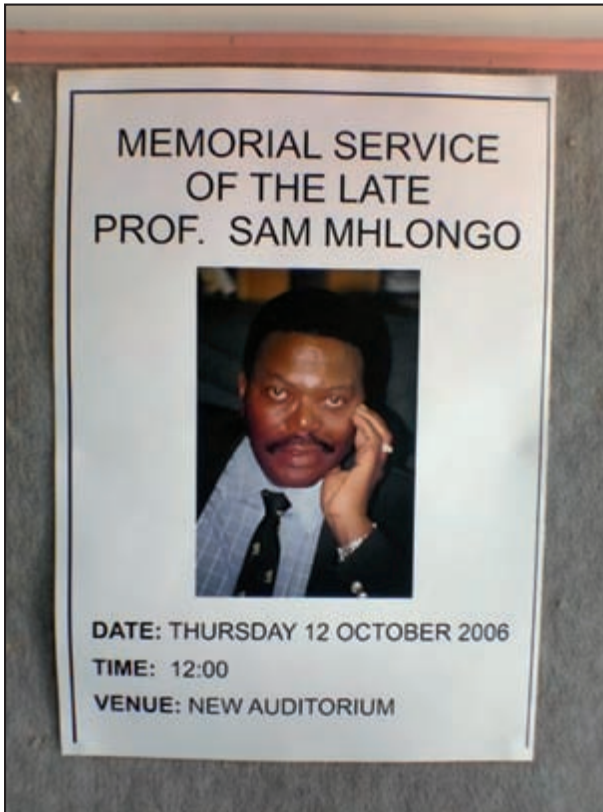


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A last "Good Bye" on the Student White Board at MEDUNSA for a teacher and role model Prof. Samson "Sam" Mhlongo (1940 – 2006)

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the memory of Professor Samson “Sam” Mhlongo, head of the Department of Family Medicine and Primary Health Care at the Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUNSA).

For decades, Sam Mhlongo had been fighting Apartheid regime at home and in exile. After his return to South Africa he continued to fight a new enemy: the devastating impact of pharmaceutical “business with disease” in South Africa.

He was a member of the Presidential Aids Advisory Panel, where he explored and embraced viable alternatives to cope with this epidemic especially for the poor and marginalized.

In spring 2004, Prof. Mhlongo undertook the task to organise the first clinical study in South Africa to document the health benefits of vitamins and nutritional medicine in fighting Aids. However, for more than two years, he was obstructed and attacked by stakeholders of pharmaceutical colonialism – even from some of his colleagues at MEDUNSA.

In the evening of October 6, 2006, Sam left the university campus of MEDUNSA in his car to drive home. At the exit of the campus, he was ran over by a truck and killed.

At Sam’s funeral, his family invited Dr Rath to reflect on Sam’s struggle against pharmaceutical interests entrenched in South Africa and his vision of a new health care system for all people.

Dr Rath shared Sam’s conviction that the liberation from Apartheid was only a first step. While South Africa today enjoys political freedom, it is still been kept hostage by global economic interests, namely pharmaceutical colonialism. Without the liberation from the shackles of this deadly form of colonialism, that has already cost the lives of millions of South Africans, there can be no real freedom.

This book is dedicated to this liberation struggle and to the memory of Prof. Sam Mhlongo.