

Pieter & Lize Labuschagne
SIM Mauritius

Pieter and Lize began their ministry in Mauritius in February 1999. They spent their first term leading and building up the Mauritian Bible Training Institute in Curepipe, handing over the Institute to a Mauritian principal and local lecturers before returning to South Africa for their first furlough in December 2002.

During their second term from 2004-July 2007 they focused on strengthening one of the local churches, the Rose-Belle Evangelical Church. In its 25-year history the church had always depended on foreign pastors to lead it. So, besides preaching on Sundays, Pieter began to train prospective elders. He also encouraged the church members to build a much needed hall, most of the work being done by the men with funds given by the members.

Lize ministered to the ladies by leading Bible studies and organizing retreats to address special needs. She also helped to develop a new Sunday School curriculum and learned to speak Creole to the children within three months.

The visit of a South African Evangelism Explosion team provided church members with excellent training in personal evangelism which led to the planting of a branch in Mahebourg and a fruitful outreach to the Island of Rodrigues in 2006.

They have two children, Marlize (9) and Peter-John who was born just after their first arrival in Mauritius on 3 April 1999. After attending nursery school in Mauritius, both children are being home-schooled by Lize.

The Labuschagnes are back in South Africa on furlough since July 2007, Peter being on study leave until October. They are looking to the Lord as to the type of ministry He is leading them to when returning to Mauritius in the second half of 2008.