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Ho lelapa la ha Motaung, ba lesika le bohle ba amanang le lona

Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi

Ketapele ya African National Congress

Bomajoro, Makhanselara, Basebetsi, Bomme le Bontate,

Ke dumela Evankgeding e reng nako e teng ya ho jala le yona nako ya ho kotula, mme nako ena e fihlile ho rona kajeno.

Ke dumela hape hore Modimo o re nehile bophelo, mme ke yena ya fupereng sephiri sa letsatsi la bofelo la e mong le e mong wa rona. Ke dumela hore Modimo ke yena ya re nehang le yona thabo le maswabi ka ho tshwana, e le hore re tle re tsebe hobane o a phela.

E, ke a dumela hape hore Modimo o tla ntaela le ho fihlela ditshiung tsa ho qetela tsa bophelo ba ka. Ke a dumela hobane ke Modimo ya tla lebisa maoto a ka botjhabela ho tsota kganya ya letsatsi le ho ntadimisa Bophirima hore ke phomole moalong wa mohau wa hae.

Polelo e tlwaelehileng ya Katolike e re: “Ke ya tseba hoba ke tla shwa empa feela ha ke tsebe hore ke tla shwa neng, le hore ke tla shwella kae, le hore ke tla shwa jwang.” Athe haele monna wa mahlomola le ditsietsi e leng Jobo wa Bibeleng o hlalosa bophelo ba rona bo le

jwaloka palesa e melang hantle ka ho kgaba empa ha letsatsi le dikela e be e ya pona botle ba yona bo fele.

Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi ke lakatsa ho fetisa matshediso a senang moedi le kgothatso lapeng la ha Motaung motsotsong ona o mahlonoko. Ena ke tsela ya bophelo, ke tsela eo bohle re tlang ho feta ho yona. E se eka Modimo a ka re fa kutlwisiso hore sena se hlahileng kajeno ha se hobane Modimo a sa re rate empa e le hobane Modimo o lekanyaditse motho e mong le e mong nako ya ho phela ha hae lefatsheng.

Modimo o re behile lefatsheng ho tlotlisa mesebetsi ya hae, mme ha nako e fihlile ya hore a re biletse ho yena, re lokela ho amohela leha ho le thata. Ke Modimo ya hotetsang tlhase ya bophelo, mme ke yena Ramasedi ka ho tshwana ya tsebang le ho laola pheletso ya bophelo. Ke yena Modimo ya tsebang ha re se re phethile tema ya bophelo. O re nehile bophelo, o re nehile matla le bohlale tseo ka tsona re lokelang ho mo tlotlisa ha re sa phela. Kajeno re kopane mona hobane Modimo a se a bileditse ho yena enwa ngwanabo rona – Tshepo Alexius Motaung.

Bomme le Bontate, jwalekaha e le mona re tlilo felehetsa mosebeletsi ya hlwahlwa wa Setereke sa Thabo Mofutsanyana pelo tsa rona di hlomohile empa ka lehlakoreng le leng re tlilo ho keteka bophelo ba Tshepo Motaung boo a bo phetsheng ka ho itella setjhaba sa Thabo Mofutsanyana. Tsena tsohle Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi, di etsahala nakong eo African National Congress e ketekang le yona mme e keteka dilemo tse lekgolo le metso e mmedi (102) e thehilwe. Nakong eo e neng e thehwa ka di 8 January 1912 baholo-holo ba rona ba ile ba bina sefela se reng: “Le zalise idinga lakho Thixo, Nkosi ye nyaniso.” Ba ile ba bina sefela sena e le ha ba rapela hore Modimo o pethahatse tshepiso ya wona ya tokoloho,

mme re leboha ke hona hore selemo sena re keteka dilemo tse mashome a mabedi (20) a tokoloho.

Ke bua tjena African National Congress yohle e kopane mane Mpumalanga ho keteka le hona ho betla metjha bakeng sa dikgetho tsa naha tsa selemong sena. Ke ka hona re tlamehileng ho etsa bonnete ba hore tokoloho ena eo African National Congress e re lwanetseng yona re ya e baballa ha e wele matsohong a sele. Ke tokoloho eo rona bohle ekasitan le yena Tshepo a unneng molemo ho yona. Ke tokoloho eo Tshepo a neng a e sebeletsa ka thata ho netefatsa hore melao le ditsamaiso (policies and systems) tse tlisitsweng ke yona di kena tshebetsong, jwaleka yona Integrated Development Plan eo a neng a e tsamaisa.

Fellow mourners, today death has robbed us of one of our brightest and sharpest minds. Today, death has robbed us of one of our shining stars and highly ethical professional characters. Tshepo Motaung was certainly a good mannered, humble and respectful gentleman. And I believe he has touched many lives and a lot of people are saddened by his sudden death. It just seems so unfair for someone so bright, so strong, so young and so full of promises.

To uplift the spirits of the family of Motaung at this time of a sad loss of their beloved son, brother, father, partner and a friend, allow me to quote the words of Poet Walt Whitman as he said:

"Weep not, child,
Weep not, my darling,
With these kisses let me remove your tears;
The ravening clouds shall not long be victorious,
They shall not long possess the sky--shall devour the stars only in
apparition:
Jupiter shall emerge--be patient--watch again another night--the

Pleiades shall emerge,
They are immortal--all those stars, both silvery and golden, shall
shine out again,
The great stars and the little ones shall shine out again--they endure;
The vast immortal suns, and the long-enduring pensive moons, shall
again shine."

Kgothalang Bataung le lona basebetsi ba Setereke sa Thabo
Mofutsanyana hoba letsatsi le tla boela le tjhaba mme kgotso ya
Modimo e boele e rene hape dipelong tsa lona.

Programme Director, here before us lies the still body of a humble
man with a big heart and great thoughts, son of the soil, a loyal and
committed servant of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality, a
brother, a friend, a father, a fellow worker and a true comrade. Not
so long ago he walked among us a giant, a vibrant expression of life
itself.

His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature
might stand up and say to the world, 'THIS WAS THE MAN' by
William Shakespeare.

Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to state with conviction that Tshepo
Motaung was a fearless manager, a visionary and strategist, who was
open-minded, progressive, proficient and apt. In his role as the IDP
manager of the Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality he so
excellently served as an interface between the politicians,
management, local municipalities and the community. Our lament
about his loss is perpetuated by the knowledge that in him, we have
lost a person of value who had acquired an extensive knowledge and
experience in local government.

The late former State President Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela once said: “In history each individual makes his or her unique contribution. But that contribution is reshaped by the input of others to become recognizable on its own, yet some contributions stand out as monuments, precisely because the individuals responsible do not fear to differ, they do not wilt at the slightest sign of divergence.”

Programme Director, true to these words of Tata Madiba, at the bottom of his heart every man knows well enough that he is a unique being, only once on this earth; and by no extraordinary chance will such a marvelously picturesque piece of diversity in unity as he is, ever be put together a second time.

It is an undoubted fact that we were born to live once and hence this life presents us with a chance and opportunity to make immense contributions in our own unique and extraordinary ways. It is our chance to do the best we can as long as well.

Although Tshepo Motaung is no more, his unique and sterling contributions to the development of our communities will be forever etched on our minds.

Rona ke hore jwale re ntshetse pele ka botshepehi le ka boitelo mesebetsi e metle eo a neng a se a e qadile. Ke hore re ahe ka bokgabane hodima metheo eo a neng a se a e radile, mme re tswele pele ka metjha eo a neng a se a butse.

Ke hore hape re nne re bohe ka ho tsota botle ba mesebetsi yohle a e phethetseng ka bokgabane le dintle tsohle tseo a di entseng ka bokgabane.

Fellow mourners in a few moment's time we will say the final words: "dust to dust" to lay this lifeless body in its final place. However, the spirit of Tshepo Motaung will live forever with amongst us.

Re kopa ke hona hore Modimo a boloke moya wa hae. Modimo o tshedise lelapa le setjhaba ka kakaretso.

Ke rata ho qotsa mongodi Anil Kumar ha a re: "Life is the temporary. The body is a sort of a hotel. One cannot stay in a hotel forever. It is just a place to stay temporarily for inconvenience. Our life is like ice which melts within a period of time. The purpose of the body is to take us to our destination. Our destination is the place of our origin. A human being is from God he/she has to go back to God."

Ke qetelle ka ho qotsa bukeng ya dibuka Jeremia 15 verse 16
mantswe a reng: "Mantswe a hao ha a mphihlela, ke itjeletse ona,
mantswe a hao ho nna ebile thabo le nyakallo pelong ya ka hobane
ho rapetswe lebitso la hao hodima ka"

E se eka Modimo Ntate a ka ba le lona mme a le hauhele a boele a le kgantshetse sefahleho, a le fe kgotso le thabo kamehla le mehla.

Ke ya leboha.