



African Leadership Development

January 2018



First day back to school in 2018

Dear Friends,

Compliments of the Season was how we were greeted as we arrived in South Africa on the 2nd of January. My reply was Happy New Year! We are trusting God for great things in the lives of our pastors and the children in Whunga for 2018.

The picture at the bottom of the page shows all of us together at the orphan home. The kids were so excited to get presents from people in Atlanta where my HS friend Tim Yelton is from. Another new friend helped the kids get pocket knives for Christmas. We were able to have special times as the kids prepared to go back to school. (Next month I'll share about the kids learning to forge knives and tools taught by one of the guys on the trip.)

It's so special for me to see the kids growing up. Tumi was only a year old when he came to us. He's sitting on Mike's lap playing a harmonica. Does he look like he's having a good time!?!

The picture of the cement blocks shows the huge effort the guys put in to get ready to build the first part of the school. Over 1,000 blocks were made in 5 days! Quite a feat - *with God's help!* Phillip is supposed to be able to pick up the approved plans next week. Lot's of progress was made clearing the property as well. The school property is almost 30 acres. We praise God for his provision. Our first building will house the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and 1st grade.

Anthony, or Andy as he is called, met me as I returned our rental car. He's the guy who trusted Christ last time.

Please pray that he will continue to grow in grace!

Your prayers and gifts allow us to serve the church in Africa. Thanks from all of us!



1,000 cement blocks made for the school

Blessings, **Bill**



Tumi's new friend Mike



Keep praying for Anthony to grow



The HOHA family Jan 2018