

A Glorious Moment...

“LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF BREATHS WE TAKE,
BUT BY THE MOMENTS THAT TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY.”

- GEORGE CARLIN



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NOZUKO AND DAUGHTER



ESTABLISHING ROOTS

Pastor Ohm had to travel back to North America for a month so when he asked me to help with the delivering of snacks to the churches in Kraaifontein I was more than happy to support this. After a few visits to the area I soon discovered that only 3 out of the 8 children's churches that were developed were still running.

In the end Nozuko ended up living with her grandmother to escape her toxic environment. Her daughter is now 6 years old and continues to live with Nozuko's biological parents. When she finds the money, Nozuko visits her daughter but still feels uncomfortable there.

Nozuko's life has changed since she started working with African Leadership. She realized that she needed God in her life and now wants to help children – especially those at risk for being in the same situation as she was in.

Currently, she is taking a course in Early Childhood Education so that she can get a good paying job. She hopes that one day she can buy a house so she can live with her daughter and provide for her. Nozuko is near the top of her class, doing well in school and will graduate at the end of this year. Unfortunately she is struggling to save and pay for the \$100 transportation fee for the rest of the year and may have to drop out. Is there anybody willing to sponsor her for the \$100 so that she can graduate? Please pray for Nozuko.

Right now, I am helping to mentor Nozuko and get her established in the ministry. The goal is to help Nozuko become resilient and self sufficient so that she can stand on her own two feet without relying on outside help. She thinks of me as her Fairy God Mother but I see it as God's good work.

On another visit to Kraaifontein I befriended Nozuko, a teacher at one of the children's churches. During my time with Nozuko she shared with me the most intimate details of her life. Nozuko had disclosed to me that her father had raped her 3 times throughout her adolescent years. Sadly enough, when she told her mother about the second assault, Nozuko was told not to make a police report as her father was the sole provider for the family. After the third incident, Nozuko had found the courage to speak to the police herself however her family turned on her.

Attempting to deal with all the hurt and trauma, Nozuko started drinking and hanging around with the wrong group of people. When Nozuko was 16 she became pregnant and didn't know if her Dad or boyfriend had fathered the baby. However, when the baby was born they decided it was her boyfriend's child because the child resembled him. After much thought she decided to put the child in foster care, and have her cousin take care of the baby. Unfortunately her mother fought for custody because of the money foster care provided.

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray that God will lead and direct Nozuko in the right direction.
- Pray that somebody will sponsor her travelling expenses to school.
- Pray for safety and protection for her young daughter.
- Pray that Nozuko can grow closer in her relationship with God.
- Pray that she will graduation school with flying colours.

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A Khayelitsha Moment...

"I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God:
First, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done."

- Hudson Taylor



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A man does not plant a tree for himself,
he plants it for posterity.

- Alexander Smith



Tree of Life

We had the honour and privilege of receiving 60 trees from the Food and Tree for Africa and Planet Works. I was ecstatic when they told me that two schools would be receiving these trees and even more surprised when they reported a donation of an additional 300 trees that will arrive in the near future! It's funny to think that I thought asking for 10 trees was asking for too many!

Cape Town is in high anticipation as the world's eyes focus on South Africa for the World Cup. It is here for a month and then it's gone...The LOVEa ministry is also excited, not for the World Cup, but to see how the trees are going to affect the next generation of people to come through these schools!

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray that they will see the trees as one of God's creation.
- Pray that the schools will take good care of the trees and take ownership over them.
- Pray that the trees will make an impact on the community and all who visit each school.

Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow.
The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

- Abraham Lincoln



The day we were going to plant the trees called for 60% rain and I was little worried but God blessed us with wonderful weather. The older kids helped the adults plant the trees and it was such a delight to see everyone so engaged. The teamwork was so amazing that it took each school under 1 hour to plant all 60 trees. What an opportunity for the schools participants and leaders to take pride in their own school – watching everyone take ownership of this property was a wonderful sight and a complete moment of satisfaction.



He who plants a tree
Plants a hope.
~Lucy Larcom, "Plant a Tree"



A society grows great when old men plant trees
whose shade they know they shall never sit in.

Greek Proverb