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Focus

As we approach the New year and our halfway mark in our field time, we look back on where we have come from and are blessed to see how much God has grown us and molded us into the image of His son. My challenge in this Newsletter is going to be about our Focus. Often times when we think of evangelism and Matthew 28, we make our focus all about getting people in the water or in the pew. The example Jesus set for us in His life isn't an example of this kind of focus. His focus was the people around Him and their needs. He came to serve, to love, and to save. He gave us the task of doing the same thing, making our focus "being Jesus" to everyone we come into contact with in every situation we find ourselves in making it as simple as "What Would Jesus Do?"

John 15:5

**Yes, I am the vine;
you are the
branches. Those
who remain in me,
and I in them, will
produce much fruit.
For apart from me
you can do nothing.**

The Works

This Newsletter will be covering as much as possible from the past 7 months of my field time in South Africa as well as let you know the plan for the next 7 months. With 7 months in and 7 months to go, it is unbelievable how fast time flies! When we first got to Port Elizabeth we were able to work with the AIM team that was there before us with their ministries and have a chance to make them into our own ministries. While we have adopted some of their ministries, God has opened so many doors for us to be a part of a lot of new, incredible things. These include: printing and collating curriculum for schools, helping teach children how to read and speak english as well as play with the kids and give the adults at the schools a break. We get to work with college and youth having bible discussions and growing closer to God together, work with curio vendors having bible studies, feeding them both physically with sandwiches and spiritually with the bread of life. We got to work with children whose parents are going through drug rehabilitation and we have been blessed with opportunities to volunteer all over the place with people who feed the homeless, paint buildings and anything else we get our hands on. We have been blessed with the opportunity to work with a ton of different congregations all over Port Elizabeth, teaching, singing, leading youth, etc... God is growing all of those ministries and touching so many peoples lives and we are so blessed to be a part of it.

TRAVELS

Over the past 7 months we have been blessed with the open door to visit different places in South Africa. We had a retreat in Lourie where we had our orientation and learned about the country and talked about what we would be doing during our time in South Africa. We were blessed to stay in Cape Town for a week doing work with a missionary couple there who run a soup kitchen and a few other ministries and see the beautiful creation of our God. Other than those two bigger trips we have spent most of our time in Port Elizabeth and the surrounding townships being Jesus to everyone we come into contact with.

THE FUTURE

The next 7 months are going to be amazing and busy! We have been blessed with the support and ability to take a break and go home for the holidays. It was a great opportunity to catch our breath and get ready for all the plans taking shape for this next year. These plans include a 30 day mission trip around a few different countries in Africa! These countries include Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa, and possibly one or two more. Our mission is to take Jesus to as many people as possible! We will be sharing our own stories as well as the amazing story of Christ! We are praying this trip can take place in May. Other than that we will be spending a lot of time doing our best to end our field time on a high note. We have started focusing on training the people we work with to continue on the work we have been blessed to be a part of after we are gone. Right now it is looking like my time in South Africa will be done in July.

We are so excited for this coming year and all that God has in store for us and the works that He is doing in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. You guys are amazing and I thank you so much for your love and support!

BEING JESUS!



But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF CONTROL. There is no law against this things!

Gal. 5:22-23 NLT

GOD BLESS!!!!!!!!!!

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