



MANDLA

TWO JOURNEYS, ONE DESTINATION

—by Tiyo Claassen

Since the legalisation of abortion in 2007, the number of teens terminating a pregnancy has doubled. According to stats, counsellors and clinics experience a spike in young girls seeking abortions at the beginning of each school year (as they have time on their hands and

circumstances, must make a decision that will change many lives and bear eternal consequences.

An unexpected pregnancy...

Having succumbed to the peer pressure to have sex with boys, a young Fiona is

whelmed when she sees the heartbeat and tiny body on the screen. Contrary to what she had read, thought or heard, it isn't a 'blob' of tissue, cells and blood, but already a little person with a soul.

Saved in the nick of time

In a parallel story, Mandla, a young Zulu man who enjoys worldly pleasures (even though he had been taught about Christianity by his grandmother when he was much younger), finds himself in a community dominated by alcohol, fighting and guns. Rushed to hospital after a random shooting, Mandla is told that he must undergo an emergency operation to save his life. With slim chance of survival, he is led to repentance and talked through a sincere prayer of salvation by his doctor in the Emergency Operating Theatre.

A 'miracle' production!

Recorded in just four days, this film, with its honest portrayal of the consequences of sin and an underlying theme of hope in the midst of problems, aims at leading audiences to repentance and salvation through Jesus Christ. The life-changing message

and plot is inspired by incidents in the African rural hospitals where Dr. Servaise de Kock practices as a general surgeon. His passion for the Lord and for helping others motivated him to spread Christian values through film. With a limited budget and little time for filming and editing, the producers believe the making of 'MANDLA' is nothing short of a miracle.

The temptation to abort

A day short of visiting a clinic, Fiona conveys her dilemma to her best friend, indicating that she wants an abortion. The friend (a nurse) tries to convince Fiona that there is a fully developed little person inside her who deserves a chance at living. Persuaded to have a scan, Fiona is over-

not much to do during the year end vacation). Moved by the sad state of affairs, a Christian director and production company decided to make a film addressing the abortion issue, as well as societal problems plaguing rural communities (like alcoholism and rampant violence).

A film with a powerful message

The newly released 'MANDLA' is a tale of hope, truth and salvation. Directed by Servaise de Kock, the film tells the story of two young people, Mandla and Fiona, who when confronted with a difficult set of cir-



This film is a helpful resource for churches, social workers and Christian counsellors

ing production was strong evidence of the Lord's presence, guidance and provision", writes Naas le Roux, the director of Kerugma Productions (who recently released the film).

Produced in faith

Kerugma Productions, better known for producing the 'Exploring the Lands of the Bible' DVD series with Dr. Randall Smith, is a faith-based company spreading the Gospel of Jesus through media produc-

Media evangelism

Shortly before shooting the emergency



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operation scene, a real life trauma case was wheeled in to the theatre and -with the patient's consent - the operation was filmed and could be used in the movie. This was not the only 'real' part of the film. Actual doctors and nurses were asked to step in and act certain parts, while the main characters in the film were all Christians with whom Dr de Kock is associated.

Raw and touching portrayals of traumatic moments were all filmed without the actors having any prior acting experience - a bold move in to media evangelism. "The way things fell in to place dur-

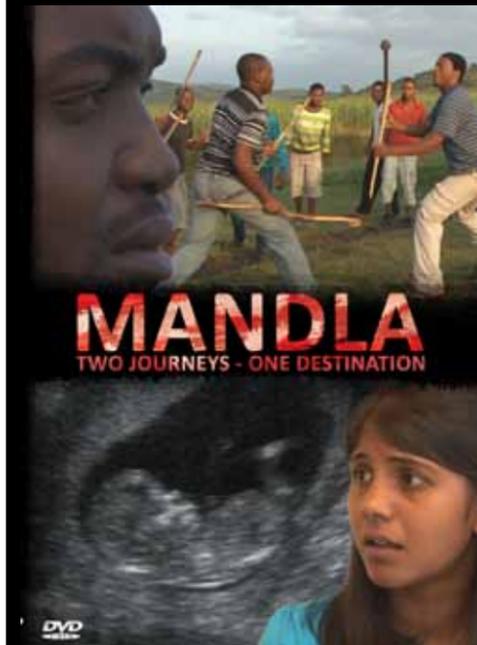
tions. The word kerugma is in fact Greek for 'the message which is preached or proclaimed'. "It is our hope that this pro-life film will touch many people and save the lives of many precious unborn children in South Africa and further afield", writes Naas le Roux. ■

Special Offer!

As the company's first evangelical film, 'Mandla' is offered at R10 per DVD when purchasing a ten-pack. The trailer can also be viewed on www.kerugma.pro

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