



Greetings from South Africa,

I hope you are all doing well know that your prayer for me having been working and that God has been taking care of me.

Last time I sent you a letter was in the month of January. I would like to inform you of what all has been happening in the past two months.

The ministries that I am involved with have been going excellent. God continues to open doors with the orphans, homeless and the church. Here is what has been happening.

Orphanage: The bible studies with the teen girls have been very productive. They now know how to write in prayer journals and each has their own bibles. The number of attendance is still very high with 15-25 teen girls. They learn so much and are so eager to learn how to use their Bibles. Currently I am teaching them about media and how God sees it. The first lesson that I taught went well, because I stepped on a lot of girl's toes. I spoke about music, movies and magazines and the negative affect it has on us. It amazes me how some of these girls have no idea on what is bad for them, yet they are open and willing to learn about what hurts God. This study on this specific subject will continue for another month. Since this orphanage is so big, I get to meet a new person almost every day. I do my best to meet adults that work there and share Gods word with. I have made a few friendships with house mothers (women who live and take care of the children) since they are protective over the children I make sure they know that I have the best interest in the kids. This is a ministry that I attend four times a week and will continue to do so for another year.

Feeding the children: last time I wrote to you I said that I have been attending this ministry for one day of the week. One of my team mates and I committed to going twice a week to help and play with children. At first we sang and fed the children on Saturdays. Now I go on Thursdays to help with a day care. What is interesting is that even though I go for the day care God has been opening doors to get to know the mothers of these children and some young teen kids. It's been very nice because now I can do more with this opportunity. One thing that we are looking at is to start door knocking in this village. It will be great, because everyone in this place is so kind and they always want us to come and sit with them to talk and laugh. I would say it took a while for them to get comfortable with most of us, because we are white. They probably wonder why we are there. Since we have been going there for the past eight months they are so used to us feeding their kids and talking to them that when a new white person joins us its completely fine with them and they continue to welcome us. This place is amazing and I see a big future for it. If you could please pray that a church gets planted in this village. It's so far away from the city or any other church, that if one gets started there it would be ideal.

The abused women's shelter: for those of you who have been keeping up with me on Facebook you know how much this place means to me. It is one of the highlights of the week to go to this place on Wednesdays. Unfortunately because of finances I have not been able to cook for these ladies the usual full meal I used to make for them. The reason I love this ministry is because I get to get see these women for six months until they leave the shelter. They are open to speak about God, there are some that are younger and love to laugh and make jokes. Mostly though I like this place because I can be a friend to these women. My aim is to be a friend like how's Jesus is.

Feeding the homeless: When we do this we just give people a sandwich and speak to them when able. We usually go in the same route every week since it's such a big city. Everyone by now knows what our car looks like so when they see it stop, some run to us to come get their food. I have never met anyone that didn't say thank you or God bless you. They are such thankful people.

I hope that that gives you a glimpse of what all is happening here. I have enjoyed getting closer to the church here and being part of this congregation. I know you would be pleased to hear that the elders here are involved with my team and they will start attending and taking over all of this work that we have started for them. My dream for the rest of the time that I am here is to see the work that is taken place being continued. If it doesn't happen please continue to pray for the people we are involved with and for their faith to continue growing. I thank you all for your prayers and financial support. Know that I thank God for you often.