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### Becoming Nehemiah

A personal highlight this month was completing my blog series on the leadership lessons of Nehemiah. I so enjoyed studying this book of the Bible in greater detail, and also learning from “*Becoming Nehemiah – Leading with Significance*” by David L. McKenna.

The study was also a time to reflect and apply what I was learning as we transitioned from Thrive Africa to Ignite South Africa. It has been an incredible 8 months with countless challenges and blessings along the way.

As I related to Nehemiah’s crucible experiences, I learned how God was refining, strengthening and using me through my own.

As Nehemiah led his people for survival – rebuilding their spiritual foundation and walls for protection – I learned how to do the same for our new ministry.

And as Nehemiah led his people for significance, the Lord renewed in me His plans for Qwa Qwa – plans for salvation, godly leaders, and an end to HIV/AIDs and other problems devastating this nation and holding people back from their fullest potential.

Anyways, this was a highlight for me. I pray it is valuable to you as well. I think we can all learn life-changing, leadership-shaping lessons from Nehemiah’s examples. If you’d like to check out the series, please visit my blog site, scroll down to “Take Your Pick” and select “Becoming Nehemiah.”

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

*Be Blessed, Jill*



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

### Modeling Stewardship

Local pastors and church leaders have told us that Money Management is an area where they struggle due to lack of training and limited resources. Thankfully, the Bible gives us wisdom on every aspect of handling money – earning, spending, saving, investing, getting out of debt, teaching others...you name it!

So on June 13th, we dug deep into “Managing Money God’s Way.” Workshop topics included having the right attitude about wealth, achieving financial freedom, tithing and giving, goal-setting and budgeting, and teaching biblical principles in the church.

I walked through sample budgets for a family and church or business, and assisted them with developing budgets of their own. No one had ever used one before. Based on their feedback, these leaders left feeling equipped and eager to apply what they learned.

*“I will teach the church God’s principles about money and how to implement them. I will also apply what I have learned for myself and my household so that I can model what I teach.” – Pastor Stella Charlotte Molefe*



*Please join in praying for these leaders and for our July workshop “Achieving God’s Vision for Your Church”.*

### Living on Purpose

This month I attended 2 school assemblies. It was great fun, and our Coaches did an amazing job! They are so multi-talented!

Assemblies are ½ day events for schools that do not currently have FlashPoint classes. It’s a way we can teach and inspire even more youth about God’s purpose for their lives. This year our goal is to reach 3500 kids, almost doubling the overall reach of FlashPoint.

As Thapelo shared his testimony, the kids were clearly moved. He grew up feeling like poverty would prevent him from achieving his goals and dreams – a struggle many of our youth can relate to. It was when he discovered God’s love, purpose and help that his life was forever changed. Thapelo encouraged the students telling them God can do the same for them, helping them to reach their highest potential.

After the group assemblies, kids divide into classrooms for a 2 hour lesson about Living on Purpose – one of our FlashPoint curriculums. These events have a great impact with the students and educators as well. We spoke with the principals and they were excited, thankful, and honored that Ignite South Africa came to their school.



*Please join in praying for our assembly schools – that these kids make godly decisions in their lives and that someday we’re able to expand with weekly classes for them.*

### Handling the Truth

On June 30th we kicked off another “Foundations for Christian Growth” class, a challenging 13 week certification course on the foundations of our Christian faith.

II Timothy 2:15 says “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

To correctly handle God’s truth, we must be diligent in our learning and application. And I’m thankful that even as I teach, I never stop learning as well.

*Please pray for our FCG learners as they learn to correctly handle the word of truth and share it with others. Please pray for me also as I teach for the next 13 weeks.*

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