

December 2010



Happy New Year!

As 2010 ends and 2011 begins, I've been reflecting on the past year. The highs and lows, the incredible testimonies, and the difficulties we've journeyed through. Thankfully, God remains the same through it all. *Sovereign. Powerful. In Control. Merciful. A steady, abundant source of provision, grace and love.*

As I look back I have so much to be thankful for. And as I look ahead I'm filled with great hope and expectancy for the future.

Praises:

- For all the lives impacted in 2010, and the many ways I've grown as well.
- For the Lord's mercy and grace as Thrive Africa closed, and His favor as we launched Ignite South Africa.
- For the provision to bless our national coaches and their families at Christmas.
- For the opportunity to enjoy Cape Town and safari with friends.

Prayers:

- For wisdom and direction regarding our 2011 ministry year.
- For ministry finances to pay our national staff and fund classes, conferences, etc.
- For the personal finances needed for vehicle expenses, furlough, etc.

Thanks for partnering and praying with me.

Blessings, Jill



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



Christmas Blessings

While December is a time to celebrate Christ with family and friends, it can also be a hardship for our coaches. School is on break resulting in decreased wages, and most of our coaches provide the primary support for their immediate and even extended families.

We so wanted to bless them during this season, but with beginning a new ministry, finances are tight on our end as well...

That's when God showed up big-time, and through the generous support of others we raised enough money to provide each family with more than a month's supply of food. Flour, sugar, beans, maize meal, rice, oil, canned fish, and sweet treats as well.

They were so overjoyed at the consideration and generosity. Over and over they thanked the Lord for His provision and for those who gave to bless them at Christmas. Our coaches also loved introducing us to their families and having their family pictures taken. It was a great day and a great way to celebrate the true meaning of the season.

Christmas Vacation

Over Christmas and New Year's June, Amanda and I took a much needed break. June had a relative in town so we enjoyed time in Cape Town and then on a safari.

We're thankful for friends who gave us a place to stay, helping to keep costs down.

Here are some of the vacation highlights:

- Walking along the beaches, marina, and shops in Simon's Town
- Going to Boulder beach and swimming with the penguins
- Attending Christmas service at Hillsong Church
- Seeing Cape Town from the top of Table Mountain
- Sightseeing along the V&A Waterfront
- Seeing a bunch of rhinos and giraffes on our overnight safari

It was so nice to get away and to enjoy more of South Africa!



Michigan in March

In December I also booked my ticket to Michigan. **My US dates are Friday, March 25th through Tuesday, May 10th.**

I'm so looking forward to seeing family and friends, and also sharing with you the impact your partnership has had through Thrive Africa and now Ignite South Africa.

I'd love to connect while I am home. Please let me know if you'd like to meet, or if you'd like me to share with your small group, class, church – you name it!

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