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Greetings Friends! We pray that this letter finds you healthy and well!

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Thank you for being a part of the Engage Africa ministry team. Who we are and what we do is directly impacted by your involvement. We appreciate you very much and pray for you often!

It's that time of year again, and we are preparing to make our trip back to the States. Be sure to check out the second page of this letter to view our ministry schedule. We would love to connect with you at one of the churches we will be visiting!

Now, let us show you some of what you are doing with us here in South Africa!

~ Jeff and Abby ~



We are SO excited by what God is doing in the hearts and lives of the people of Freedom Park!

Our kids, about 100-120 each week, have memorized the books of the New Testament in Tswana (the most common language in the schools) and are learning to find scriptures in their Bibles. They are also memorizing

Bible verses and praying with passion. We have even been able to start a Jr. Leaders team with some of the older kids. We are so proud of them!



The adults of Hope Church, about 25 each week, are becoming disciples and evangelists! They decided that a Sunday service was just not enough, so they have started 3 home groups

that meet during the week. Many of their neighbors have begun attending the home groups, and some have started attending the church as well. Thank you to those of you who donated toward the purchase of chairs for the adults! As you can see, we are all very happy and very grateful!!



Well, Lighthouse Children's Shelter has gone through yet another transition! The local Assembly of God church that took over LCS wants the property to have the maximum community impact possible but was growing frustrated by the interaction with the government Department of Social Development and other "nuts and bolts" aspects of running a place of safety. So God opened a door for an interesting partnership. A place of safety in a near-by town, called Grace Help Centre, was looking desperately for a way to expand into Rustenburg... with no money for property, buildings, staff, or supplies.

So, the decision was made to close LCS and allow Grace Help Centre to operate in this facility, with help and support from the church.

So, of course, our roles have also transitioned. Jeff is still overseeing the grounds and maintenance staff, but Abby is no longer as highly involved with the shelter. Abby has now become more of a shelter consultant for the new house mother as she works toward getting the new shelter registered! She and Beth enjoy visiting the 4 babies that are currently here and look forward to many more.



The Future...EA Ministry Center

Most of you have heard that our next big step for Engage Africa will be to purchase property and begin a ministry base here in South Africa.

Jeff has secured our non-profit organization here in South Africa, however, he is battling a little bit with a name since "Engage Africa" is too similar to a couple of non-related organizations here. It is important to have the non-profit here in order for Engage Africa to purchase property or build anything permanent.

We have looked at several pieces of property and are getting excited about the possibilities that we have seen. Now we are just trusting God for His timing to bring in the money that will make a cash purchase possible.

With the closing of Lighthouse Children's Shelter, we are more aware than ever of the vast need for places of safety and foster homes here in our area. We can already see, in our minds, children laughing and playing in a new shelter, local church volunteers planning, young mothers learning to parent their own children...

YOU can be part of making the dream a reality by donating online on our partnership page at <http://engageafrica.com/page5/page12/index.html>



Family & Friends

We have had such fun with the parade of family and friends that have visited this winter (well, summer for most of you)! Beth has loved seeing all of her grandparents as well as some cousins and some "aunties" and introducing them to her world here in South Africa. There is just something special about having family and friends



share our lives here that is different from seeing everyone Stateside. We love it!

We didn't have any big teams come this year (we have a couple scheduled for next year), but we did lots of ministry (and play time) with the more intimate groups of family and friends that came. We are blessed to be a part of such families!



Megan the Marvelous

Our latest intern, Megan Cullen, did a fantastic job

while she was here with us! We loved to see the way she simply adapted to and became a part of every situation that she experienced. She truly became "one of us" while she was here! Thank you, Megan, for leaving your fingerprints on hearts here in South Africa! We love you and miss you!



Prayer Requests

- **Health, safety, and peace** as we travel Stateside with a toddler!
- Continued **Spiritual and Numeric Growth** at HOPE Church in Freedom Park.
- **Health and safety** for our Hope Church family.
- **Favor** for Grace Help Centre as they pursue registration.
- Favor and **Forever Families** for the babies at Grace.
- **Direction and wisdom** as we look for property and seek God's next step for us and EA

2013 USA Schedule

- 8/13 Highland Fellowship
Elgin, IL
- 8/25 Calvary Temple
Springfield, IL
- 8/26 Meet & Greet Springfield, IL
Calvary Temple
- 9/1 Calvary Assembly of God
Crystal Lake, IL
- 9/8 New Hope Church
East Tawas, MI
- 9/11 Freedom Christian A/G
Sterling Heights, MI
- 9/15 TBA
- 9/17 EA Chili Night Kenosha, WI
Lakeshore Tabernacle
- 9/22 TBA
- 9/29 Servants Heart Fellowship
Peoria, IL
- 10/1 EA Banquet Elgin, IL
Highland Fellowship
- 10/6 First Assembly of God
Normal, IL
- 10/13 Grace Community Church
Branson, MO
- 10/20 Union Grove Church
Aurora, MO
- 10/27 Faith Worship Center
Aurora, MO
- 11/3 New Life Church
Oak Park, IL