

Land Story of Life



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Second Update Sept'19

God adds the extra to our ordinary

When I look back at the building project, that is still very much at the beginning phase, I can truly say that God has had His hand on us. From a quiet morning in Maryna's office, when we received an email stating we should be off our then current premises by the end of June 2019. From there Maryna heard at least five different confirmations of going after the giant, as King David had done in the book of Kings. To myself getting a call from a Pastor friend in Cape Town who just felt that he had to share a verse with me. That verse was Numbers 11:8, "Obey all the laws that I given you today. Then you will be able to cross the river and occupy the land that you are about to enter."

From that moment on, it has been incredible to see how the Life staff and leadership have just done what they could do. Whether it was making contact with a church or hugging a child or encouraging other staff members, each one of the team did only what they could do. There was nothing exceptional about it or different, but rather quite ordinary. However, when we were obedient, God added the extra to our ordinary!

He created a building team of professionals from different churches all working pro bono. He provided the funds to put down a deposit on the land and to erect the wall. It is all Jesus, who brought the right people together at the right time to build His Kingdom. We at Life will keep doing the ordinary for Jesus and be expectant for Him to do the extra in our lives to create extraordinary moments for His Kingdom. The best is yet to come for our building project. **Written by David May**

The month of August was spent dismantling and removing all of Life's possessions, resources, food gardens and structures. Everything had to be transported from our old premises and placed in storage for a transition period. Through the generosity of a donor we were able to acquire a huge warehouse for storage whilst we build on the new property, which will be in 3 stages.

Of high importance was to relocate our Kitchen operations and Isipho, our job creation project to McCain. Stoves, Fridges, Sewing Machines and supplies were moved and operational again within 24 hours! On the 8th August the school closed for 3 weeks and classrooms and offices were dismantled and re-erected on the new site in 25 days. Our children were back in class on 4th September, on extended school hours till the end of the year.

Commitment, hard work, faith and generosity have unfolded before our eyes as we witnessed miracle upon miracle in the story of Life. **Written by Sally Versfeld**

Give thanks for what He has done.

The last few days on the old premises were difficult, there were a lot of emotions being experienced by the different staff members. This premises is a piece of land that had 18 years of memories on it. Some were great and fun memories, such as when lives had been impacted for Jesus or a first kiss for a girl in the youth program. However, some of these memories were hard, like remembering children and staff who had been involved at the life program but were no longer involved or when the building had been broken into.

Sally had felt that no matter what our emotions were, it would be great to take a moment and give thanks to God, for He is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." And that is exactly what we did on the last Friday we had on the property. All the staff gathered for a Celebration Service. A time to share of the good things that God has done through people on the property, to pray and trust God for the way forward and rejoice in all things. It was a beautiful experience hearing all the stories from the staff about what God had done in their personal lives. There were also many stories about how children over the years had touched and impacted staff and volunteers lives. Life will continue to live out the value of always seeking God first and giving thanks for all that He has done.

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Life Village

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Our Temporary Kitchen at McCain
Kholeka, Chantal & Elmarie



After our Thanksgiving prayer time
we came outside and a Rainbow
stretched over the Life Village....



Principal Chrisna reading to the
LCA Gr1 and Gr2



Life Village Aerial picture of property



Our Aftercare Centre at the
Life Village

Phillip & Maryna are overseas for 2 months, please pray for them as they raise funds and promote Life in the USA.

Having completed phase 1 on the new property we are appealing for funds for the expansion on our Life Village. Please consider funding in one of these key areas;

- Life Village:** We still owe R2M on the property
- Building Expansion:** We have a separate account for our phase 2 Building Project.
- Operational Cost:** These remain a priority and include Salaries, wages, food, daily running costs which are key to keeping the ministry functioning effectively.

Written by Sally Versfeld

PROPERTY ACCOUNT

Millers Trust Acc_Prop
Fund (LIFE)
BANK: Absa Bank
Acct. No. 1020660984
Branch code: 632005

SOUTH AFRICA-

BANK: NEDBANK
Acct. No. 1091183600
Branch code:109114
Swift: Nedszajj

THE USA:

IRM /LIFE Community Services
PO Box 444
Leechburg
PA 15656-0444
(make check payable to
IRM /Life Community and
please specify on the memo
line)

SA BUILDING ACCOUNT:

BANK: NEDBANK
Acct. No. 1191752348
Branch code:109114
Swift: Nedszajj

"But you are always the same; you will live forever.
The children of your people will live in security.
Their children's children will thrive in your
presence."
Psalm 102: 27,28

"What a promise for our children"

THE UK:

LIFE Community Services
A/c no. 00287400
Lloyds Bank
(Sort Code 30/99/93)