



African Leadership Development

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Dear Friends,

Much has happened since our last letter! That's an understatement. Your prayers for the provision of the conference were bountifully answered. **THANKS TO EACH OF YOU WHO HELPED GET ONE OF OUR PASTORS AND THEIR WIVES TO THE CONFERENCE.** God heard your prayers for safety as we traveled more than 3,000 miles. The amazing answer to **that prayer** was not just time on the roads in Africa, but almost not going to Zimbabwe because of rumors of a coup. We called the embassy in Harare to find out what had happened and if what we had heard was true. The security chief of the embassy said Americans were not under special directives at that time, we were safe to travel. We drove to Zimbabwe, had divine appointments along the way, and left the country less than 12 hours before the tanks rolled into the capitol to end the 37 year reign of Robert Mugabe. What could have been a very disastrous situation for us trying to leave the country in the midst of potential chaos, the Lord allowed us to leave safely. Thanks for your prayers on our behalf. **Please pray for the new president of Zimbabwe. Pray that justice and the rule of law will return.**

The team was unified as we taught in 3 locations. We prayed and sang and worshiped through the many hours in the car. God allowed Cord Crichton, the ALD treasurer, and I to lead a rental car worker to faith in Christ as we turned in our rental car. **Pray for Anthony to grow in his new faith and find a great local church.** Work is continuing in the lives of the pastors and their families as the team follows-up through email and social media.



The pre-conference for 20+ leaders in Kriel, RSA

Phillip is working non-stop to get the school ready to open in January 2018 as the government promised. The problem is the left hand doesn't talk to the right hand until it is too late to get things completed. They are now saying opening is possible for the 2nd school term at the end of April. **Please pray that the bureaucracy will not hinder what God has planned for our children at HOHA and for the community kids who have to walk miles to the current schools.**

A year end gift to ALD will help us continue to help the HOHA kids and the pastors we serve in Africa. Thanks in advance.

Blessings, *Bill*, for all of us!



12th Pastors and Wives Conference 2017, in RSA



The Team was able to have special time with the kids in Whunga!