

Our Trip to Alexandria, South Africa

At the end of October, 2009 our team of nine short term missionaries, after a journey of 36 hours, arrived in Alexandria . This is a small town on a busy truck route on South Africa's southeastern shores. We were hosted by a wonderful group of people that attend Diaz church in the community. They had been praying over several months for God to provide a miracle whereby they could reach into the surrounding community with the love of Christ. We were able to come alongside them and "make Jesus famous" by bringing just over 1,000 people by means of a medical crusade and children's program.

Working together with a team from Cape Town and the team from Diaz, Master's Heart missionaries reached into many lives that were desperate for physical healing and Jesus brought spiritual rebirth to 298 adults and 220 children.

We have found that having a medical mission is a wonderful way of attracting "the least of these" – many of these folk would not normally darken



the door of a church, but because of physical needs are more receptive to hearing the gospel message. After each patient had seen the doctor, and whilst waiting for a prescription to be filled, he or she visited the counseling area. Through the effective use of an Evangicube, each person was told of God's love for them, that everyone has sinned and needs a savior to pay for sin's punishment and that by believing in Jesus and His work on the cross – all sin can be forgiven! Each patient was given the opportunity to pray

to receive Christ and hundreds did! We also had an eye clinic for those that needed reading glasses – to see adults beaming as they left the clinic because they could now see to read was truly heartwarming, especially as many would then be able to read their Bibles!



During the medical mission, our children's mission team had great fun introducing over 200 children to Christ through a Gospel toss game and by making gospel bracelets. We were also able to have a VBS type program in a tent that had been pitched outside a primary school. Hundreds of kids came each afternoon attracted by 'noise' and by fun activities. Each afternoon ended with a gospel presentation. Over 200 kids responded enthusiastically.

Our hearts were touched by our visits to the home of the Bams. Molly and her husband are parents to sometimes, close to 100 orphans. They have had to extend their home several times to accommodate their very large family! Many of these dear children have HIV/Aids but are lovingly cared for by parents who cater for their physical as well as great spiritual needs. How heartwarming it was to see once abandoned and lonely kids being taught to love God and to sing His praises each day! Our medical team was able to provide much needed care – some needed minor foot surgery as many of the kids don't have shoes and suffer from wounds.



We had a wonderful team of interpreters working with us – the challenge of Xhosa and Afrikaans was too much for us! The team was comprised of 9 Bible school graduates. They were invaluable in each aspect of the mission. After the medical mission and children's program was complete each day, they accompanied us as we visited the outlying community with medicine, food and the message of the Gospel.

Once again our faithful Father was with us and it was good to see Him and His Son Jesus Christ honored in the Alexandria community.



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Habakkuk 2:14

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Our continued desire is to be sensitive to the Heart of the Master and to reach out to desperate people on His behalf.

• **Recent Events:**

- Our faithful Father blessed abundantly as Master's Heart (MH) was able to minister in South Africa during October. A **Medical and Children's Outreach** was held in a town



Master's Heart team

on the East coast called Alexandria. We worked alongside a local church that is totally committed to reaching into what has been a community of great darkness where the level of HIV/AIDS infections are in excess of 90% among the Xhosa people.

We saw Jesus Christ honored as many were touched by the medical and counseling staff. Every person who was treated was presented with the Gospel – 298 accepted Jesus Christ as Savior.



Many respond at kids outreach



Home medical outreach

The ministry among the kids was very rewarding with 220 receiving Christ. Due to the high level of HIV cases many orphans live in the area. We worked in a local orphanage to show the love of Jesus and to bring His special healing touch.

We were greatly encouraged to see the start of a revival among the youth. A young Xhosa pastor, Pastor Mali, has committed his life to reaching the youth in the townships. The alternative is a promiscuous lifestyle which leads to



Kids at Molly's orphanage

grief and destruction. We expect God to guide us as we further support this extremely vital ministry.

- **God has continued His work in the Diepsloot squatter camp**, north of Johannesburg. This is a huge and desperate place where our Lord is reaching one soul at a time, especially among the youth. We give thanks for Graham and Eileen Greene. God has called us into partnership with them as they give all they have to the desperate, 'least of these,' in this warzone. The pickup that we were able to purchase for them has been put to great use. We met Graham at the Johannesburg airport on our way back from South Africa. He was able to share how our Father has taken care of one need after another as they trust Him for everything.



God's gift pickup at work in Diepsloot

• **Future Plans:**

- As we have come before our Lord in prayer we sense that He would have us set up at least **three trips to Southern Africa in 2010.**
- **A medical crusade and children's outreach in northern Zululand (South Africa) at Sudwana.** This is quite a rural area with significant hardship and high levels of HIV/AIDS. We expect a team of about 10 to be involved in this venture during April or May.
- **A team of about 8 to serve at Rubitano in central Mozambique.** This is the same area that we served in this year. This follow up should greatly enhance what God has given us the privilege of being involved with in the past – working with a team of local volunteers whose hearts break for their communities of so many widows and orphans.
- God has given us a **heavy heart for the suffering people in Zimbabwe.** We are praying earnestly about carrying out an outreach in the Bulawayo area. This country has been devastated by violence, HIV and recently Cholera. We long to bring the hope of new life in Christ by treating medical needs, helping establish safe water supplies and above all presenting the option of salvation in Jesus.
- **A Vision Celebration dinner and silent auction is planned for February 20th 2010 in Fargo, ND.** We trust that this will once again be an opportunity to share the vision of Master's Heart and to enjoy the fellowship of many special friends.

• **Please pray about the following:**

- Pray for **Jesus Christ to be honored** in all that Master's Heart Ministries undertakes.
- Pray for **church partnerships** – for churches in the US to link up with those without hope.
- Pray for **guidance** as we prepare for various overseas outreaches in 2010.
- Pray that the **focus areas of the MH ministry** would be God ordained.
- **Please enquire of our Lord** as to whether He wants you to financially support Master's Heart.
- **Pray for the Vision Celebration to centered on bringing glory to God and not to any person.**