

One theme rings true this year: THE GOODNESS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR goes before us. We want to take this time to wish you a **Blessed Christmas** and a **joy-filled prosperous New Year.**

*Jesus came to earth the first time in obscurity. He is coming back in Majesty*

**Only One could crush the curse of sin**  
**Only One was raised to life again**  
**Only One is King of every king**  
**Only One is coming back for me**

As we come to the end of the year we want to recap the last term.

We set off on the trip to the USA with our colleagues and friends, Mia and Neville. This was an absolute blessing and success. A story of grace, favour, protection and the constant Presence of the Holy Spirit.



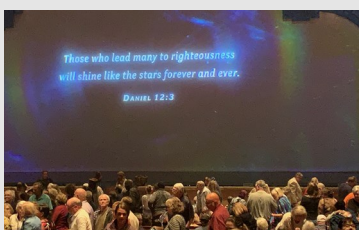
It was a privilege to start off in Pittsburgh where we landed and had our first meeting at 5pm. The next day was Pittsburgh tour and the Zoë Worship event with Pastor Merissa - what a powerful expression of the Presence of Jesus.



Sunday was a visit to CCOP and Monday a packed day of meetings with precious partners. Another highlight for us

was to meet with Bishop Joseph and Pastor Barbara. They prayed over us and we prayed for them.

Another watershed day for us as we went to see the live production of Daniel at the Light and Sound Theatre in Lancaster PA. This has had an "forever" impact on our lives as we saw the parallels of today.



From Pittsburgh we embarked on the almost 16 hour drive to

South Carolina to the Mission's Conference and what a trip of the Lord's mercy and grace! We met head-on with the relentless wind and rain from the hurricane Helena but managed to drive through it. Arrived in Bluffton at the late that evening - and I slept through the hurricane effect and tornadoes that followed while Philip "watched and prayed". Neville and Mia did much praying themselves!



The conference itself was a time of re-connecting with the incredible friends and other missionaries who attended the conference with us. Pastor Mark and his team went out of their way to make it a memorable and impactful time for all of us.



A rich time of fellowship with our friends Amy and Travis was part of the powerful missions conference we were part of. Another blessing was having the privilege of meeting the team that is going to come and serve in February next year. We never want to take the sacrifices they are making for granted. THANK YOU Cornerstone Church.

After the conference we returned to Dunlap where we had the privilege of attending and sharing at Word of Life Church in Dunlap. We were received with open arms and given such dignity.

Thank you to all the amazing friends (who are like family) the amazing family (who are also friends) who made this trip an experience of a lifetime for us! Thank you Lord for keeping us in the palm of Your Hand.

The Centre News: Rich ministry is happening at the centres are this year has seen a Spiritual growth in the children which is exciting. The children get the word on a daily basis as well as food, clothing, worship and life-skills. From this we had our big Bless a Child projects this year once again.





**I**t started with our little people who were all sponsored by Eden Church to go to the local Strawberry Farm.

Thank you EDEN Church. The priceless treasure of having “Faith friends” has once again proven how the body of Christ operates. For years Eden Gemeente has been hosting our Heart for a Child (Angels Breakfast) for all our little friends! This marked our 17th Bless a Child with Eden Church. A glorious milestone of the Lord’s Grace.

Benita is the new children’s pastor at Eden and it was her first. She, together with her volunteers, really were excellent. The children participated in all the activities: prayed, played, ate, sang, had a train ride, fed bunnies, heard the Christmas story through the eyes of a Shepherd. Then arrived Christmas Father and each child got their gift and a bowl of strawberries. Our precious staff were spoilt too - tea and scones, milkshakes, coffee and tea, a bowl of strawberries plus a lovely day out!

**O**ur initial disappointment when we did not get our “normal sponsors” for Bless a Child did not dampen our resolve to give the children the BEST Christmas parties together with teaching them the real meaning of Christmas.

**Then our MIRACLE:** We made an appeal for funds to purchase gifts this year as there were only a handful of people filling the bags. **MIRACLES CAN HAPPENED WHEN YOU BELIEVE:** This is the first year ever that every child received a **brand new** gift and new clothing.

For our bigger kids we had “mini” holiday programmes at the village under the tent. What a time of Celebration especially with all the abuse happening in the communities over Christmas. This was possible because of the generosity of our donors. It did not stop there: cupcake, food, candies, a cool-drink and tons of hugs. The hundreds of cupcakes came from one source. They weren’t just CUPCAKES, they were absolutely beautifully decorated. It was fun when our Santa who came all the way from the USA to bless the children. Thank you Philip.

Another gift was the collection of dry food items, toiletries, etc.



which enabled us to make up almost 100 food parcels. Thank you donors and thank you Holy Spirit for reminding us of this greatest gift of all, the gift of Jesus. This came from two sources. The one was Role Models Annual food drive (thank you Tanya (Mrs Garden Route 2024) and Mariette Griebenauw. You guys blessed us beyond you can imagine. The other source was our own Outeniqua Primary School in George. Together with their teachers and school, they collect boxes and boxes of tinned and dry food products as well as toiletries. This enabled us to make up over 100 food parcels for kids, families and staff who are struggling.



**C**ongratulations to LCA for a powerful challenging concert held at Shofar Church Hall! We praise God for a full house on Friday and Saturday, of parents, families and friends attended. This is where the story of Christmas and the message of the Gospel were clearly shared through the children’s performances. The concert ended with flag worship and powerful dancing and singing of the grade 7’s to the “Lion of Judah”. Well done to all of our awesome students, and a big thank you to everyone who made this concert such a success. Christ Our Saviour Is Born!



**H**appy Feet Learning Centre had their annual concert held at Shofar Church in George. Each class represented a country. Three year olds - India; Themba - Jamaica; Four year olds Canada; Five year olds UK ( they grab had a king and queen waving at us) Grade R class B USA Grade R class A SA

The opening scene was a play with a Narrator telling the story of Jesus welcoming children when they were turned away by the disciples.

Happy Feet ended with “Come let us Worship and bow down “. Teacher Natalie led a couple kids in dance- worship.

What a powerful Witness to the Glory of our God and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**N**EW JOURNEY GRADE 7 / Grade R At

LCA, we are so proud of our Grade 7s! They have



worked hard this year, and their diligence has paid off. On Friday, their farewell included ten pin bowling and a delicious meal at Spur! 'Our beloved students, we are praying for you and cheering you on as you embark on your high school journey next year. Always remember the foundation in God's Word that you have been taught in your time at LCA, and keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Congratulations!'

Monday marked a graceful graduation for our Grade R's at Happy Feet. The children sang and smiled all the way. After a devotion and prayer the children



as well as the staff and parents were encouraged to never give up on new beginnings. The grade R's were encouraged to start at the bottom in Grade 1 next year ( they are the "big kids" this year) but know that the Lord is with them each step of the way.



**A**ctivities at LIFE: The school has grown and developed into a well sort after school. The children did well in sport as well as academics under the leadership of our principal and teachers. We said a sad "good-bye" to our friend and teacher and head of department (foundation phase). Roxy has moved to Mosambique to be with her hubby and family as they embark on a new season for their lives. We miss them badly as she has been part of our lives for 5 years, serving at LCA. She added value to our lives and we were blessed to glean from her.

Prize-giving was a beautiful event for both

Phases and Pastor Amo gave an encouraging word to the parents, teachers and children.

**O**UR LITTLE FRIEND WHO MADE DEEP FOOT PRINTS IN LIFE:

She is one of the most amazing, talented, innocent and beautiful young ladies that I have ever met. All she wanted to do is serve. She never stopped – Maria Bar-end came as a volunteer to LIFE and ended up volunteering at a myriad of organisations in George. Her love for the Lord, her family, friends and for our children was evident.



Maria gave all our signs at the village and school a face-lift . She gave art lessons to the children. Assisted at the Village Centre with Siswe and Jamie and served. We also want to thank them as a family for their unselfish giving to others. Her parents, Chuck and Ana came to George to see what Maria was involved in. Ana, Maria's mom, came first. Chuck followed. While at the airport, there was request for giving up on a seat for another passenger. Chuck did just that but then he gave the pay-out from the airline to LIFE as a gift! They will forever have a place in our hearts at LIFE. We as a staff LOVE Maria and she endeared herself to all of us. We pray the Lord's richest blessing on this brave, strong young lady.

**W**e ended this year with an incredibly blessed function with all our staff who could make it. Thank you for everyone who made this day a glorious day to remember. Thank you to Michael Lindt who blessed us with the entertainment and THANK YOU LORD for making this day possible. All aspects of it was a "Day to Remember." I think it will go down in Life's Story as one of the most incredible "end of year functions" we ever had.



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