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Praises and Prayers

During my quiet time this morning, my mind kept drifting into a mental to-do list. Does this ever happen to you?

I had to work hard to refocus my thoughts, turning my “to-dos” into prayers, and my “ta-dahs” into praises giving God the glory and thanks He deserves. And as I did this, my emotions changed as well. Faith, trust and peace pushed out fear, anxiety and worry – all within a matter of minutes. Praise God!

Would you please join in celebrating the Lord’s work in South Africa, and praying for what is to come?

Praises

- For new commitments to Christ as our Ignite team served in Bluegum-Bosch.
- For impactful Enrich and Impact conferences, and for leaders eager to be used by God.
- For the impact our FlashPoint coaches are having as they mentor young people.
- For the jewelry class offered to our coaches as a way to supplement their incomes.

Prayers

- For our Resurrection Life and Conquerors (<http://www.theconquerors.net/>) mission team arriving on September 17th.
- For the Youth Assemblies, Rallies, and Conference they will be conducting (and the millions of details involved!)
- For personal finances, as summer months are the most challenging for contributions.

Thanks for partnering with me!



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



Relationship Advice

The Lord created us for relationship – *to love Him*, to be loved *by Him*, and to share that love *with others*. Relationships can be challenging, so at our recent Enrich conference more than 100 pastors and church leaders joined us hungry to hear God’s “advice” on this important subject.

Our sessions covered God’s design for relationships, overcoming offenses in a godly way, and communication. It was a great time of teaching and open discussion, and based on feedback, our leaders clearly left well-equipped to nurture their God-gifted relationships.



Doors and Hearts Opened

In August we hosted our first Ignite mission team, and what an incredible experience it was! We ministered in Bluegum-Bosch, partnering with Pastor Shadrack Nakeli and Jehovah Nissih Church.

Our ministry focus was simple – build relationships, serve in practical ways, and share the love of Christ. As doors opened, hearts opened as well, and the Lord worked in incredible ways.

- In local families who heard the Gospel and accepted Christ as their personal Savior.
- In Believers, encouraged and disciplined by fellow Christians.
- In Pastor Shadrack and his church, strengthened by the ministry in their community.
- In children who learned about Jesus while having a blast!
- And in each mission team member as God used them in unexpected and wonderful ways.

If this sounds exciting to you, please check out our website for more information on our February 2012 trip. Please help spread the word as well.

<http://ignitesouthafrica.org/mission-opportunities/ignite-trip/>



Valuable Lessons

Imagine presenting to more than 300 people as a 7th, 8th, or 9th grader. Pretty intimidating, right?

During the final Impact conference of the year, our young leaders stepped up to the challenge presenting their school projects and teaching all of us valuable lessons about the tough issues they face.

- The dangers of drugs, alcohol, and cyber bullying and where to go for help.
- The warning signs for depression and suicide.
- How to take care of our bodies with good nutrition, exercise, and hygiene.
- How media influences, and how to make the right choices for music, TV and movies.
- How to respect ourselves and each other.
- How to be the leaders God created us to be.

As each group presented, it was obvious that their hard work paid off. Not only did they learn valuable lessons working as a team, but they also taught valuable lessons to their peers.

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