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#### The story of a brave Henning daughter

We'd like to believe that many Hennings watched the program "Met 'n Huppel in die Stap" on 12 August 2020 on the DsTV channel on KykNET. In this episode the Henning Family League was also discussed. Several people contacted the league secretary, Olivier Henning, after the episode was aired, to tell us about their families and interesting experiences.

One of these people was Isabell Vorster from Ghanzi Botswana. She tells us that her maiden name was Henning but her father, Gert Frans Henning, died when she was about 10 years old. He died shortly after marrying his third wife in April 1985. Her stepmother, and the man that she married after the death of her father, adopted her and her younger sister Adri Zelda.

After that she did not have much contact with her Henning family, and she has only limited knowledge of her Henning family. She knows that her mother's names were Susanna Maria (born Holtzhausen) and that she was the second wife of her father.



a2.b7.c13.d1.e1.f1. Gert Frans Henning \*24 March 1929 and his third wife, Frieda Maria Lombaard (born Lemcke) and his two daughters from his second marriage, Isabell Elizabeth (right) and Adri Zelda on their marriage day. He died a month later

They were divorced in 1980, when Isabell was about four years old.

Isabell also knows that her father had two children, Johan (Johannes Francois) and Ronel, with his first wife. Unfortunately, she doesn't know the name of the first wife or the full names and birth particulars of Ronel. Isabell has no contact with them.

Isabell remembers that her father passed away about a month after his third marriage, with Frieda Maria Lombard (born Lemcke). She was able to calculate that it had to be around April 1929. She also knows that her father served in the Army in Potchefstroom and she has a picture of him in uniform with a medal that he was awarded after the Second World War. Her father's medal is mounted in a frame with another identical medal awarded to a J L Henning.

With the user-friendly database of our Henning Family Chronicle, I was able to quickly determine that Gert Frans Henning is a2.b7.c13.d1.e1.f1. Gert Frans Henning, born 24 March 1929, the son of Johannes Lodewyk Henning, born 16 January 1905 and his wife Andries Zagaria (born Kock), born 6 August 1910.

Thus, the second medal in the frame belonged to the father of Gert Frans, Johannes Lodewyk Henning, who served in the SA Army in North Africa during the Second World War where he was involved in several intense battles which left him suffering from shell shock. He was stationed in Potchefstroom, which is also where his oldest son, Gert Frans, joined the army shortly after his sixteenth birthday. After his basic training he was trained as an instructor, which was more or less at the same time as the end of the war.



awarded to Johannes Lodewyk Henning \*16-1-1905. On the right, the same medal awarded to his son Gert Frans \*24-3-1929

We deduce that Gert Frans Henning must have resigned from the Army shortly before, or after, his marriage to Frieda Lombaard (born Lemcke) in March 1984 and moved to Vanderbijlpark with his two young daughters. He died about a month after the wedding. Frieda Henning was left on her own with the two little Frieda. however. girls. decided to keep the two girls with her and when

she and Mathys Johannes (Thys) Smit decided to get married, the couple adopted Isabell and Adri and brought them up as their own children. They are thus the only parents whom Isabell and Adri really knew.

Frieda's family lived in Ghanzi, Botswana. So, when she and Thys got married, they travelled to Botswana for the winter holidays every year. Ghanzi is more or less in the middle of Botswana which is about three hour's drive from Gobabis in Namibia. This world and its people are very close to Isabell's heart. In her matric year Isabell met Jan Hendrik Vorster at a rugby match in Ghanzi. In those days a rugby match was a big event in Ghanzi.

After matric Isabell completed a secretarial diploma and shortly afterward, she married Jan Hendrik Vorster in 1993. With only a few possessions and her cat she then moved to Ghanzi. It is a harsh, dry and very hot part of the world with vast distances between places. A place that appreciates when the rains do come.

Her husband, Jan Vorster, passed away on 13 December 2008, from Hepatitis A, after a short illness. Isabell was left behind at the age of 33 with a son of 10 years old and a daughter of seven. She too was only ten when her father died. However, she had to bite her lip and take of the management of the cattle and the farm.

As she said: It is only with blessings from above that she managed it all successfully. During 2011 she and a cousin of Jan, Stefanus Hendrik Vorster (Steven) decided to get married. Today they have a commercial cattle farm with three cattle studs which they own and manage. Isabell says that, to this day, she has no regrets for finding herself in Ghanzi, Botswana.



Isabell and Steven Vorster and her daughter, Isabella at the Botswana National Show in Gaborone where their stud animal were on display There are still a few loose threads in our story of a brave Henning daughter, but we hope that, with some further investigation, we will be able to find more information.

The 1985 death registers, which we need to confirm specific details of Gert Frans Henning's life, are kept in the offices of the Master of the Supreme Court in the centre of Pretoria. Unfortunately, there is no parking nearby, it is very unsafe. and the public servants are very unpleasant to deal with. So, we are looking for someone who would be prepared to find the

register for us. Volunteers can contact me by email at <u>olie4@henning.org</u> or on 028 840 0113 or cell phone 082 355 3801 to get the information of the required register.

The names, Gert Frans and Johannes Lodewyk, played a very important role in the history of this branch of the Henning family. Consecutive generations had these names:

a2.b7.Gert Frans Henning \*1-4-1785, seventh child of the progenitor Pieter Hendrik Henning.

a2.b7.c13.Johannes Lodewyk Henning \*21-9-1847, thirteenth child of Gert Frans a2.b7.c13.d1.Gert Frans Henning \*2-6-1871, first child of Johannes Lodewyk a2.b7.c13.d1.e1.Johannes Lodewyk Henning \* 16-1-1904, first child of Gert Frans a2.b7.c13.d1.e1.f1.Gert Frans Henning \*24-3-1929, first child of Johannes Lodewyk Gert Frans Henning \*24-3-1929, was the first in the family not to name his son after his father.

Lastly we want to share a few comments made by Isabell: "I find it ironic that the lost little girl is the one to update her father's family register. I always thought that my father's other family would do it. I find it sad that my father's branch was not updated while we were still alive – even if it is daughters and granddaughters.

I have to admit that, when I reached out to you, I did not really expect that you would be able to find my brother and sisters in the Henning Family Tree but I was pleasantly surprised ... thank you very much for your willingness to help me. I can't thank you enough ...".



Kosie Henning of Harrismith on his second birthday, 29 August 2020

# A parent's love

We read on the "Dopperdagboek" Facebook page what Carlizé Henning, the wife of a2.b6.c4.d.e5.g6.h3.i3. Ds Jacobus Adriaan Gerhardus (Kosie) Henning from the Gereformeerde Church Harrismith, wrote of their little boy, also Kosie, on his second birthday on 29 August 2020:

Today this little covenant child is two years old.

I don't have to say much more than the photo. That someone at your age can already have so much love. Sometimes you push mommy and daddy to the extremes, but then, we love you to the extremes.

Our call to raise you to honour the Lord is invaluable. Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate. *PSALM 127:3 - 5* 

# The Henning families from the farms, Het Kamp, Palmietfontein, Klipkop and Spitskop, in the Zastron district

In this newsletter we would like to talk a bit more about the interesting history of a2.b1.c3.d7.e4 Hermanus Johannes Henning, who was born on the 2nd of June 1867 on the farm Elandshoek in the Aliwal-North district, and his wife Elizabeth Anna, born on the 4th of December 1870. Elizabeth Anna's maiden name was also Henning and her genealogical number in the family register is a2.b1.c6.d3.e4.



a2.b1.c3.d7.e4. Hermanus Johannes Henning \*June 2, 1867 and his wife Elizabeth Anna, born Henning, \*4-12-1870. They were excellent examples of the building blocks used to build the Boer nation

Although Hermanus Henning was born on the farm Elandshoek his parents, Daniël Stephanus Albertus Henning (a2.b1.c3.d7.) and Heiltjie Johanna Steyn, moved across the Orange River a few years later to establish themselves on a farm, they named HET KAMP, in the area that later became known as Zastron.

The name, Het Kamp, originated from the fact that it was the place where a Boer camp stood at the foot of the mountain Vechtkop, where the Basutu people were finally defeated at the end of the second Basutu war.

Between 1858 and 1868 the three border wars raged between the young republic of the Orange Free State and Basutuland of Mosjesh. It goes without saying that Daniël Henning was a member of all the commandos that defended the Republic against Mosjesh and his warriors.

Hermanus grew up on Het Kamp. As a young boy he had to stand guard on the Basutu border close to Het Kamp since there was still a danger of attacks against the farmers of the young republic.

On one of the neighbouring farms

near Het Kamp -the farm Palmietfontein – lived another Henning family, a2.b1.c6.d3. Pieter Hendrik Henning and his wife Maria Elizabeth Botha and their children. Pieter Hendrik Henning was a cousin of Daniël Stephanus Albertus Henning. Their daughter, Elzabeth Anna Henning, born 4 December 1870, and Hermanus knew one another well as children. She was only three years younger than him so surely the two young people felt attracted to one another in time.

On 12 November 1889 the twenty-two-year old Hermanus Johannes Henning and the nineteen year old Elizabeth Anna Henning decided to get married. Shortly afterwards, Hermanus acquired his own farm, Spitzkop, in the same area.

a2.b1.c6.d3. Pieter Hendrik Henning also took part in the Basutu wars and was one of the volunteers when Thaba Bosigo was stormed. He was present when Kmdt Louw Wepener died. He was also present when the Basutu were finally defeated at the end of the second Basutu war at Vechtkop in the district of Zastron – i.e. on the farm of his daughter's parents in law.



a2.b1.c6.d3. Pieter Hendrik Henning \*30-7-1840 and his second wife, Maartjie Elizabeth Jacoba (born Naude). He was a staunch stalwart of his country

In 1865 the Basutu attacked the house of Pieter Hendrik's parents at Klipkop, Rouxville. Although the few men who present were bravely resisted the attack. the Basutu still burned the house down. During the attack, a certain Botha was killed and Pieter Hendrik suffered some assegai stabs.

Hermanus Johannes Henning also took part in the Anglo-Boer War 1899 -1902 and was one who fought to the end. He first

served under Kmdt (later Genl) J H Olivier and later under Kmdt W D Fouché. His house and all his possessions were destroyed by the British forces during the war.

During the time that the English began to place the Boer women and children in concentration camps, his wife Elizabeth was living on the farm Vaalbank in the Aliwal North district. At one point she drove into town with a wagon and four oxen.

The English took possession of her oxen and detained her. After being detained for a week, and being begged to let her go, they released her on bail for £500 (pound). She immediately returned to the farm. On arrival at the farm she was met by the commando of Kmdt W D Fouché, of which her husband was a member. Since she did not want to return to camp, she joined the commando on horseback. Her husband found accommodation for her with a Kruger family in the Burgersdorp district, where she remained until after the peace.

After the war, Hermanus Johannes Henning not only had to rebuild everything on the farm from scratch, but he also had to take care of his father, mother, three brothers and five sisters and two orphans, until everyone could make their own existence.

Hermanus Henning's wife, Elizabeth Anna died on their farm Spitskop on 3 April 1950 at the age of 79 years and four months, while he himself also died on Spitskop on 7 August 1960 at the age of 93 years, two months and five days.

After his wife's death in 1950, Hermanus Henning married to the widow Susan van der Merwe in 1951.

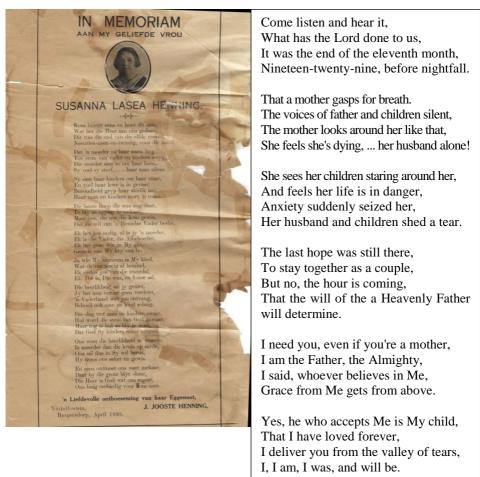
These families are among the building blocks of the Afrikaner nation.

# A loving poem in memory of his wife

Recently, this document came into our possession. It is a loving poem by the mourning a2.b6.c1.d3.e4.f2. Joseph Jooste Henning \* 13-10-1883 after the death of his dear wife, Susanna Lasea (born Henning) on 29 November 1929.

The love for his wife and the pain he experienced is clearly reflected in the poem.

Jooste Henning, as he was called, was a community leader and one of the most respected men in Burgerdorp and the surrounding area at the beginning of the twentieth century. We tried to translate his poem.



You will enjoy the glory, You have no more sorrow now, A father's hand receiving you, Also protect husband and child for so long.

The blow hits man and children hard,	And once we meet again,
They perceive the voice of God,	There at the great rejoicing crowd,
But still they are so glad to know,	The Lord is God who rules us,
That God never forgets His children.	We bow reverently to Him.
We know the value of glory, Is greater than the cross on earth, We will therefore rest in His will, He certainly comforts us.	A loving release from her Husband, J. JOOSTE HENNING, Vinkelfontein, Burgersdorp, April 1930

## Love and Sorrow for Former Kimberley Family

Gerhard Thomas Henning (a2.b1.c6.d1.e1.f2.g1.h2.), \* 4 July 1981 from Centurion informed us of two events - one joyful and the other sad - that his family experienced during June 2020.

It was with great joy that Gerhard and his wife Vanessa welcomed their second daughter on 11 June 2020. She will bear the name, Una Liviya Henning.

25 June 2020 however, was a very sad day when Gerhard's mother, Deïrdré Memory (born Schoeman) died of cancer at the age of 62 and six months. It was a day



a2.b1.c6.d1.e1.f2.g1. Gerhardus Stefanis (Gerhard) Henning \*24-6-1956 and his wife, Deïrdré. He died September 1st, 2019 and she 25 June 2020

after her dear husband, Gerhardus Stefanis Henning would have celebrated his birthday. However, he passed away last year on September 1, 2019.

Deïrdré spent her childhood in Kroonstad and Pietermaritzburg where her father, TIP Schoeman, was an artisan and later a captain in the prison service.

Her mother, Sylvia, grew up in Dealesville in the Free State where thev farmed where This is Gerhard. Deïrdré met Deïrdré's uncle, a farmer from Dealesville, introduced Gerhard to Deïrdré. Gerhard worked at the cooperative on Dealesville.

The love between

them was kept alive with many handwritten letters while Gerhard did military service and later had to go to the "border". In later years, they lived with their two children, Gerhard Jnr (son) and Maricelle (daughter), in various towns in the Free State as Central West Cooperative needed Gerhard. The towns included Venstersburg, Wesselsbron and Kroonstad.

They later moved to Hartswater in the Northern Cape where both children matriculated and both parents worked at the co-operative. Throughout the years, Gerhard has practiced his hobby of collecting and restoring old cars and spending a lot of time in their beautiful garden.

Deïrdré's hobbies included pottery and sewing and she had a great love for dogs. In 2001, Gerhard got a job at GWK in Kimberley (the only time Gerhard ever changed employer) and he and Deïrdré moved there. Deïrdré has since worked for



a2.b1.c6.d1.e1.f2.g1.h2 Gerhard Thomas Henning \*4-7-1981, his wife, Vanessa and their two daughters, Leia \*2017 and Una born 11 June 2020 several years as a manager of a Battery Center in Kimberley.

In 2008, their daughter, Maricelle, sadly passed away at the age of 28, from systemic sclerosis after being ill for three years.

Gerhard and Deïrdré became grandparents for the first time in 2017 when their son, Gerhard and his wife, Vanessa, had a daughter named Leia. After they both retired in 2019, they decided to move closer to their grandchild and were in the process of moving to Hartbeespoort in the North West.

Gerhard passed away on 1 September 2019 due to heart failure a few months before they were to move. Deïrdré decided to

still move on her own, but died just ten months later after a long battle with cancer that had come and gone over the years. She passed away just 2 weeks after the

birth of their second granddaughter, Una, whom she unfortunately never met because Deïrdré was already in the hospital which had strict rules for visitors due to Covid-19. Her son, Gerhard, was at her side during her last few days before she passed away on June 25, 2020, just one day after what would have been Gerhard's birthday.



Covid-Pandemic time. Everybody must wear a mask at the baptism ceremony on 13 September 2020 of Andreas Henning \*8-5-2020. Conrad and Barinda Henning with their two older boys, Corné \*8-12-2010 and Werner \*23-4-2013. Reverend Thinus van Staden on the right

## **Another Baby**

Corrie Henning, widow of the late a2.b5.c1.d5.e3.f1.g1.h2. Jan Andries Henning of Montana, Pretoria reported that her son Conrad and his wife, Barinda welcomed their third baby boy, Andreas on 8 May 2020.

Due to the Covid pandemic the baptism ceremony on Sunday 13 September 2020 at the Reformed Church (Hervormde Kerk), Montana was almost like a masked ball.

Conrad is employed by the investment company, Franchise Co in Sinoville, Pretoria, while Barinda is a Geography teacher at Crawford College, Pretoria.



Maria Magdalena (Marie) Henning (born Du Plessis) and her husband, b5.c4.d4.e1.f1.g3.h4. Petrus Louis (Peet) Henning. She died in excruciating pain on 25 June 2020

# Deaths

Maria Magdalena Henning (born Du Plessis, born 16 January 1959). We have been informed of the death of Maria Magdalena (Marie) Henning (born Du Plessis) on 25 June 2020. She was wife the of b5.c4.d4.e1.f1.g3.h4. Petrus Louis (Peet) Henning, born 27 April 1956 from George along the Garden Route in the Western Cape.

Marie was bedridden, on and off, for three years due to severe arteritis. She was in excruciating pain 24 hours a day and was treated with

morphine. Two weeks before her death, she had a stimulator implanted in her brain to

reduce the pain. It, unfortunately, aggravated her pain and the pain was unbearable. Her heart gave in and she died in the arms of her husband Peet.

Marie grew up in Krugersdorp where she matriculated. She was later in charge of the administrative department of the Accident & Emergency Department of Paardekraal Hospital. She resigned when Peet was transferred to George in 1996.

She was a top chef making the most delicious farm dishes, puddings, sewing, tailoring for her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Peet, daughters Isabel and her husband Jacques Fourie, and Annelize and her husband Jannes Strydom, and granddaughter Catherine Fourie

Martha Jacoba Henning (born Botha) \* Witbank 2-1-1949. Marthie passed away on August 1, 2020 in Meyerton.

b1.c6.d8.e8.f7. Pieter Oelof Henning \* 27-9-1944 was married three times and survived all three of his wives. He and his first wife, Josina Elizabeth (born Black), were married in 1970 and she died in 1983. He then married Cornelia Jacoba (born Strydom) who died in 1988.



b1.c6.d8.e8.f7. Pieter Oelof Henning \* 27-9-1944, his wife , Marthie \*2-1-1949 and their great grand child, Aliska Glober – grand-child of Pieter's daughter Alida. Pieter and Marthie was married for 30 years and were real soalmates. Marthie died August 1st 2020 In 1990 he married for the third time - to Martha Jacoba (Marthie) (born Botha). He and Marthie were married for thirty years.

She grew up in Witbank. Pieter met her through one of his work friends. She was living in Vanderbijlpark at the time and was divorced. During January 1989 she moved in with Pieter and his children and they were married in 1990.

Pieter's daughter, Linda, who went out of her way to help us reconstruct her father and all his siblings' families, says that Marthie and

her father had a wonderful life together. She was a housewife and her father worked hard. They were best friends and life partners.

She was part of their lives for thirty-one years - "The mother we had the longest and the best for us."

They have been living at Askew Road, Homelands Meyerton, for the last twenty-four years. Linda says she did not know much about mother Marthie's parents. "They died long before our time." Marthie had five children from her previous marriage and she and father Pieter had no children. She had a heart attack in the early hours of July 28, 2020. She did not fully recover and then passed away on Saturday 1 August 2020 14h45. She was 71 years and 6 months old.

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We will always remember her in our hearts and the good times we had with her for thirty-one years. My dad will always remember her as his best partner. She always stood by him and helped with fishing, planting vegetables, and raising pigeons and chickens. They enjoyed life together so much. They regularly went on holiday to St Lucia. We will miss Marthie Henning a lot.

sabella Jacoba Henning (born De Beer) \* 2 May 1937. She was known by the nickname Toot and was born in Pretoria. She was the eighth of fourteen children.

She died on 1 August 2020 in the Medstep in Pretoria at the age of 83 years and 3 months. Toot went to school at Hercules High School and was a bright scholar. After leaving

school, she worked for the South African Revenue Service (SARS) until her wedding. She was married on 29 Apr 1955 to Gert Frans Henning b7.c13.d3.e1.f3 in the NG Church Daspoort. Since then she dedicated herself to her husband and four children. She also had seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, each of whom had their own place in her life and she in their lives.



Isabella Jacoba Henning (born De Beer) \*2-5-1937, wife of the late a2.b7.c13.d3.e1.f3. Gert Frans Henning \*28-12-1923 and her four children, fron left to right: Roelf Arnoldus Sybrand Henning \*4-1-1965, Hester Susara Klopper (born Henning) \*9-11-1961, Marinda Magdalena Hornsby (born Henning) \* 30-1-1960 and Gert Frans Henning \*27-10-1955

#### **Money matters**

For the last thirty-six years the Henning Family League has survived on the voluntary donations we receive from well-meaning Hennings and other members of the Family League. We were thus able to develop into one of the most organized family leagues in the country.



Wow! How's this for size! For Hennings nothing is impossible



Donations! Even a small one will do

We hope that all Hennings and married family members will consider sending a donation, however small, to the family league at least once a year. Because we know that not all Hennings are equally wealthy, we leave it up to everyone to decide for themselves how much they can afford to contribute. There have always been a few members who make large donations of several thousand Rands, but the majority of people contribute amounts ranging between R50.00 and R500.00 per year.

Then there are members who contribute a small affordable amount every month (even as little as R30.00) through a debit order. After a while a member might not even miss such a small amount from their account but, for the Family League it is a valuable contribution.

The family's finances are not doing well at the moment. Over the past two years, the flow of voluntary donations has decreased significantly, to such an extent

that over the past three months we have only received contributions from the four members who regularly make monthly contributions by debit order. They are Mr Jan Hendrik Henning from Glenstantia, Pretoria, Mrs Gesina Spangenberg from Tsumeb, Namibia, Mrs Runa (R T) from Straaten from Pretorius Park, Pretoria and Pastor Antonie Henning from Daspoort, Pretoria.

Only one other member (Mrs Linda van Tonder van Ferndale) made a contributions during July 2020 and Mauritz Henning of Pretoria North contributed during September. So we had to start digging into the reserves we had saved over the previous 36 years which is not going to last long.

We would therefore like to make a serious appeal to all people who receive the Ons Haantjie newsletter to consider sending a donation to the Henning Family League before the end of 2020, and also think of 2021.

The account details are as follows: FNB Villiersdorp (branch 200 712); Account no 6265 7601 483. Please use your member number or Initials and Surname as reference.

## FAK Genealogy Festival 10 April 2021

The Federation of Afrikaanse Kultuurvereniginge (FAK) planned to hold a large Genealogy Festival at the Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria on 10 October 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 lockdown period, this festival has been postponed to April 10, 2021 - because it is the closest Saturday to April 6, Foundation Day.

Due to the involvement of the FAK in the Henning Family League's participation in the television program, "Huppel in die Stap", that was broadcasted on KykNET on 12 July 2020, we would have liked to participate in the October 2020 festival to show the broad community what the Henning Family League has already reached. But, as you will understand, all of these things cost money and the Family League is dependent on the donations we receive from our members and other well-meaning individuals. With the stream of donations almost drying up over the past two years, the family league has had to significantly limit its spending.

We therefore hope that the donations will start flowing in and our finances will improve by April 2021 so that we will be able to participate in the April 10, 2021 festival.

### **Henning Memorabilia**

The following Henning souvenirs are still available. You can order by telephone (028 840 0113 or cell 082 355 3801) or by E-Mail (oil4@henning.org).

- 1. Henning CD R125.00 plus R50.00 postage registered post
- 2. Writing pads (50 pages) R30.00
- 3. Lapel badges R30.00
- 4. Teaspoons R50.00 each (gold plated) Beautiful as a set of six or more
- 5. Cufflinks R100.00 set. Really beautiful!

For large orders of various items, we recommend that the parcel is sent with Postnet - a parcel up to 1 Kg costs only R99.00 and is delivered within a week.

Smaller orders are shipped by regular registered mail. Normal post office delivery time (which can be several weeks) unfortunately applies. Registration costs normally R30.00, but because postage is determined by the weight of the parcel, we recommend that you first inquire what your parcel's postage will be before you deposit any money.

Unless you place an order for various items, the postage should not exceed R50.00. Be assured! We have never lost a parcel in the mail.

#### Please support the family league.

Account details: FNB Current account 6265 7601 483; Branch No. 200 712. Account name - Henning Familiebond. Mention your member number and / or initials and surname as a reference.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year