Young People

10. I am especially moved today by the presence and participation of so many young people in this congregation. To see the youth raising their voices in worship and taking part in the life of the church is a very powerful sight.
11. It is a sign of a church that is alive, a church that is relevant and a church that is investing in the future.

12. Young people, I say to you the following: you are not too young to lead, and you are never too young to serve. The strength of our Namibia, lies not only in our minerals or land or economy, but in the character and conviction of its youth.
13. When young people choose the path of faith and purpose then our nation will rise!
14. And in this age of uncertainty and peer pressure, I want to commend you, the leadership of REACH Namibia, for being a sanctuary of guidance and hope for our young people. This consecration of The Reverend Nelson Nghifikepunye Nakevondjo, BTH as Bishop Suffragan of REACH-Namibia has brought us here today as Namibians from all walks of life and from various denominations. Congratulations to our youthful Bishop Nakevondjo, BTH and effectively a Bornfree Bishop, because he was born in 1990!
15. One of the terms of reference that the President gave to the Prime Minister is to work closely with civil society inclusive of churches. Therefore, as the Namibian Government, we too have a duty to partner with faith communities to provide spaces of opportunity and dignity for our young people. That means providing quality education, decent jobs, affordable housing, and above all: a society that believes in its youth.

Caring for One Another

16. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus tells us that what we do for the least among us, we do for Him. In Galatians, the Bible also teaches us to “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

17. What a powerful call to action. And it is not just for the church, but for the whole nation. This verse speaks directly to the kind of society we must continue building in Namibia, one where no person is left behind, no family is forgotten and no struggle is ignored.
18. Caring means not turning a blind eye to poverty. It means not closing our hearts to the cries of the vulnerable or the downtrodden, whether it is the elderly who live in isolation, the unemployed parent struggling to feed a family, or the child who walks a long distance just to get to school or access water and sanitation or a health facility. We are only as strong as the compassion we show to one another.
19. As SWAPO Party Government, we are committed to strengthening our support to families, improving access to quality healthcare, education, sanitation and water as well as fighting inequality in all its forms.
20. But Government cannot do this alone. It takes all of us including churches, businesses, civil society, and individuals – each one of us.

A New Chapter Under Our First Female President

21. President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has made unity the central pillar of her vision. She has called upon all Namibians to “unite for shared prosperity.” And this is not just a slogan, but it is our mission.
22. Her Excellency has reminded us that unity is not simply about tolerance. It is about genuine inclusion, justice and indeed, shared dignity.
23. As the Prime Minister, I fully support this call. And I believe that the church can be one of the strongest vehicles of unity in our society.

When we pray together and build together, there is no mountain we cannot climb.

Conclusion

Let us walk forward together, not as strangers, not as competitors, but as one people under God. Let our homes be filled with peace. Let our churches overflow with love. Let our nation shine with unity. May the words of **Matthew 18:20** always remind us that even when we are few, God is still present. He is walking with us, strengthening us and calling us to a higher purpose.

May God bless you. May God bless REACH Namibia. And may God bless our beloved Republic of Namibia.

I thank you.