

7. IMPORTANCE OF ORAL HISTORY

Oral history has been used by our ancestor's through storytelling for centuries to pass on age old knowledge from one generation to the next. It aids the preservation of wisdom, experiences and perspectives of those who have gone before.

Through oral history knowledge is accumulated and events not recorded are kept in memory for those yet still to come. As President Thabo Mbeki quotes: "This unwritten and to many of our youth, unknown South African history- is also important as it is our consciousness of the past that gives us individual and collective identity through which we our present and future.

Pastor Lephoko is a living example; on a daily basis he influences the lives of many people to be inclined towards living a life acceptable in the eyes of God.

To some this might seem minor yet his efforts have a huge impact on society at large. If his story is shared, it might inspire young people to strive and work hard for which they want.

This transfer of information is imparetive for the survival of good norms and values our communities. The pastors story is an inspiration and its impact on the lives of young people could very wel change the course of South African history.