



# myWorld Newsletter



## MOVING BACK TO THE STATES

By Greg Owens

Yes, it's true. **Sarah, Abby and I will be moving back to the United States at the end of March.** Our South African visas expire in March, Sarah's research project finishes at the same time and we have been unable to secure the finances needed to allow us to stay. We were hoping to be able to stay here longer, but it seems God needs us back in the States for now and we must be where He wants us. **We are terribly sad to leave and are going to miss Cape Town and all the friends we've made. But we pray that if it's the Lord's will, he will bring us back again one day.** Please keep us in your prayers as we make this transition (especially the 20 hour flight with a 1 1/2 year old).



### Greg's Corner

#### MEETING PHYSICAL VS. SPIRITUAL NEEDS

*"Jesus replied, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" John 11:35*

It's impossible to live in a place like Africa, or another third world area, and not be affected by the extreme poverty that is so prevalent. Your heart breaks for those who are unable to provide for themselves because of unemployment, health issues or political corruption. Every fiber in your body wants to help meet the physical needs of those people.

I believe as Christians we have the obligation and responsibility to help those in need, especially if we have the means to do so. We are going against Scripture if we fail to do anything about helping the poor. But we have to make sure that we are balanced in meeting the physical needs as well as the spiritual needs.

We have to remember that a person's spiritual needs are more important because they determine their eternity.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- WFC to reach the unreached.
- Funding for WFC to increase.
- Us to quickly find housing and employment in the States.

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## WORLD FOR CHRIST IN 2011

**Our monthly myCapeTown events are in full swing** and will continue to reach out to the various communities in Cape Town with an even greater impact as we meet the practical and spiritual needs of this area. **We are also sponsoring two missions trips this year: one within South Africa in June and the other to Zambia in December.**

Even though we are moving to the States, World for Christ will continue operating in South Africa. **Tony Stewart, our South Africa Director, will be overseeing all the ministry taking place in South Africa** and I will continue to work with him closely. **Tony's heart for missions and for sharing God's love with others is just as passionate as mine** and he has been an invaluable member of our team.



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# WORLD FOR CHRIST IN 2011, CONT'D

Tony is a large part why things have been going so well here in Cape Town. I fully trust him to grow the ministry and make an impact in this country.

World for Christ also has the opportunity to start expanding our work into Costa Rica and possibly Argentina this year, so please be praying with us about these exciting openings. It is my desire reach the unsaved teens and young adults and to replicate and expand the work that God has done in Cape Town to other countries around the world and I will focus on that as we are in the States.

## LESOTHO TESTIMONY



Charmaine is a 16 year old high school student that went on our December 2010 Lesotho mission trip. Below she shares about her experience:

**"The Lesotho trip was such an awesome and humbling experience. God was with us every step of the way.** He shone his light for us, through us and with us. Never did he let us down!!

**The trip changed my heart so much.** It taught me a lot of valuable lessons such as looking into people's heart and not their outward appearance, appreciating what I have in my life, as well as teaching me to be flexible and adapt to all kinds of situations.

Serving God in Lesotho was awesome! **The people of Lesotho were so hungry for God's love.** I will never forget the children and how they just loved us no matter what we looked like. I really enjoyed spending time with them and teaching them God's word and ways through the holiday clubs (children's ministry similar to Vacation Bible School)! **I will never forget those children and the bonds I made with them. They will always be in my heart!**

**I served with a group of amazing people and I am so glad to have had this experience.** The memories we made will never be forgotten! **God brought us through a lot of things together and he has been so good to us.**

**All I can say is I am hooked on mission trips and hope to do more in my life! I love Lesotho and miss it a lot!"**

## REVIVAL IS COMING TO UWC

During the last week of January, **I had the privilege of speaking at Living Streams campus fellowship at the University of the Western Cape (UWC).** My friend, Gabriel Fabule, who pastors a church in the township of Mfuleni, has started this Christian group with the young adults that he has raised and mentored in his church. Now he is sending them out to reach their peers.

**There was such an anointing and tangible presence of God in those meetings,** confirming that He is getting ready to doing supernatural things on that campus. **Students were healed, filled with the Holy Spirit and given a fresh fire to reach other students at UWC!**

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## Greg's Corner, cont'd

Jesus cares about our physical needs but he died for our spiritual need...salvation. Jesus said in John 6:27, *"But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you."*

So when you go out and help give someone food, clothing, or shelter, don't stop there. Share the love of God with them and tell them how special they are because of what Jesus did for them on the cross.

I've come to realize that if we only help people in need to feel good about ourselves because it's our "Christian duty", we are imbalanced. If people weren't given the opportunity to hear about God's love, then what was the point of the missions trip or the deed? On the other hand, if we leave a Christian tract for our waitress in place of her tip, we are also imbalanced. She'll be turned off to hearing the Gospel because you neglected her need for income.

It's when the combination of spiritual and physical needs are met that a person's life is completely transformed. Together they are an unstoppable force.

Yours in Christ, Greg Owens

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