

**Welcome Speech by the Executive Mayor, Mike Masina during the visit on the International motivational speaker, Dr Miles Monroe, Banquet Hall, Middelburg, 20 October 2011.**

Members of the Mayoral Committee from Steve Tshwete Municipality.

Councillors from other municipalities

Church leaders

CEO's

Managers

Members of the community

Media

Ladies and gentlemen

Protocol observed

In the book of Proverbs 29, verse 18, the Bible says, "a nation without God's guidance is a nation without order. Happy are those who keep God's law.

Tonight is an exceptional night for the residents of the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality and its surroundings where we celebrate and are delighted to welcome for the first time in the history of this municipality a motivational icon, Dr Miles Monroe and his team, from Bahamas.

Welcome to Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, in Mpumalanga province, where the sun rises. We are delighted to have you in our midst, specifically because of the fact that you are a motivational icon who fears and honour God.

Program Director, allow me to give our distinguished guest, Dr Miles Munroe, a brief background of our beloved municipality with the belief that he will be enticed to visit us again.

Doctor, this is a municipality with a population of approximately 180 000 residents. We pride ourselves with our winning recipe when it comes to the rendering of quality and affordable services. We have been rated as the seventh best municipality out of the 282 municipalities in the entire country. It is our culture to be, simply the best, because of our vision of being the best local municipality in on the provision of sustainable services and developmental programmes.

In one of your books, you indicate that praise is a hindrance of growth and doing more. We are here, to be fueled to do more for our community. We need this motivation more than anything.

Clearly, Dr Miles the impact of your motivations is unbelievable, one quote that springs into my mind as a community servant is where you say **"Your job is what they pay you to do. Your work is what you were born to do."**

I am not going to try to unpack your statement, you are here do exactly that.

Once more it is indeed my pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to you and your team. I trust that you will enjoy your stay in our municipality.

I thank you.