

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. Aug. 1st.
- Short-Term Mission Team coming on July 27th to build a new school.
- Starting 2 more Bible Studies with the teachers..
- Two German girls arrived and they are staying for 2 months

Ubukhobahke

The Presence of God!

The new school at Green Point is named Ubukhobahke. Ubukhobahke translates to “the presence of God” which I found truly fitting because I could feel God’s presence while I attended the grand opening of the school as an honoured guest!

During the first 2 hours of the grand opening, I noticed that I hadn’t seen Thembisa, the Principal of the school so I asked one of the teachers where she was? She proceeded to tell me that at 3 am Thembisa had to be hospitalized because her husband had raped her. I was speechless. I couldn’t believe that yet another husband was jealous of his wife’s accomplishments!

The grand opening ceremonies continued that day with the support of the teachers, parents, community members and Thembisa’s best friend. Much to my surprise Thembisa showed up at 5 pm that evening and she was dancing and praising God! I was wrought by emotion. What a miracle! I didn’t know how to react or respond to this!?! For the next hour I watched as Thembisa praised God by dancing, praying and rejoicing that she was alive! What an amazing woman!

As the sun began to set, the party was still flowing with energy but I felt it was my time to leave. Thembisa was there to say goodbye and confirm that the story had been true – her husband had raped her and stabbed her in the arm. When the police arrived at her home that morning they insisted that she go to the hospital because the bleeding had been so bad. She refused because the only way to get there was by her husband driving her. The police persisted and said that they would follow them to the hospital, however, while driving with her husband threatened to kill her by driving their truck into the police cars. Thembisa said she was terrified but put her trust in God by praying to him on the drive there. Thembisa had to get 15 stitches and 4 vials of IV, nonetheless she arrived safely at the hospital and her husband was arrested and put in jail.

At the end of our conversation Thembisa told me that in order for her to move on she was going to forgive her husband and thank God for saving her life. She said that the school was not for her glory but as a way for God’s servants to help the community and give the children a better way of life. Once again, I was speechless but thankful that God’s presence was at the school that day! Ubukhobahke – truly remarkable!

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray that Gods presence will always be in the Ubukhobahke school.
- Pray for Thembisa and her family situation.
- Pray for good weather to start building the new school.
- Pray for the new bible study starting with the teachers..
- Pray for all the principals and teachers safety and protection.
- Pray that I will continue to build deeper relationships with the teachers and with God.



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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



Khulani (Monwabisi 4)



Mama Maria, Principal of the Khulani Educare centre is another woman who is exceptionally smart and re-

sourceful. When I visit this school, I tend not to stay too long because the teachers only speak Xhosa and very little English. Mama Maria isn't there often enough to translate for me. The teachers and I communicate with lots of actions; however it's hard to keep up with the training as people don't attend because of the language barrier. Even though Mama Maria attends most of the trainings she tends to not pass on her learning's because she is hardly at the school and feels no need to train the other teachers. Overall, I enjoy visiting the school and spending time with the teachers and students.



Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray that the Khulani School will make a great impact for Christ in their community.
- Pray that the teachers will have the desire to apply what they learn through the teachers training and when I come to visit them.
- Pray that they will be supported financially to buy meals for the children every month. (\$40 for 5 children a month.)



In the past few years she has loved to serve her community by undertaking evangelism, children's church and a children's choir. Her school is well equipped because her husband works for the school district and has received plenty of old school equipment and supplies from other schools. She has hired two grandmothers as teachers and pays them R600 a month (\$93 a month). They are very nurturing and loving teachers and they keep the school clean and in order. Maria feels that if she hires older women that they won't complain too much and will do a great job.

Khulani Educare Centre (Area: Monwabisi) Information:

Children in attendance: 25

Principal: Maria Gqawa

Teacher: Nontsikelelo Mfunzi

Teacher: Popi Kwayi