

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
Romans 8:28

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To let everyone know of the abundant life in Christ by living to glorify God through following Him, speaking words of life, and coming alive in order to do everything *with love* that overwhelms, empowers, and transforms.



Hope House Story

My heart broke in July when I had to say good-bye to Lindo at Hope House since he was going to live with his uncle. I cried so many tears and prayed so many prayers for him. Each Friday at Hope House still made my heart happy, but not like when he was there to give me a hug. Recently, I got that hug I've been wanting for months. He played with my hair, I met his new family, I held him in my arms, I said I love you over and over, we sang Hakuna Matata, and he jumped up on my shoulders. All the things that I loved and missed. Yet, he stole my heart all over again and brought tears to my eyes when I heard the sweet words:

"I missed you too"

Please join me as I continue to pray for Lindo and each of the kids at Hope House.

Here I am again, writing a newsletter to share my heart for everything that is happening, has happened and will happen by God's power. I am bursting at the seams with love and am completely overwhelmed with the love God has for me. As I write, tears flood my eyes and stream down my face because I am so broken by His love. So broken to feel the love of God. That even through everything, **He** keeps saying, "And I'm madly in love with **you**" and that He wants to remind me that I am living the stories that I get to write about in these newsletters. From hugging an orphan who has found a home to seeing change in a student's eyes to equipping pastors to coming alive with passion, I am so blessed to be living out the call God has given. A little over a year ago, God laid on my heart a desire to serve, to go, to experience, to put into practice all my "book smarts." Now, after being here and experiencing the passion I talked about before. I see the faces. I see the bare feet. I see the laughter. I see the hurt. I see the potential. I know the people. I hold them in my heart. I have their stories. I come alive when I talk about my passion for South Africa, for the kids here, for discipleship, and for the amazing ways God shows up, how He relentlessly pursues everyone and how BIG He is. I pray this newsletter will open your eyes to see what I see and to see how God is at work thanks to [your](#) support.



Ministry Happenings



“The message is not that we have it all together, but that we know the One who does.”

Hand in Hand held a conference for the pastors of Qwa Qwa and Intabazwe. More than 80 pastors attended! The vision of Hand in Hand is to equip pastors and strengthen local churches through leadership training and mentoring. The conference kicked off with Amy Riep, our interim director, speaking on how to identify leadership potential and check our own spiritual development. Leon DeHaan also came from America to speak at the conference. He focused on vision, character, and calling. The pastors were thankful for the opportunity to learn and excited to put the teachings into practice!



“Adopt-a-Family”

makes for an interesting time because when else do you get to play in cow dung except when putting ditema on a house?! Now that we have finished the building portion, we have moved on to ditema the walls. This includes a tasty process of mixing cow dung, dirt, and water. Once the mixture has been made, the brave interns (not usually me...though I have touched it!) who can handle the stench smear the mud on the house and use forks to make a design. The design is painted once the mud has dried. Each family typically keeps a copy of the different designs passed down from generation to generation. Everyone is excited to see the finished project and to bless the family with this beautiful addition.



Girl Talk

usually consists of reading a book and discussion, but we went out on an excursion this month. We ate delicious pizza, enjoyed each other’s fellowship and came together to paint a canvas!



LaunchPad is one of my favorite

parts of the week. Why? Because I absolutely love seeing lives transformed through God working through engaging curriculum and personal relationships. I can see the difference in one of our student’s (Katileho’s) eyes as he comes to class and how he interacts compared to last term. I see him prompting and delving into the discussion questions with his friends. I am excited for God’s work in him and am expectant for even more. Pray with me for the kids in the LaunchPad classes for radical transformation to be

Counting the day...

in order to soak up all the time that I have left in the internship. Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead by focusing on what I can do today to press into Him and dig deep to have more of Him and less of me. The rest doesn’t matter. Count the day with me and see all that He has for you! Let me know how I can be praying for you and what is going on in your life. I look forward to hearing from you! With love, Katy