

WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA?

We are unbelievably happy to be returning to South Africa. Our role in South Africa will be:

1. We will continue to work with the children on a daily basis, helping them with home-work, playing and loving the kids!!!
2. Jim will also continue to do maintenance on the six African Havens properties in Johannesburg.
3. We will start training with the directors David and Caroline Webb to learn how to direct a Havens ministry. This is with the future hope of opening another Havens in the next one to two years.
4. Lyn will continue to work on enrichment projects for the kids such as art, outings, and extracurricular activities.

African Orphan Project

A chronicle of the work of missionaries Lyn and Jim Moomey.

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Be thankful and love the poor

Many years ago we helped start a ministry called King's Harvest in the Quad Cities. The ministry started as a small food give away of 50 bags of groceries and now feeds hundreds of people each week, has a homeless shelter, animal shelter and is far bigger than we could have ever imagined.

Before we got started we studied a book, Rich Christians In the Age of Hunger, by Ronald Sider (I would highly recommend this book!) and the scriptures about ministry to the poor. We came to the conclusion that we would never ask a family/individual why they needed the food. If they were taking the food without needing it God would deal with them. Honestly I didn't understand why we needed to make this sort of decree but I soon learned why this stance was so critical.

As we got started in the giving of the groceries we had many people wanting us to quantify why we should give food to "those" people. What if they are taking advantage? As I contemplated this...I considered the question. What if they ARE taking advantage? How will we

know? Why do we need to know? So the more "deserving" can have their food? Who is more deserving? It makes us the judge. I realized I didn't want to have to decide. As I got to know the regulars and heard their stories I realized that I personally was only a couple of life events from being in their situation. They didn't tell me these stories because it would make them more deserving but they just needed someone to hear them. They didn't need someone to look at them in judgement trying to decide if they were worthy. There were plenty of people willing to throw stones.



Some of the food recipients were crass, demanding, and completely obnoxious. Yet there were so many more that were humbled by their circumstances, hurting and they were veterans who had seen things none of us should

see and people who lost entire families or didn't have a support system.

As in most ministries, I went in thinking that I was changing the world and realized that the ministry was changing me. I didn't judge people the same as when I started.

The Bible is clear..."We know love by this...that he laid down his life for us and we should lay down our lives for one another. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:16-18

As far as I can see the Bible does not offer qualifiers for giving to the poor.

We just finished reflecting on what we should be thankful for and are heading into the season of giving. Who is your poor? Is it the next door neighbor who just lost his wife? Is it the people at the soup kitchen you pass every day? Please find them and give to them in the way it has been given to you.

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Prayer Requests:

1. **Stamina and health to do the task at hand!!**
2. **Pray for the children, that their hearts would be transformed by God!!**
3. **Pray for adoptive parents for the kids!!**
4. **Our monthly support would be at our goal of \$4,700 per month gross or \$3,500 net. We are only at about \$1,000 short of our goal.**
5. **Please pray for our children!**
6. **Property to multiply the Haven's ministry.**
7. **Our visas will go through very quickly!!**
8. **Health for our entire family!! We've been struggling with several health issues that aren't severe but are making life difficult.**

Pray for our children in Africa!!

One of our children at African Havens has suffered his whole life wondering what he did wrong to be rejected by his mother. In his young mind he did plenty of terrible things to receive rejection. No amount of talking or consoling helps him understand that maybe the adult in the picture is the one with the issues. It has to be his fault in his mind. Recently he asked to find out what happened to his mom and why she no longer visits. (Her rights were terminated MANY years ago for abandonment but at the Havens we accommodate reasonable birth parent visits.) Unfortunately a search for mom did not produce the results he had hoped for. She lives only a 20-minute walk away, yet she has not visited. He is devastated and attitudes and behaviors come along with his pain. Please pray for this dear child. Pray that God will show him how much he is loved not only by our staff but by God. Pray God will reverse the pains of rejection so this guy can live a life free of destruction.

Third time is a charm!!

We finally have a submitted visa application. It was only the third time we have gone to submit our application to the South African Consulate. We are hopeful that our four-year inter-company work visa will be approved this time. We will be hearing in the next four weeks if it is indeed approved.

What's Next?

We have been spending the last month working hard at building our partnership base. We have mainly been in the Quad City area with trips to Northern Wisconsin, Milwaukee and Dixon. We have really enjoyed our time with our children and family and friends. We had not been back to the U.S. for Thanksgiving in two years so it was an extra special time for us. We do plan to stay for Christmas so we are on an every two year schedule for Christmas with the family in the U.S. Our hope is to be back right around January 19th so we can be back for the first day of school for our South African kids.



At the moment however we are still not released to leave for South Africa because we have not reached our fundraising goal. We have about \$1,000 in monthly pledges that we have to yet raise. If you know of any individuals or churches that you feel might be in line with our vision for orphans please contact us at 414-699-1824. If you're not yet a partner please consider a monthly partnership of \$20, \$25, \$50. We appreciate your help!!