

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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Aahah Moment

As you may recall from my last newsletter, Rose was teaching me the art of story telling. As one of my assignments I had to memorize Luke 10:38 – 42, the story of two sisters, Martha and Mary. To give a brief overview of the story, Jesus came to visit Mary and Martha one day. As this was a special occasion for Martha, she took responsibility for all the ‘household work’ while Jesus was visiting. Being over stressed with too much responsibility, she asked Jesus to get her sister to stop listening to Him and to get her to help her instead. However, she was told by Jesus that Mary had chosen the better and it was not to be taken from her.

I decided to use the story of Martha and Mary for my Bible study group. When I asked the group which woman they related to, the majority of the group said Mary. I have to admit I was a bit disappointed as I related more to Martha, however when we were discussing the two roles of these women I was enlightened by the groups’ responses and dialogue. When I told my roommate Joy about what happened during this study session, she had a really great insight as to why the group related more to Mary. Her reasoning was that the Xhosa culture places socializing with others as more of a priority than work. Moreover, in the Xhosa culture the younger family members would serve their elders and that’s why they thought Mary was the older sister when Martha is actually the older sibling.

When Rose returned from her evangelism training in Malawi, I also shared this story with her – about the bible study and Joy’s thoughts. The discussion we then had was so good that it actually changed my perspective on the story and made a huge impact on me. We concluded that both Martha and Mary had made good choices, that Jesus didn’t scold Martha but rather stated that Mary had made the better choice. In addition, when we looked at the culture during the time of Martha and Mary we realized that Mary was bold to sit with Jesus as women were typically in the “background”. The disciples or men from the household were those who sat that closely with Jesus. Overall, we discussed that Mary chose to break the norm and chose not to conform to a women’s typical role during that time. Although I received many new insights into this story, what I really came out with is that I’ve been a Martha way too long and I need to break out and become a Mary. I need to stop being so busy doing God’s good work but to take time to sit at Jesus’ feet and listen and learn.



Local kids helping fill the holes with sand.

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray for the Lausanne Conference. 4000 Christian leaders will be in Cape Town in mid October to attend the Conference.
- Pray that I will continue to strive to be a Mary and not so much a Martha.
- Pray for the over 2000 souls that got saved in Malawi.
- Pray that I will have more confidence is doing the Bible studies with my leadership team.
- Pray for the preparations of the teacher’s retreat on Oct. 23-24.
- Praise God that we were able to build again in Nkanini.

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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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Leadership team praying for the teacher's retreat next week.



Angels Dancing in Heaven

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- I still have fears and doubts, not so much about leading them to Christ, but if they truly made that decision. Pray that I will have peace about it. I guess my job is to share and it's up to God to do the rest.
- Pray for spiritual growth for Vuyokazi, Miki, Nonkululeko and Ncediswa who just accepted Christ last Wed.
- Pray for Monica and Zandile from the leadership team who also accept Christ last Friday night.
- Praise God that the leadership team weekend retreat went well.
- Pray for the teacher's retreat on Oct 22-24 that souls will be saved and that they will learn to be a women of God!

When Rose and Pastor Ohm came back from Malawi they had told me that they had taught 88 pastors how to lead someone to Christ through the Roman's Road method. By the end of the training week they had over 2000 people accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior!! I was really excited for them! During our discussion I remember telling Rose that I was a Martha - more a busy doer and not really into evangelism (not my kind of thing) that is why I was so impressed that they had impacted over 2000 people! I've always believed that I was never good at evangelism and that my strengths were at organizing and planning. She then asked me how many people I had lead to the Lord. I said a handful plus a time when I took a course in evangelism and I had to lead someone to Christ to pass. One night, I waited until the very end of the evening to approach someone about accepting Christ (when I drove someone home from an event) and when she actually accepted Christ, I was so shocked that I told her to think about it some more. I am very embarrassed to say this, but fear has always been a barrier for me during certain situations.



With all this said, the following week I put the Roman's Road sheet in my purse and went to my weekly Bible Study. For some reason the topic came up about being saved. I then took my sheet of paper out and asked the group this question, "If you were to die today, are you % 100 sure that you are going to heaven?" I then proceeded to lead 4 ladies to Christ reading the sheet of paper. Vuyokazi, one of the ladies who attended Bible study, was very shameful of her sins. Therefore I gave her a Xhosa Bible and told her that all the answers she was searching for were in her Bible. I told her that God had already forgiven her and to trust and pray to him. It might take time, but I assured her that Christ died on the cross for her shame and there is no need to be shameful anymore. That following weekend I had a leadership retreat to fast and pray for the following teacher's retreat on Oct 22-23. I told the ladies the theme was about being a Being a Women of God and I wanted to make sure that the Gospel message was presented there. I knew that a few of my leadership team didn't know Christ as their Savior or that their relationship with him was weak. Therefore, I decided to make sure they knew if they were to die today, are they %100 sure that they were going to heaven. Four teacher's said yes, and 2 were unsure but eventually I proceeded to lead those two to Christ. It has been a Christ filled week and the Angels are dancing in Heaven!