

ENGAGE AFRICA

Jeff, Abby, and Elizabeth Hunt

April 2014



Greetings from South Africa!

We pray that this letter finds you healthy, happy, and actively pursuing all that God has planned for you in 2014! In fact, we pray for you often. We pray that you are encouraged and blessed. We are so grateful for your involvement in Engage Africa! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your answer to the call of Jesus' Great Commission to each of us! (Matt. 28:19)

We are in the midst of an exciting and ever-changing season of life with a toddler. It's amazing how the addition of someone little into the family brings about such great change... in everything! Our Beth is 19 months old now and walking, running, spinning, and climbing. She has been learning sign language and has lots of words under her belt. No worries, though, if she doesn't know a particular word, she just makes up a sign!

Anyway, here is your snapshot of what's happening on our side of the globe!

Hope Church / Miners Strike

Those of you who have been following South African news or our FaceBook posts probably know that the mines have been on strike a very long time. We are in the 9th or 10th week of strike now. We are very grateful to report that it has been a peaceful strike; there has been little to no violence associated with demonstrations or people attempting to cross the "picket line."

However, since people have been out of work for so long, we are now seeing an increase in theft and robbery. People are getting very hungry, and there seems to be no end in sight.

The great news is that this strike has not stopped the Gospel in Freedom Park. Since it is a mine community, we have seen some fluctuation in attendance (especially at the beginning as we all expected violence). But our church family has dug in its heels and continued to meet every week. Jeff and the team have been faithfully teaching the Gospel, and people are responding. Unfortunately, we are now seeing the repercussions of the impact of the strike. People are hungry. Last week, 5 different families admitted to Pastor Justice that there was no food in their homes. We have decided to start distributing food parcels (staples and non-perishables) to families in need each week. For more information about how to get involved, visit our website's "[projects](#)" page!



Prayer Requests

- Health, safety and provision for hungry families as the strikes continue
- Resolution to miners' contracts and an end to strikes
- Safe travels for Jeff's mom, Isabel, as she flies over April 14
- Continued effective ministry and growth at Hope Church
- Favor as we continue to pursue a designation of land in Freedom Park for Hope Church
- Wisdom as we lead our growing team of South Africans
- Physical health for our family and visitors as we head into winter

www.engageafrica.com

Children's Ministry Trainings



February was a busy month of trainings as we partnered with Jackson's Ridge Children's Ministry Training Center. We started out the month teaching 3 different workshops for JR's Children's Ministry Basics and Beyond Seminars. The next weekend, we were back at JR again as Abby, with some help from Beth, spent the day talking about how to be a clown and use those skills to communicate the Gospel. It was a wonderful day, and Beth was charming in her debut as a mini clown! We love to partner with the folks at Jackson's Ridge. It's always a fun weekend.

Now, we are busy networking with different local churches to schedule some more trainings and outreaches for this year. Justice, one of our SA team-members and the pastor for the adults of Hope Church, has been attending a Rustenburg Pastors' Forum and making lots of new connections. Now, if we can just pin down some dates that work, we will be set! We love investing in kids by training the local adults who will be equipped to offer ongoing discipleship that can continue long after an outreach ends. We know that Jesus loves kids, and He is certainly in the discipleship business!

Alison Jungquist



Our intern, Ali, has been such a joy to have with us! She works hard, the kids love her, and she continues to be a blessing. She has been working with a local Christian school, providing some pays. ed. and sports opportunities for the elementary kids. So Beth gleefully exclaims, "ball!" when she sees Ali, hoping she has her bag of soccer balls and "hats" (cones) with her! Ali has also been creating a spreadsheet that we will use to begin to build a data base of Hope Church attendees. We look forward to the next month with her and will be sorry to see her leave in May! However, we are grateful for the fingerprints that she will leave here and are confident that she will take a bit of South Africa back with her as well. Thank you, Ali, for investing in Engage Africa! And many thanks to each of you who have invested in Ali or our intern program! May you be richly blessed!

STAK Teams

We have been connected, via missionary friends, with the missions teams from Valley Christian School in California. They sent a team in February, and we will be welcoming another team in April. We love working with this school. The first team sanded and painted the fence for the shelter, and the second team will be doing some painting for Tapologo and Hope Church in Freedom Park as well as some kids' outreaches, provided things stay peaceful out there. Please pray that we will be able to take them out there.



AGWM Kids

Last weekend, we had the opportunity to spend time with a bunch of missionary kids. Their parents, Assemblies of God world missionaries (AGWM) stationed all over South Africa, came together for annual business meetings, so we planned activities and services for the kids. Ali and Rejoice were with us and both did a fantastic job. The facility was great, the kids were fantastic, and we all loved the weekend as we played together and also explored what it means to be rooted and built up in Christ (Colossians 2:6-7).

