

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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New Beginnings

Spring has arrived and I must say how much I love this season especially with all the signs of new life it brings! The birds are singing, the sun is shining and the days are getting longer.

This month, there were many opportunities to enjoy God's beautiful outdoor creations in South Africa. I traveled 3 hours to L'Aughulas, the most southern point in South Africa where the Indian and Atlantic meet. Then I visited the West Coast national park and I saw patches of wild flowers and wild game. I also had the opportunity to observe many whales in Hermanus. I continue to be in awe at the majesty and wonder of God's amazing and beautiful world. Each season has its purpose for this earth and all that encompass it. I feel very fortunate to experience the great wonders of each season.

The past few months have been filled with the busyness of leading and caring for the short-term teams that are visiting from all over the world. It has been great fun hosting, building great relationship and learning from all the teams. With life buzzing all around me I have to admit my relationship with God has been close to nil. Yes, I was continually building God's Kingdom with others, but my own personal walk with God was almost non-existent. From the outside things appeared great, but inside I was dry and thirsty for a deeper relationship with God.

Currently, Joy and I are the only ones in the big mission house and life is somewhat back to normal. With the new season in bloom, it is now our goal to get back into shape physically, but also spiritually. We started this process by asking our friend Rose from Campus Crusade to teach us how to become story tellers using the Bible as our tool. This task has challenged me more to get back into the Bible and dig deeper into God's word. Continue to pray that my relationship with God will grow deeper roots and bring renewed hope and strength in my journey with God.

I emerge from the shadows of the passing year,

drained, exhausted yet still standing here.

The darkness replaced with rays of hope, new focus on life and the strength to cope.

Realign the things that caused this stress, sweep out the failures, put new ideas to the test.

A new beginning, one step at a time, out of the darkness, let the new day shine!

-Paul Roberts

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- The campsite keeps getting broken into and thieves are stealing everything from mattress to fixtures on windows. Pray that God will give us wisdom as to what to do with the Campsite.
- Pray for the leadership team to lead the Teacher's retreat. In mid October
- Pray for Teacher's retreat in the third week of October. Pray that they come to know God as their personal Saviour.
- Pray for the Luissan Conference. 4000 Christian leaders will be in Cape Town in mid October to attend the Conference.

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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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Dancing the World Cup Song



Something New

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray that Nomfundo will be a great example to the youth and that she and her husband to be will put Christ at the centre of their marriage.



Mother, Beauty from Green Point, Nomfundo looking down all the time and her older sister in the background as the MC.

Recently, I was invited to a wedding shower for one of the teachers that I support. I was curious as to what the Xhosa customs are before you get married, so with this new experience I wanted to soak up everything the Xhosa culture had to offer me. I truly want to better understand the people and culture. As usual the wedding shower began an hour late - I say 'as usual' as my experience here has taught me that everything begins late. I was escorted to the front table where the bride and important family members were seated. I felt so out of place, being the only English speaking person, but I was there to support the bride and enjoy the day so I put my discomfort aside.



During the event the bride-to-be kept her head down the entire time and I even saw her playing with her phone sometimes, which I thought it was quite odd. Many speeches were given and a choir from her church sang and danced. Then the younger children danced to the Waka Waka theme song from the World Cup, which was the highlight for me as their performance was so amazing and marvelous. Next came the gift opening. Before each person came and presented their gift to the bride they had to sing a song and sometimes do a little dance. You then had to do a little speech about why you bought your gift and unwrap it in front of the bride to make sure you were not giving a gift of snakes. The only attendees to this event were the bride's family and neighbors. Gifts ranged from a couple of dollars to kitchen ware and even a bedroom set from close relatives. When the event was over everybody was fed and then given the traditional Xhosa beer to drink and to celebrate this occasion.

I told the bride to be that I was really proud of her for setting a good example to her friends and family. Pray that Nofumdo's marriage will begin with God in the centre of all things and that the young people will follow with her example.