

A Glorious Moment...

"LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF BREATHS WE TAKE,
BUT BY THE MOMENTS THAT TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY."

- GEORGE CARLIN



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Upcoming Events

- Teacher Training on Sat. Sept 5th.
- Short-Term Mission Team coming from Canada and the US in September.
- Lisa (6 months) and Tobias (1 year) from Germany are coming this week.

"When I am weak, then I am strong."

Corinthians 12: 9-10 - My grace is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

I have been holding bible studies with the teachers for a few months now and it has been amazing! Parallel to the verse above I know that through my weaknesses God is giving me strength - especially when I feel inadequate or question if I am the right person for this job. The bible studies have been sporadic due to unforeseen circumstances but I hope to see more consistency in the future. I've really enjoyed getting to know those who attend and have begun to feel a deeper connection to them. The fears of my inadequacies do surface at times but they are few and far between now. I've also learned to embrace the long silences and know that a lot of learning can happen during these moments.

I've started writing down the ladies' prayer requests and even though some prayers seem unattainable God has answered them in a variety of unique ways. The ladies can definitely see God working in their lives and he has truly blessed their faithfulness in him.

We prayed to have nice weather for the teachers training and that prayer was answered! We prayed for sustainability for the new school and the following week we had 10 new portable toilets donated! Even more the people who donated the toilets volunteered to clean them twice a week! There is little money to fix the school but slowly little things have been happening; fences being built, floors patched and tiles being donated.

At one school, some of the teachers asked for the heart and strength to preach the good word and last week they invited a visiting security guard to bible study! I later reminded them about their prayer request and they said that when they invited people to bible study that it now felt natural and comfortable. They have no hesitation sharing God's love with others!

God is working in marvellous ways here, not only with the LOVEa ministry but also in other ministries that African Leadership is involved in. With the economic downturn times have been difficult but God is faithful and using the "weak" to build his Kingdom.



Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Continue to pray for the bible studies I've started. I feel so inadequate. Pray that God will use me in my weaknesses.
- Attendants at school is still low and the children are coming slowly back to school from the holidays. Pray that the parents will see a great need for them to attend school again asap.
- Pray that the ladies at the bible studies will see how God is faithful to them when they seek him with all their hearts.
- Pray for Vanessa who is readjusting her life back in Germany.
- Pray that I will continue to build a deeper relationships with the teachers and with God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me every step.

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A Khayelitsha Moment...

"I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: First, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done."

- Hudson Taylor



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Educare Centre



Crystal (Harare)

What use to be a dump site is now Crystal School.



Unfortunately there is still garbage, broken glass and used condoms showing up when the children are digging and playing in the sand. The school has been on this site for almost 2 years now but community members still dump their garbage on the outskirts of the fenced area. Even on the hottest of days the school won't open their windows because of the putrid smells and the swarming of flies. However, on a more positive note, inside the school is a blessing because the environment is warm and cheerful and the children feel safe and loved. Christ's presence has definitely influenced this school!

The Principal at the school is named Mama Nosandla and she is also the pastor at the church. Furthermore she is the person I am training for LOVEa ministry. She is such an amazing woman of God! The teaching staff at the school also attends church and have a faithful relationship with God. The teachers are not trained but they try their best to create a successful day for the children. One conflict the teachers faced was with Mama Nosandla's sister who is the cook. She was often not helpful but we prayed about this difference and her behaviour has since changed and she is much more supportive. Please continue to pray for unity and that God will bless this school.



Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray Mama Nosandla and all her responsibilities. Pray that each ministry that she is involved in will flourish due to her faithfulness to God. Pray that she will have a balanced life and not be too consumed with being too busy.
- Pray that the teachers will have a better relationship with one another and that they can work out their differences..
- Pray that they will continue to strive to do better in their jobs.
- Pray that they will be supported financially to buy meals for the children every month. (\$40 for 5 children a month.)



Crystal Educare Centre (Area: Harare) Information:

Children in attendance: 50

Principal: Nosandla Zatu

Teacher: Lutho, Tehmbisa, Linda