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Serving the Youth of South Africa



Robbed & Rejoicing

PRAY

- ~Sept. 11-13 South Africa Youth take their first Mission Trip to our Bible School to do some painting and other work
- ~Sept. 28-Oct. 2 Africa AGWM Leadership Meetings in Senegal, West Africa
- ~Oct. 5-8 South Africa IAG Ministers' Institute
- ~Spiritual Warfare on Campus
- ~Pray for the National Youth Ministries to continue to move forward
- ~Pray for national pastors to **gain the vision** for university ministries
- ~Pray for Samantha Hanson, my future Missionary Associates as she raises funds. ([To give online, go to : https://giving.ag.org/Give/Details/600001-296510.](https://giving.ag.org/Give/Details/600001-296510))
- ~African Youth--Salvation & Discipleship
- ~Holy Spirit **Revival** in S.A.
- ~Faithful monthly support
- ~God's **protection, anointing, & favor** on my life--Above all, God USE me
- ~Wisdom beyond my years

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*"Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers, whenever you **face trials** of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that **you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**" James 1:2,3*

On Friday, July 24th, at 12:38pm, my cell phone rang as I was about to lead a prayer walk on campus. The alarm company quickly explained to me that there had been a break-in at my house in Pretoria, South Africa. The day before I had picked up the mission team of 5 people from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to help me launch the university ministry on three different campuses of Tshwane University of Technology (TUT). Now I was forced to send messages to students that the mission team and I would not be able to attend the scheduled prayer walks for that afternoon.

Leaving the campus we headed home and found three gates broken and a door knocked down. Three laptop computers, my TV, and ministry projector were all stolen. After waiting for three hours for the police to arrive and write their report, I had to make a decision. **Would I stop everything and focus only on the robbery? Or would I do the ministry we had planned to do? I decided to not let the enemy win!**



We left one team member and an African friend to secure the gates and doors, while I took the team to Ga-Rankuwa to minister at a youth service that night. Despite arriving twenty minutes late & also experiencing load-shedding (when the electricity is turned off because of shortages), our service by lantern light that evening was Spirit-led and I believe crucial to the future ministry.

The following days continued to be filled with spiritual warfare and pivotal ministry opportunities. Souls were saved, believers were added to our numbers, and the church was encouraged! Personally my faith was strengthened, especially as I saw my African friends show their love and concern for me in the midst of my trial.

Today I rejoice in my robbery. Because of these trials, it has caused many to understand the reality of the spiritual warfare I am encountering. It has increased the number of those praying for breakthrough on the university campuses in South Africa. Truthfully, it has caused me to persevere and mature in my faith.

When trials come they often MAGNIFY our current problems. Being very transparent with you--one of my greatest needs has been feeling "alone." Yet through this trial God showed me that I'm NEVER ALONE. God is with me and will watch over me wherever I go (Genesis 28:15a). He assured me that help is on the way! Ultimately, God is my help, my strength, and my joy!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS & SUPPORT!



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