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Cause for Celebration

Christmas is a time of celebration with family, friends and lots of food. And as believers, we know the true cause for such celebration, the true meaning of Christmas. How our divine, all-powerful creator became man in order to pay for our sins and restore hope to a fallen world.

Christmas is about the hope of Christ.

In South Africa, extreme poverty, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and the residual effects from apartheid fuel a sense of hopelessness and powerlessness to make a difference. We see it in our leaders, and we see it worsening in our youth. These next generation leaders carry around huge burdens every day, burdens Christ wants to exchange for the comfort, hope, and purpose that can only be found in Him.

Thank you for partnering to bring the hope of Christ to South Africa. Your prayers and financial support are what makes our work possible. As we look forward to 2012, I thank God that we're in this journey together. May you have a blessed Christmas and happy New Year!

Speaking of celebration, during our recent Enrich conference, we celebrated 10 graduates from our Foundations for Christian Growth class. We are so proud of them and their hard work!

Be Blessed, Jill


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



Body Building

Jesus never intended pastors to lead their churches single-handedly. Instead, he equips the church body with varied spiritual gifts, ministry roles, and a model for authority to keep things running smoothly.

Part of *knowing* God is knowing His authority over all things and submitting to Him as Lord. Part of *servicing* God is knowing the authority he delegates to us, and submitting to the authority he delegates to others.

In our recent Enrich workshop, June taught on spiritual authority by comparing the examples of Saul and David. While Saul *rebelled* against God's authority by disobeying his commands, David *submitted* to God's authority through obedience and by submitting to Saul's delegated authority while Saul was still king.

Building on the foundation of spiritual authority, Leon DeHaan, a visiting leader from Michigan, taught about the five-fold ministry structure in Ephesians 4:11-13 – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. The goal of this structure is to equip people for service and build the body of Christ.

It takes a team to reach people for Christ. So our pastors were grateful to learn how to operate in their gifts, and equip and release others to do the same.

"God has caused an explosion within me. I did not have a full understanding of the Five Fold Ministry, but from today I can feel I have a desire to also teach boldly about this.

I have learned who I am and where I am in this Five Fold Ministry in full. I have also learned that I should pursue what I am in power." - Pastor Moeti Nhlanhla David



Curriculum Triathlon

With FlashPoint graduations under our belts and other areas of ministry winding down, we're now busily getting ready for 2012. For the past couple of weeks our "curriculum triathlon" has been underway – printing, collating and binding about 5000 books for next year's classes.

It's a lot of work! But knowing the impact each book will have in the hands of a young person makes it worth it!!

For those of you unfamiliar with our curriculum, we have 4 planned for next year.

Living on Purpose teaches youth that they have been created and gifted by God for a unique purpose. It inspires them to reach their fullest potential and make life choices that honor God.

Break the Silence and Speak Up address challenges and answer questions that teens face every day. Sin and Temptation. Self-Esteem and Self-Control. Drugs and Alcohol. Sex, AIDs and Pregnancy.

And **Save Sex** is all about...you guessed it! Relationships with the opposite sex, God's design for relationships, purity in all areas of our lives, and saving sex until marriage.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jer. 29:11

With each book, a student is taught for a year but equipped for a future – a hope and a future purposed by the Lord himself.

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