



The AFREPRENEUR

SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICAN TALENT

BONGANI MHLABI

*A talented Zimbabwean
gospel artist transforming
lives through Music*



SPECIAL FEATURE

***Camelot awaits, Don't
give up on the dream***

Editor's Note


Today we celebrate Issue No. 10; it is incredible how far The Afreprenuer has come in such a short time. My goal is to publish at least thirty magazines by the end of the year. In Issue 9, we made it to Madagascar and will be breaking into more African territories in the days to come.

This journey has allowed me to meet and network with people located in various parts of the world. I have been inspired and motivated by their stories and their passion for what they do. The Afreprenuer would not be here without their stories to tell. So as I celebrate this milestone, I raise my glass to you and all the feature-content contributors, thank you for partnering with the vision.

The dream lives on; in this Issue, the spotlight is on another talented Zimbabwean musician and entrepreneur hailing from Zimbabwe. Also included is a special feature article by yours truly, and my message is; do not give up on your dream, keep persisting until you accomplish it.



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A portrait of a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a maroon blazer over a white t-shirt. He is standing with his hands clasped in front of him. The background is dark. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

"As a musician I always strive to stay original because I know someone out there is looking for that unique sound I am carrying."

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Bongani Mhlabi is renowned Zimbabwean gospel artist passionate about bringing transformation through music. In the span of his career, he has graced the stage with prominent artists such as Israel Houghton and Micah Stampley (United States), Hiram Koopman (South Africa), Stanley “Pastor G” Gwanzura, Janet Manyowa, Audius Mtawarira, Mkhululi Bhebhe and many more. Years of serving in the choir at New Life Covenant Church and performing cover versions of popular songs helped him to perfect his talent. In November 2019 he released his debut album ‘Victory Live’ and is currently working on a couple of singles and a second to be released soon.

The saying ‘an apple never falls far from the tree’ rings true for Bongani who inherited his musical talent from his mother Rita Shoniwa, one of Zimbabwe’s most iconic gospel singers. The ability runs in the family, his older brother Dumi Mhlabi is also a musician performing with the group Appointed that is well known for the famous song Somlandela which took Zimbabwe by storm several years back.



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Bongani’s dream is to go platinum and become an established international artist, spreading the message of Christ through music. In his own words “The purpose of my music is to spread the gospel of Christ and give an assurance of the abundant grace found in Christ, to all nations.”

To aspiring musicians, his message is: Stay true to whom you are when creating your music because someone out there is looking for that unique sound you are carrying. The success of any musician lies in their ability to stay original and embrace the uniqueness of their gifting. So work hard, stay committed and above all trust God because, with Him, all things are possible.

Bongani currently serves as a worship leader at New Life Covenant Church under the leadership of Bishop Tudor and Pastor Chichi Bismark, and works for Econet OmniContact.

He is also the founder of DIY With Us a furniture-making business based in Harare specialising in creating various custom handmade, high quality, wooden furniture for the bedroom, lounge, kitchen and other spaces. The company, founded in 2019, aims to help clients create a unique and eccentric look without breaking the bank. DIY With Us delivers furniture that brings life and a sense of lightening in your home at an affordable price.

Check out his current debut album on all digital platforms: [iTunes](#) | [Applemusic](#) | [Deezer](#) | [Amazon](#) | [321beatz.com](#)

Get hold of him on WhatsApp and receive two of his latest songs for free!

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"Camelot Awaits Me"

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One of these days, I woke up feeling like giving up. I found myself overwhelmed with discouragement and started to question the sanity of thinking I can be more than this. The question **"Who am I to dream so big?"** stared me in the face like black mamba waiting to pounce on its victim, and deliver its famous killer strike. The figures were not adding up, the progress felt too little, and my usually clear line-of-sight looked blurry. Self-disappointment engulfed me and left me feeling as if I was carrying the weight of the world on my shoulders.

Yet in the midst of it all, a small voice within me came to life. It reminded me of the times I had been in this place before and the peril of allowing the mamba called **'Giving Up'** to cut my journey short. Reality struck home, and I decided there and then that I had come too far to turn back now. I owed it to myself and my vision to see this through. No doubt the journey ahead is lengthy, exhausting and filled with many thorns, but still, it is my quest to complete. As ambitious as it appears, I will leap in faith and press on.

Like King Arthur, this is my quest, and only I can wield the Excalibur called **'My Vision'**. Camelot is calling my name, and the round table embellished fine linen and ornaments awaits my arrival. Ahead lies many divine encounters that will bring me face to face with my twelve knights; each one perfectly positioned to appear at the right time and place. Now more than ever, I am convinced that before me lies an adventure of a lifetime.

I am not afraid of the challenges that await me as I pursue this quest for where there is a will; there is a way. I will fight my way to Camelot and every scar I get from the battlefield will be worn with pride; as souvenirs of every triumph in my pursuit of success.

So to every mamba that may arise before me in the days to come, I say to you,
"I am who I am. If I do not dream big, then who? If not now, then when? Time and opportunity happen to all; this is my time, and I will make every minute count.

If I fail, I will try again,

If I fall, I will rise again,

If one door shuts, I will knock on another, If one path ends, I will pave out a new one,

If someone says no, I will keep asking around until I get a yes

And if you say it is impossible then watch me prove you wrong!"

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