



Merry Christmas



From our family to yours...

This year is a bit different for us since our family is spending Christmas on separate continents! Jeff returned to SA to host our Hope Church Christmas Party while Abby and the kids are hoping for a white Christmas Stateside in IL. We are so grateful for modern communication technology! Whether your family is crowded into a tiny space or separated by geography, we pray that you and your family are close in heart and enjoying the celebration of the birth of our King of kings! We pray for you often, and we are grateful you are in our lives!

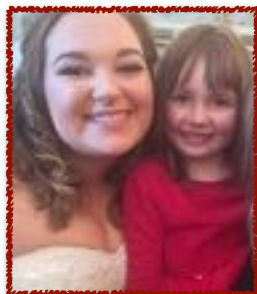
Jeff, Abby, Beth, and Jordan Hunt

We are grateful for another fruitful year of engaging hurting and hopeless people in life to the full! We hosted a record number of teams, children's outreaches, and children's ministry trainings! We had some incredible interns and saw encouraging growth in the people of Hope Church in Freedom Park. Our Almighty God showed His faithfulness in big and small ways all year long. This is especially great since it was also a difficult year as we were told that the shelter would be closing and the property sold... meaning we would be moving. Yet, our ever-faithful God led us to an exciting leap of faith with an opportunity to purchase property that could one day be the home of Hope Ministry Center and many things that were planted in our hearts years ago. If you haven't yet heard the story, visit our website for more details! www.engageafrica.com

Intern Milestone

We love our interns! When someone comes to SA to be an intern, they are truly a Hunt family intern. They do life and ministry with us for as long as they are in our country, our ministry, our home. We love to hear about their lives after the internship as well. On December 16, Beth and Abby had the pleasure of attending a very special wedding! Hope Schommer was our intern in 2015, and this year, she got married! Beth was delighted by her first wedding, proclaiming that "Auntie Hopey looks just like a princess AND a bride!"

Congratulations, Mrs. Hope Wise!



If you, or someone you know, are interested in an internship with us, please send us an email!

Property Update

To date, we have **raised \$40,000** of the \$107,000 that must be paid by March 1, 2019. Just **\$67,000 left!** It's a great start! We are trusting God, who opens doors according to His plan in His time, to bring in the rest! Maybe He has used you to help give us the kick start. Maybe He will use you in the coming year to accomplish the goal!

End of Year Giving

There is still time to make an investment in Engage Africa for the 2017 tax year! You can visit our website, www.engageafrica.com, to make a contribution via PayPal; mail a check to: Engage Africa, 2250 W. Highland Ave., Elgin, IL 60123; or set up automatic bill pay to that address through your bank. We are also equipped to receive stock donations. Email penny@engageafrica.com for more info! Together we can make a difference!

Hope Church Christmas Party!

353 kids, 126 adults, 40+ infants. What a full, fun day!



100 adults received a reusable bucket of non-perishable food and treats to help with a holiday meal as well as the rest of the month. The best part of the day was hearing several of our core members choosing to forgo a food hamper so that others, in greater need, could receive.



250 kids received a gift of school supplies, small toys, and sweets. Younger kids received smaller gifts of toys or sweets.



For many of our kids, the highlight of Christmas is eating a cheeseburger and fries. They often wrap some up and take it home so that a parent can also have "nice food." This year, many shared their meal with another child so that everyone who came could get something!

