

San Bonani,

Ninjani?!? (how are you). Ng ya funda isizulu (I'm still learning Zulu). There is so much to praise God for! This past week was a eyeopening. There is so much to talk about and I don't have a lot of time so let me skim through life at Sunbury for the past week.

The Life

I'm going to be teaching ESL in San Soucci which is a small township outside of Durban. The school systems in South Africa are not of the highest quality and I'm going to be trying to emphasize reading comprehension and grammar since those are the biggest "achievement gaps" both here and in the states (TFA!!!). This past Friday I traveled to Pietermaritzburg which is the capital of KZN, a province in South Africa. I went around with the Stearns (a missionary group from England) and we traveled to different township houses, prayed with people, and picked different people up to take them to the Clinic (more on this later). I then traveled to Bergville on Saturday to watch Mark and Barb Hugo teach a class on consoling those who are grieving. Yesterday we went to a Zionist service outside of Durban with the Seghers. The service was beautiful as people crowded into a small building and poured out a genuine love for God. It has definitely been an action packed couple of days and I can definitely feel the power of your prayers as I have had a joy that I've never experienced before. Thank you sooo much!

The World

For those of you who don't know, poverty and HIV/AIDS in Africa is real. On Friday, while traveling with Dave Stearn, we visited a young lady who was dying from an AIDS related cancer. Her boyfriend was going to kick her out of their hut and the tumor on her body started hemorrhaging as we stood in her house. As we waited for the ambulance and stood, watching the young lady die, I was humiliated by the petty things I ask God for and how much I take his grace for granted. While I was concerned with not catching Chlora, approximately 50-90% of the population in the KZN province is suffering from HIV/AIDS, according to Mr. Stearn, and those who have contracted the virus have a life expectancy of 2 years. Poverty and joblessness is everywhere and a majority of the people we are working with are living in houses that lack electricity and running water.

Many people here are hurting here.

The Walk

God is clearly at work here and in my life as well. This week I've had joy for perhaps the first time in my entire life. Everywhere I turn my head I see the masterpiece he has created and the work he has set aside for us to do. God has amazing things in store for those who love Him and He's been showing me greater and greater things each day. Just yesterday during my quiet time, I was finally able to mourn and grieve over the loss of Pastor Bobby which was something I'd been refusing to do. Here are a couple things you can keep me lifted up in:

- **A Tame Mind-** Please pray that God changes the nature of my mind. He's definitely altered my heart and I am able to take pleasure in Him but my mind still rushes to make judgements on things that I have no business judging.
- **Hands that Are Quick to Work-** Pray that God helps me to reach those who are in need and serve them in a way that glorifies Him. When there is so much work to do sometimes we focus on the checklist and not the excellence.

- **Dilligence In All Things**- I have sooo much TFA work to do and not a whole lot of time to do it. Please pray that I get some time to get this work done while I'm here.
- **All the Missionaries Here**- the Seghers, Hugos, Pinters, Stearns, and Steelhammers all need your encouragement and support through prayer. Missions are empowered by prayer so please keep them lifted up.

Sorry that this email has been so long, I've tried to condense it a whole-heckuv-alot but failed miserably in the attempt! Please seek ye first the Kingdom of God and **his** righteousness and know that He will supply all your needs according to His riches and Glory in Christ Jesus!

Grace and Peace,

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