

# Burn Survivor profile: Selepe Madisha, South Africa



In the early part of this millenia, Selepe Madisha was celebrating with friends when their car was involved in a serious accident. Minutes after the passengers exited the wreckage of the car that was badly damaged, there was an explosion. Selepe was close to the vehicle when the explosion occurred, and he was seriously burned. His faith, strength, and intestinal fortitude prevailed, and he not only survived but went forward to become a motivational speaker and a leader in the community of South African burn survivors.

Selepe speaks at numerous conferences around the country, as well as at schools, clubs, and various organisations and conferences. He describes himself as a “Car Explosion Burn Survivor, Director, and Inspirational Speaker.” He talks about his life experiences and his life since the accident. More importantly, he speaks on the topic of self-acceptance. He says he generates his faith in God and his strength from the support of his loving wife Mpho, whom he married in 2013, and her adorable daughters, Letlhogonolo and Lethabo. As a father and husband, he continues to possess extensive enthusiasm when it comes to serving, advising, and playing a leading role in the community as a burn survivor and inspirational speaker. As well as being a motivational speaker, he is a full-time employee of a South African Bank and, of course, a devoted husband and father.

For seventeen years, he has been conducting motivational talks as a keynote speaker and motivating other survivors as he speaks about his life experiences but, more importantly, self-acceptance, a subject that covers a wide area. He is also a Director and Ambassador of the National Burn Association of South Africa, where he volunteers much of his time.

People like Selepe have a special gift, and we thank him for sharing it.