

September 2010



Praises and Prayers

As you are enjoying fall weather and fun fall things, we are heading into warm, sunny days. I have a lot to be thankful for, including each of you who are reading this! THANK YOU!!

Praises

- For an end to the civil servant strike and a restart to Leadership Summit and Launch Pad classes.
- For a well attended, impactful Hand in Hand leadership conference.
- For our mission team from Canada and the many lives they blessed while here.
- For an opportunity to learn, grow and fellowship at the Show-Tell women's conference.

Prayer Requests

- For our Thrive Adult mission team arriving October 8th.
- For our final 2010 Hand in Hand conference on November 5th.
- For continued financial provision in order to finish our 2010 ministry year strong.
- For God's wisdom, discernment and leading as we plan for 2011.

Blessings, Jill

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



From the Inside Out

On September 6th more than 130 leaders came together to learn how to be God's salt and light "From the Inside Out". Our topics included Godly Stewardship and Kingdom Living – things we need to model in our own lives before we can effectively witness to others.

My two messages were about Godly stewardship – God's design, and the practical ways we can live according to His principles. I also provided a budgeting overview that can be used for personal, church, or business finances. Next Pastor Abram Moloi taught how we can bring God's Kingdom to earth by modeling Godly principles.

Based on our responses, God was clearly at work. Our leaders came hungry to learn and left eager to put things into practice.



Love in Action

This month we were also blessed by a mission team from First Baptist Church in Canada. It was extra-special because they were the family and friends of Aimee who is on staff here.

The team ministered in Paballong and at Hope House, and also completed a base project, blessing our farm staff with fresh paint, tile floors and new windows in their homes.

At the end of the project, our farm staff expressed their gratitude in a beautiful note thanking the team for their loving hearts and caring hands. Through the team's hard work – including fundraising for supplies – our farm staff experienced Christ's love in action.



Beauty for Ashes

Another highlight this month was a women's conference at Show-Tell Bible Church. The theme was "Inner and Outer Beauty". My roommate June and colleague Amanda gave the first message – what a dynamic duo!

They taught how in Bible times people wore ashes while in mourning to show an outward sign of their inward turmoil and grief. Mourning is natural, and important for healing and moving forward. But it can also prevent us feeling loved, beautiful, or worthy of either. The enemy would prefer we remain in mourning, unable to move forward into God's best for our lives.

Isaiah 61 says that the Lord wants to be right there with us - binding up broken hearts, freeing us from whatever is holding us back, even avenging on our behalf. The Lord also wants us to end our mourning, and give up our ashes for the crown of beauty he wants to bestow upon us.

Since we put the ashes on, we have to take them off for God to do his thing. We need to allow him to work and trust that he is. Only then will we be considered oaks of righteousness, displaying his splendor, able to rebuild, restore and renew whatever has been devastated. *Read Isaiah 61.*

The conference was such a blessing for me – a wonderful chance to learn, refuel and also enjoy time with friends.

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