

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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TIME PRESSURES

***Time is free, but it's priceless.
You can't own it, but you can
use it. You can't keep it, but you
can spend it. Once you've lost it
you can never get it back.***

~Henry Mackay~

For 20 years I've had a clean driving record – that is until I moved to South Africa and received a speeding ticket! Geez... I think I'm getting at least 1 ticket every few months now! It's the traffic camera's that always seem to get me! They must be faulty! Believe me when I say that I am no speed demon, I always stay within the speed limit or at least go with the flow of traffic. All I know is that I am spending way too much money and time paying off my traffic fines!

I must admit that the World Cup has totally captivated me. A friend of mine is not a fan of the World Cup because he believes that people use it as an excuse not to work and that it slows down production in all aspects of life here in South Africa. At first I thought he was being a poor sport because his passion lies with rugby, but then I realized he was right, at least in terms of my productivity! Often I find myself skipping out on a task and making excuses to watch the games. Thank goodness its holiday season and the schools are not affected by my absence.

In the past, I've been very rigid with my time. I was very organized and everything had to be in order, especially my time. Now that I've been here for almost 3 years, I've found a way to be more flexible with my time. Yes, time is still important to me, but not so much with schedules or deadlines, but more with the people I spend my time with! I truly cherish the moments I have with the people I care about; they are what truly matter in life. As my church motto says, "Connect people to people and people to God". Life is meaningless without our relationships with people and God! As I reflect on my time spent, I highly encourage you to focus on how you are using your time.

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Now that the World Cup is over, pray that everything at the Pre-school will go back to its regular routine and that all the students will come back.
- Pray for safety and protection for the short-term teams that are coming these next few months.
- Pray for the tree planting on July 17th on Mandela Day that Shell Gas Station sponsored.

Whether I'm rushing from one place to another, trying to meet a deadline or being leisurely, I often wonder if I'm using my time efficiently. Lately I've felt that I've been using a lot of my time with the many daunting errands I've had to attend to.

For the past few weeks I've been running around trying to change my 3 month visa into a 3 year visa. I met with a variety of people at different Home Affairs Departments to sort this out however each person I spoke with kept on referring me onto someone else. After a lot of run-around I finally found a helpful Home Affairs Dept. in Paarl. Apparently, when I arrived in South Africa last April, my visa somehow got changed into a 3 month visa. A Home Affairs Representative said it was my fault for not informing border officials about the change when I arrived – but I didn't know about the change since my passport claims that I have a 3 year visa. Needless to say, after a lot of time, energy and money spent my visa was changed back to 3 years. Lucky for me that the changes were made within a few days of the deadline where I would have to leave the country!

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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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Recovering the wreckage!



CONTINUING STRUGGLES

On Sunday July 4th, our first short-term missions team came from St. Timothy's church from Toronto Canada. St. Timothy's had raised enough money to build our first Preschool this year but unfortunately we had to stop building it because of local politics and others being jealous of not having the opportunity to have a Preschool at their site. After just two days of building the frame and putting up siding we were given 12 hours to tear down the structure. Nonetheless, within the 12 hours one of the community leaders managed to get proper documentation to continue building, so we did. At 4 pm that evening we were stopped again, the municipality said that we had gone through the wrong people for the paperwork. Law enforcement officials knocked down the structure in front of the whole community who watched in shock and disbelief. Everyone was crying and many were devastated by this injustice.

Please pray for this situation to work itself out. Pray for all the people involved especially the community and its children. Pray that God's Kingdom will prevail!



Putting up the frame.



Over 200 children have been attending the children's church every afternoon.

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray that we can resolve the issues with the city of Cape Town so that we can build asap and that everybody will have forgiving hearts.
- Pray that through these hardships that the community of Makaza will grow stronger and more united.
- Pray that God's Kingdom will be established in Makaza

Adults and the children in the community helped with removing and storing the materials to another piece of land.

