



International Saint John Church Wedding Celebration



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FOREVER AND ALWAYS: THE NAKANE'S TIE THE KNOT!



Vision of the Church:

*Go into the world to lead all who are willing into a mature relationship with Jesus Christ through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28: 18-20; Luke 9:23-26; Acts 2:37-47; 1 Peter 4:10-11).*

Mission of the Church:

To be a great representative for the name of Christ in our church and, more importantly, our doors, reaching out to those beyond the church, agree to be “above reproach” so that world will see, hear, and respond to the grace of Jesus Christ.

Core Values:

1. *Godliness and Spiritually (we will conduct ourselves in Godly manner)*
(2 Corinthians 1:12-16)
2. *Empathy (compassion and caring in action) (Galatians 6:2)*
3. *Needs driven (Philippians 4:19)*
4. *Excellence (strive for excellence in all areas of Christianity)*
(2 Corinthians 8:7)
5. *Selflessness (serve selflessly) (Mark 10:45)*
6. *Integrity (serve with integrity, Adhering to morale and principles)*
(Proverbs 11:3)
7. *Servant leadership (Matthew 20:25-28 and Mark 10:42-45)*



On Sunday, the 7th of September 2025, the International St John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church joyfully gathered to celebrate the holy union of Pastor Nakane and Evangelist Nakane. After 18 years of being together, the couple officially registered their marriage at Home Affairs on the 22nd of August 2025, they chose to honor God and celebrate their covenant before the congregation, their families, and the presence of our leaders through a sacred wedding celebration at the church. This occasion was filled with love, thanksgiving, and the acknowledgement that marriage is a gift ordained by God. The ceremony was marked by powerful readings from Scripture, reminding all in attendance of the divine foundation of marriage. The passages included 1 Peter 3:6–8, which speaks to humility, honor, and unity in marriage; Proverbs 18:22, reminding us that "he who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord"; Ephesians 5:22–24, highlighting the covenant of love and respect within marriage; and Genesis 24:22, which reflects the blessing and commitment that comes with a God-ordained union. These scriptures created a spiritual anchor for the celebration, grounding it in the timeless wisdom of God's Word.

Family members of both Pastor and Evangelist Nakane were present to support and witness this special milestone. Their presence added warmth and intimacy to the day, affirming that marriage is not only a bond between husband and wife but also a union that unites families together. The atmosphere was filled with joy, praise, and the sounds of celebration as the congregation shared in the happiness of this momentous occasion. Special recognition was also given to Reverend Simon Lerapego and Lady Reverend Annah Lerapego, close friends of the couple from St John Apostolic Faith Mission Church from Brazavill, who traveled to be part of the celebration. Their attendance not only demonstrated the bond of fellowship between different branches of the church, but also provided spiritual support to the newlyweds. They, together with our own church leaders, offered heartfelt words of advice, encouragement, and congratulations. Among those who spoke blessings and counsel were Reverend and Lady Reverend Lekoape, Reverend and Lady Reverend Ntsana, and our esteemed leaders, Bishop and Lady Bishop Gcebe. These words of wisdom were delivered in front of the entire congregation, reminding all present of the seriousness of the marriage covenant and the joy of walking in God's plan.



A significant highlight of the day was the role played by our beloved leaders, the Bishop and Lady Bishop Gcebe, who blessed the couple and officially presented them with marriage certificates. Alongside the certificate received at Home Affairs, the church provided them with a special certificate of marriage, signifying the recognition and covering of the church over their union. Furthermore, Pastor and Evangelist Nakane also signed the church's marriage register, officially recording their covenant before God and His people. This act was particularly historic, as they became the very first couple to be married

in our church, marking a milestone that will be remembered for generations to come.

The congregation rejoiced in the testimony of this union, celebrating not only the love between Pastor and Evangelist Nakane but also the faithfulness of God in bringing them together. Their decision to celebrate their marriage within the church stands as an example to all, showing the importance of building relationships upon the foundation of Christ. As a church family, we give thanks to the Lord for guiding and blessing them, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Nakane family.



The International Saint John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church regards this day as a historic and blessed occasion. We celebrate with Pastor and Evangelist Nakane, praying that their marriage will continue to grow in love, strength, and faith. On behalf of the church, we extend our warm regards, blessings, and support to the newlyweds, trusting that the Lord will continue to be the center of their journey together.



