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Experience Mission Africa



Greetings from South Africa:

As we are nearing the end of the year, we can't help but be thankful for all of the time we have to see God work in the lives of our teams. We have also seen God work in our communities and all around Southern Africa. During the month of October, our 3-month team that has been on the ground finished their time in Darling, South Africa. In just one month, they built relationships that will last a lifetime, traveled to over 20 schools and served alongside staff at the mission center in Darling. It was incredible to see the seeds that were sown and we can't wait to watch God harvest those seeds in His timing. From Darling, the team traveled back to Centurion where they returned to Mooiplaas, the township just outside of Pretoria. In mooiplaas, the team built onto the relationships they built in the beginning of their time in South Africa. They were also able to set action to their relational ministry by painting and cleaning out an old storage shed. It has been a month to remember and as we send the team back home to the United States in early November, we will cherish the memories that were made in the last three months. See what team members had to say about the last month:

Kassidy Eaton, 3-Month South Africa

As I reflect on the past 2 months in South Africa with only 8 days left, I'm reminded about how important it is to focus on the kingdom of God. Just like South Africa has been my temporary home for 8 weeks, America is my temporary home as well. We should be living with a heavenly mindset. Our hearts and minds shouldn't be troubled by the physical brokenness that we see, but by the spiritual redemption and hope that God has to offer. Instead of focusing on the things of this world, our minds need to be focused on the One. Too often we're focused on how much money we can make in a year instead of how many people we can connect with & point to Jesus. Too often we focus on the material things that we can have, instead of realizing that we have everything we need in Christ. Our day to day lives should be glorifying God's kingdom, not glorifying ourselves. Thank you South Africa for redirecting my mind to what really matters.



Manuela Gomez, 3-Month South Africa

The last month I spent my days with all of these amazing people that welcomed me in their lives with big hearts and open arms. It's amazing to know that God intentionally places you where you need to be at the right time with the right people. His plans are always greater than our own! I've learned to trust God in every aspect of my life and to serve him how he wants me to serve him. I learned to put my own agenda aside and put him first. I learned that everywhere we go we should love whole heartedly just as Jesus loves us and through that we can sow seeds of hope in those around us. These people made me feel so loved and showed me why it is so important to have Christ centered relationships.

Sydney Lange, 3- Month South Africa

We laughed, we cried, we got frustrated, we celebrated, we were stretched, but we finished on top.

The month in Darling was so sweet. There are so many great stories I cannot wait to share with everyone of all the amazing things God has done and continues to do. But for now, I'll share this picture of my sweet friend. This is Shalté (pictured)

She is really good at coming up with friendship handshakes, dances, and games. Shalté is such a sweet girl but oh so sassy. I love Shalté and I look forward to every minute we get to spend together.



Community Highlight - Mooiplaas

Our team finished out their time in South Africa in Mooiplaas. The teams got to experience the true brokenness of Africa but more so the huge blessing that the people of Africa have. The team walked alongside teachers at a local school and the staff at the ministry. The team taught in classrooms, helped with yard work, and also built on the relationships that have already been established in Mooiplaas. It was an amazing month of seeing God work.



**Building
relationships is
what it is all about**



**The team and kids
sing and dance
together**



**Being joyful is a
character of the
Kingdom**



**Time at the
school always
includes time to
play**

Community Highlight - Darling

The outreach in Darling, South Africa is a reflection of the beauty of God's creation. In Darling, there are rolling hills, flat farmlands, mountains in the distance, and many different reminders that God makes the most beautiful things out of nothing. During the month in Darling, the team experienced life on a farm by living in a local church and making relationships with the families and kids on the farm. The team also participated in farm outreaches in different schools where they can share the Hope of Jesus. In the afternoons, the team participated in the Good News Club and had more opportunities to share about Hope and pray for the children.



**The team sees
the beauty of
God's creation**



**Kids learn bible
stories during the
holiday program**



**All smiles when
it comes to lunch
time**



**The team prays
with different
classes of kids in
schools**

Community Development

Experience Mission Africa strives to help in practical ways that are healthy and uplifting. We want to invest in initiatives that are already in motion to serve and better communities. In this way we are not creating a dependency from our own efforts, but it is our hope that as a result of our involvement with the ministries we can come alongside, encourage, and grow together.



Mooiplaas, Gauteng, South Africa: The team paints a mural for a new childrens library on the plot of our community project.



Mooiplaas, Gauteng, South Africa: The team helps clean windows for the new library. Previously the windows had been covered in dirt and paint.

Green Footprints

Experience Mission Africa has done research on the environment here in Southern Africa. There are many things that affect the environment, but the shocking statistic is there are more than 20,000 people who die each year because of pollution in air, water, or food. EM Africa has started some green initiatives such as planting trees and building a fence out of all recycled material. We are excited for the potential of these initiatives with hopes of more to come.



Mooiplaas, Gauteng, South Africa: Two more Spekbome were planted at the school and on the plot of our community project. The spekbome thicket is ten times more effective than the Amazon rainforest.



Mooiplaas, Gauteng, South Africa: Team members clean out and pick up trash all around the school and the plot area. Working toward a cleaner environment is one of the initiatives EM Africa is working towards.

Community Partners



EM Africa is committed to affirm the role and function of the local church in the communities where we serve and has the desire to work with and under the local leadership. With the help of the local church EM Africa identifies local sustainable community development/uplifting initiatives where teams can serve. Thank you to all our Community Partners!



Isabel Nel
Mooiplaas, Gauteng, South Africa



Gert and Evelyn Korah
Darling, South Africa



Partnering/Investing Opportunities

Prayer

1. Please pray for the our 2-week team that will arrive in mid November.
2. Please pray for the capacity to render effective and reliable transport to all the visiting teams.
3. Please pray for the provision and maintenance of the EM Africa office.

Investing opportunities

1. With the increase in teams, the increase in number of team members on each team and the increase in communities we are working with, we start to feel the pressure on our infrastructure and ability to render professional support and service, especially in the area of transport . The cost of vehicle maintenance has gone over our heads and we find ourselves in a bit of a challenging situation. Please pray for ways and means to counter the rising cost of vehicle maintenance.

Praise

“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.” – Heb 13:15

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Thank YOU!

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and love. We appreciate all of the support that each of you give. We appreciate you!



By God's grace, the communities that we work in are being renewed and the people are being touched by God's love. We're thankful for the road that God has allowed us to walk and the footprints we can leave behind for the Kingdom.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,..." – Phil. 1:3-5

A big THANK YOU to you, our friends, family, partners and supporters! By God's grace and by His lovingkindness we will keep walking.....

Soli Deo Gloria!
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