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Thankful

By the time you read this I'll be back in South Africa. As I'm packing to leave, my heart overflows – and my luggage does as well! Eish!

My emotions are mixed – sadness to leave, excitement to get back, but most of all, gratitude. I have so much to be thankful for!

I'm thankful for the time spent with family, friends, and ministry partners.

And I'm thankful for the friends who blessed me with use of their car.

I'm thankful for those who invited me to share at churches, small groups and other gatherings.

And I'm thankful for the yummy lunches, dinners and other American goodies.

I'm thankful to have enjoyed Mother's Day, my birthday and a few sunny spring days in Michigan before heading back to South Africa.

And most of all, I'm thankful for the encouragement, prayer and financial support that makes my work in South Africa possible. THANK YOU!

Ps. This pic is me and my friend Kristie at the EACH Prayer Walk in Detroit.

Blessings, Jill



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



Telling the Truth

As we survey youth and talk to educators and parents, we find that a majority do not know how you can get or prevent HIV and AIDs. It's a topic often avoided because of the stigma and shame, and because proper education is lacking.

So we shared the facts at our April Impact youth conference. While we were prepared for giggles and uncomfortable squirming, we found the kids listened intently, eager to learn. Here is what one young leader had to say.

"I learned that I can decrease the number of HIV/AIDS infections in Qwa Qwa and I can live a long time. I like that Impact shows us the right way and always tells us the truth. I thank God for you cuz I learn a lot from you. God bless you all." – age 16

Our goal is to educate and equip our youth, inspiring them to make godly choices and empowering them to teach their peers. And our prayer is that this knowledge will save countless lives.



Igniting Our Schools

During our February Impact conference, student leaders identified needs and developed

action plans to clean up their schools. During our April conference, they presented and celebrated the results.

Projects included cleaning up school yards, classrooms and bathrooms and developing schedules to keep up the great work. Teams also worked to get trash cans for classrooms which are often lacking. One school even did a fundraiser to purchase them. What an impact!

But the impact doesn't stop there. These young leaders are also influencing and involving their entire schools. Here is what one of the educators had to say.

"This project played an important role in our school, the whole school responded positively and worked as a team. We are united and each lesson we receive here at Ignite we teach and the whole school gains a lot." Ms. Sola, Mapeka School



God's Plan in Marriage

In April we also conducted a pastor's workshop called "God's Plan in Marriage." The goal was to pour into pastors and their spouses, strengthening them as couples, while also equipping them to teach God's plan to others.

"I am so excited that you have desired to help equip us pastors. This is the first time we have had programs and classes to attend that help us grow spiritually and in our leadership as these do.

"The marriage workshop increased my knowledge, and taught me and my wife our responsibility and the Holy Spirit has added to it. I now find no problem in my family and feel ready to counsel with others." – Pastor David Moett

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