

# *The face of South Africa* By Ryno Ferreira

*The joyous blare of trumpets and other instruments announces the Sunday morning service at the historic Moravian church of Enon in the Eastern Cape's Sundays River Valley. A brass band leads the procession and an old cast iron bell from 1870 rings clearly through the village.*

*Enon (a biblical name which means "place of much water") is located about 13 km east of Kirkwood in the foothills of the Zuurberg Mountains and was established in 1818, the third Moravian mission station in South Africa after Genadendal in the Overberg and Mamre (originally Groenekloof) on the West Coast.*

*During the weekend of 25–28 April 2008, Enon celebrated its 190th anniversary, with the old church building with its bright red roof, yellowwood rafters and ceilings, stinkwood window frames, thick white walls and beautiful brass hanging lamps attracting much attention.*

*Although the community is generally poor, the church tries to uphold moral values, including reaching out to the younger generation – all the members of the brass band are still at school.*

