

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

- Having a teacher's leadership retreat on the 2nd week of February.
- Pastor Ohm traveling to North America in and will be in Vancouver in the beginning of February.
- The launch of Café Afrika in February

Building a Foundation

My first visit to Khayelitsha was in August 2007 and since then I've realized that I've learned so much by observing, watching and living within the Xhosa culture.

After arriving in South Africa again in January 2009 I had the blueprints for LOVEa ministry laid out, and from there began building a curriculum and rapport with the teachers. It is now 2010 and I recognize that it is now time for me to lay a strong foundation for LOVEa ministry so that the teachers can take over the ministry and be able to train local teachers themselves.

Through God's will I was able to meet 7 wonderful women in 2009. Little did I know that these women would be instrumental to his work as I would eventually be mentoring and training them to lead LOVEa ministry. At first I struggled in asking them to volunteer - I did not have the financial means to pay them and knew that needed to be compensated for their work. Then God answered my prayers! Pastor Ohm's sister who lives in Korea had a group of people willing to give out scholarships to the children of Khayelitsha until their final graduation - but they were wondering how they would choose these students. Without skipping a beat I thought, "What a great opportunity - I can give the scholarships to the children of these 7 women so that they can continue to lead LOVEa ministry. God is good!

When I actually approached the ladies with the idea of training them to take over the ministry they were thrilled to help and volunteer. The scholarship for their children ended up just being a bonus for them - they would have volunteered without it!

In the next few weeks I will be re-organizing the curriculum and creating and finding the best practice in which to mentor and train these 7 women. As of current, we have planned a leadership retreat for the second week of February. This is where I will share the LOVEa ministry vision and goals with these women and hopefully give them the tools to be a Godly leader. I will split the 7 women into two groups of three and Mama Nosandla will be the lead facilitator for both groups. Each group will then rotate months and be responsible for the teacher training the following Saturday. Every week I plan to meet personally with each individual teacher to ensure that they feel supported and hopefully encourage each woman to reach their true potential. This is a very challenging task for me and I ask all of you, my supporters, for your wisdom, guidance and prayers. Laying the foundation for LOVEa ministry is critical in helping this community be self sufficientso please PRAY for the success of these 7 women!

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray for all the ministries in African Leadership as they start their ministries again.
- Pray for all the teachers and students as they start a new year.
- Pray that I can get ready to set a vision for next year.
- Tobi had a car accident. Pray for a speedy recovery and that the court case will go in his favour.
- Café Afrika is having an information time on Feb 6th at the Vancouver Korean Presbyterian at 7:30.

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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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School Visits

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray for Mama Nosandla's sister, Linda (one of the teachers at the Crystal school) died during the holiday season. Also pray for her son's future.
- Pray that the new teachers will stay for the whole year and that the Principals will treat them with honour and respect.
- Pray that the children will continue to grow in the knowledge that Jesus loves them and that it will carry them throughout the rest of their life.

What a start I've had to the New Year! As I visit each school there are so many new faces – students and teachers! I've also observed other changes such as new renovations. Isn't funny how life can change in just a couple of months? The high turnover in teachers doesn't faze me anymore. There are so many reasons that they are coming and going – better paying jobs, relocating, new births or disputes with administrators at the school. Although it's great to meet new people it's difficult to keep up with all the new names and even harder on my workload as I have to train staff all over again! I have to admit that it's also sad to say goodbye to those that leave especially after I've built a good friendship with them. I pray for those that have left - that they will take what they have learned in the LOVEa ministry and apply it somewhere else.

The school where Mama Nosandla is the Principal has had the biggest and hardest of changes. The head teacher left on maternity leave and the Infant and toddler teacher moved away. Worst of all Linda, Mama Nosandla's sister who is the chef at the school, died in a car accident over the holidays. Mama Nosandla now has the responsibility of caring for her sister's child who is under two years of age. Life here is like a merry-go-round. It goes up and down and spins round and round - different people are continually getting on and off.

As we go through all these changes and new transitions it is comforting to know that God is our one consistency. The stability of his love keeps me going as does the love and prayers I get from all my family, friends and supporters. As I am building the foundation for LOVEa ministry I will remember that first and foremost that God is our true foundation. May he continue to hold you all up through the New Year. God Bless.