

“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...” Hebrews 4:12



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South African Winter 2015



Here in South Africa it is Spring time and there is a feeling all around that not only is the physical season changing, but the spiritual as well. There are so many new and fresh things happening here and a great excitement to see what fruit is going to come from all of this. As I write this newsletter and look back over this past South African winter (American summer) I am blown away by all that God has done. It is amazing to know there is even more ahead!



Freedom!!

One of my favorite things that God allows me to take part of in Africa is to have intense weeks or weekends to lead people in discovering the fullness of our salvation and all of the areas where God intends us to have spiritual freedom. At the first of this past winter I had a full week of this with



the Bible School I work with in Vredendal. It was an amazing time to see these students find God's freedom!!!!

Family

Also at the first of winter my niece, Rebeka, came to South Africa for 40 days. She is my



first family member to visit me here. She is 23 and saved up all on her own to pay for the trip and the time away from work. She is around the same age as most of the students and young people I work with in South Africa. Getting to spend 40 days pouring into her life and seeing her grow was one of the greatest privileges of my life. I kept thanking God for allowing me to work with my own niece the same way I am privileged to work with young people here. I am so thankful for her visit and the time we had together!!!

Family in God

Then, just after my niece left, Nolene got married! Nolene was one of the first young people I ever worked with in South Africa. Over the years that I have lived here she has stayed with me while studying, gone on a mission trip with me to Ghana, involved me in her family events, and been a special “daughter” to me.

I will never forget one occasion when Nolene and I went grocery shopping. Racial issues are currently an area of tension in South Africa. In the store a lady working there asked Nolene who this white lady (me) is that she is talking to so casually. Nolene just said, “Oh, that’s my mom.” This lady’s mouth fell open and Nolene said, “Well, my spiritual

mom but still my mom.” She shocked this lady that day and let her know that in God we are all equal and loved!

It was a blessing to witness her union with a great man of God and MC the reception after the wedding.

Local Recognition

This July the local church I work with in Vredendal asked to recognize me as a pastor of prayer called to this region and Africa and as an elder to their church. This was very humbling and overwhelming to have this local church recognize and acknowledge what God has called me here for.

In the months since this happened so many new doors have opened. I have already worked with two South African prayer ministries who saw now as their time to come get involved with praying through reconciliation of racial issues in the area and praying for revival. We have formed a new community led prayer team to coordinate prayer across several local churches and prayer groups. Things are growing quickly out how. Prayer is shifting the spiritual atmosphere,



revival is stirring more and more in people’s hearts. We have seen a stirring of revival over the past couple of years and it is growing more and more!

Upcoming Calendar

- August 24 - 27 Teach on Kingdom of God at Bible School in Vredendal
- August 30 I will blow the shofar at the Dutch Reformed Church in Vredendal to mark the start of the week of prayer
- August 30 - September 6 Community Wide 24/7 Prayer week for revival among the nations
- September 8 - October 6 Joe & Terri Reed from Lubbock will be in Vredendal for one month to serve the local work here
- September 25 - 27 Freedom Weekend Retreat for local church in Vredendal
- September 29 - October 14 Dita Targosz of the Czech Republic will teach and train women in Vredendal and Cape Town
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South Africa Outreach

These images are from an outreach I helped with where young adults from Cape Town facilitated a Vacation Bible School program with children in farming areas East of Cape Town. I taught the VBS program to the young adults and they



worked with over 300 children for the week. It was a tremendous blessing to be a part of this wonderful outreach!! The theme for the week was "Vrees Nie" = "Fear Not"



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