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As I traveled back to South Africa and resettled after a month in the US, I reflected on everything I have to be thankful for. The Lord is doing such amazing things! It's a blessing to be part of it, and it's a blessing to have you alongside as well. THANK YOU!

Praises

- For a wonderful trip to Michigan - time with family and friends, the opportunity to celebrate with prayer and financial partners, God's favor as I shared from my heart.
- For God's protection of our mission base - We were recently hit by a tornado. Thankfully no one was hurt and the damage was limited to just a few cabins.
- For leadership development among our Interpreters as we dig deep into Foundations for Christian Growth.

Prayer Requests

- For our mission teams coming May through October.
- For our Next Step (2 month) Interns arriving in June.
- For our June Hand in Hand leadership conference.
- And for me personally as we head into our missions "busy season".

Be Blessed, Jill

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From my heart to yours... Jill Marshall, Missionary in South Africa



Lives of IMPACT

On April 21st nearly 400 people from 17 schools came together for our second IMPACT conference of the year. What a day!

My roommate June – an amazing teacher and our Leadership Summit Director - began with a powerful lesson from the life of Joseph. Like Joseph, we all have leadership gifts to be developed and used. Like Joseph, as we go through different challenges we are given even more gifts. And like Joseph, our gifts are not for us, they are to be shared with others.

It was obvious that the students were inspired to live lives of IMPACT! As they broke into groups to work on their leadership projects, the room buzzed with excitement.

This year the students will focus on improving their schools. The ideas they came up with included drug & alcohol awareness programs, school-wide clean-ups, and fundraisers for things like electricity in the classrooms. Next they will turn these ideas into action. What amazing ways for these young leaders to share their gifts with others!



I asked June what she loved most about Leadership Summit and IMPACT. She said, "I love seeing the youth "get it". To realize that they are *called* to lead, that they have the *ability* to lead, and that *one person* can truly make a difference in their school, their community, and even their nation."



Love in Action

This past month, our Twenty4Seven interns showed Christ's love in action in 2 exciting ways!

First, they spent a week in Naledi village serving families, building relationships, and sharing the love of Christ. Ways that they served included creating a rock walk, cooking, cleaning and canning fruit.

It was also a great opportunity to learn more about the Basotho culture which they have been studying during their internship. As they all shared their lives, culture and faith, loving friendships were formed. And at the end of the week they all celebrated and praised God together at AFM Naledi church – a wonderful ending to a wonderful week.

Our Twenty4Seven Interns also spent a week serving our national staff here on the base, giving their homes a much needed "facelift" with a fresh coat of paint. As they poured out their time, energy (and a lot of paint), they poured into lives as well.

At the end of a tiring week, the interns said that it was such a blessing to serve those who regularly serve us. And our national staff was blessed as well by Christ's love in action.

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