

# ENGAGE AFRICA

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Greetings Family, Friends, and Partners in the Great Commission!

We love and appreciate you! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your answer to Jesus' command to, "Go into all the world and make disciples." (Matthew 28:19) Thank you for choosing to be part of our answer to that same command. Together, we really are engaging children, and many others, in South Africa in life to the full!

We look forward to seeing many of you while we are traveling in the USA during September and October. Check our FaceBook group for a list of locations as well as updates and photos. We love serving Jesus with you!

## Quick Hit Highlights



### Hope Church Grows

What an exciting year of spiritual and numerical growth! We now worship with about 100 adults and 130 kids each week!



### Miners Strike Ends

After the longest and, surprisingly, one of the most peaceful miners strikes, we have peace in the mining industry again.



### Hope Church Property Search Continues

It has been a year of roadblocks and perseverance. The municipality cannot help, but we are still in talks with the mine.



### Golagana Africa

We are official! Golagana, the Tswana word for engaging, is our official NPO in South Africa - with a bank account and all!



### Christian Life School Missions Team

A great group from Kenosha, WI came to work and minister in July. The team and the kids had a blast learning about LOVE.

## Prayer Requests

- Land for Hope Church, a place to build and put down roots.
- Land for Engage Africa, a place to put down roots and expand influence to include orphan care and more
- Health, safety and divine connections as we travel in the USA and talk about EA
- Health and safety for our Hope Church family
- Continued "appeal" for Hope Church, that we would continue to be a family that attracts our neighbors to Jesus.
- Our 2 interns that will return with us to SA. (details on website)

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## Hope Church Update

During the long mining strike, as you would expect during a widespread crisis, people flocked to church, including Hope Church. At Hope Church, many came for the food parcels that we distributed each week, and all heard about Jesus every time they came. Now that the strike, and the daily fear, has ended, some have stopped coming, but around 75 adults still meet weekly to worship Jesus together. That is more than triple the size of our Hope Church family at this time last year! We need God now, more than ever, to supply a place for us to meet where we can build a building and have some roots. Our contacts at the municipality tried, but failed to help us with an allotment of land. We continuing talks with the Impala Mine that surrounds Freedom Park. Our talks seem promising, but it is a slow process of letters, proposals, approvals, more letters, etc. Our hope and our trust is not in the municipality or the mine, however, it is in God. We feel a bit like the Israelites worshipping in their temporary tabernacle. Yet, we have not forgotten that the presence of God was very real in the tabernacle and is very real in Hope Church now... still we long for our church to have a home!



## Golagana Africa

We are official! We have known that the best way to facilitate the ministry of Engage Africa in South Africa would be to establish a proper NPO here that can receive and spend money on behalf of the ministry without using our personal bank accounts. Well, we are now official. Golagana Africa is the Tswana translation of Engage Africa and it is Engage Africa's official arm here in South Africa. We have a separate Board of Directors that includes us, the chairman of our American BOD, and several trusted South Africans. We even have our bank account established. I know it's not quite as exciting to hear about as Hope Church, but this will make it much easier for teams, interns, and monthly expenses. The same God, who is faithful to heal, is faithful in the "brass tacks" details! Praise the Lord!



## Christian Life School Missions Team

We love hosting teams of students from Christian Life School in Kenosha, WI. This school is a part of one of our partners, Journey Church. They always come filled with excitement and creativity, ready to share Jesus and open to what He will do in them. This year they came with a fun series of VBS messages all about how we can learn about God's love through some of the weird animals He created. The kids loved it. Of course, they also visited in homes in Freedom Park, praying for the sick and downhearted, and ministered at Hope Church and other local churches. And, God also did a great work in many of their hearts. Several of the students were baptized before leaving South Africa. What a powerful time!

