

Report from Ebenezer Home Care and Alexandria

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We were able to travel to Bushbuck Ridge, South Africa, in May. We brought a team of 4 from the US and were joined by 3 people from Capetown with whom we have worked before. We held children's ministries on two days over the weekend, we then held a medical crusade for three days. We gave away 433 pairs of reading glasses and saw 350 medical patients. The patients all spent time with a counselor hearing the gospel. There were 145 professions of faith. Please pray for these new believers. We gave away more than 10,000 Tylenol tablets over the three days.



While there, we were able to see the full scope of ministry at Ebenezer. They are involved in home care in three different communities separated by many miles. The ladies who provide the care were required to take a taxi to and from these distant communities. The need for a vehicle was very apparent. After presenting this need to our board once we had returned, the decision was made to purchase a pick-up(bakkie) for Ebenezer. We are pleased to report that the bakkie has been purchased and delivered. We are very pleased to be able to help out this ministry.

Ebenezer is also involved in orphan and disabled care. There are 12-15 disabled children who spend their weekdays at Ebenezer allowing their parent to work and their siblings to attend school. These children range in age from 5 to 20. Through the generosity of a friend of Master's Heart Ministries and L2 construction located in Fargo, we were able to provide these disabled children with a couple t-shirts and a pair of shorts.



Ebenezer also provides orphan care. They are in the process of building an orphanage to house up to 12 boys and 24 girls. We were allowed to use these buildings for our medical crusade. These accommodations are very nice and should be completed sometime yet this year.



Dan and I were able to spend a few extra days after the medical crusade to go to Alexandria where a MHM team had been in October. Master's Heart Ministries was able to purchase a tent for the township church in Alexandria. Dan and I were able to attend the dedication service for the tent on Sunday, May 23. This was a wonderful time of fellowship. The growth



of the churches in Alexandria both in numbers of attendees and discipleship is tremendous. God is truly working in Alexandria! Pastor Mali was planning the first service in the tent before the tent was completely up. He also used the tent to have ministry activities to the youth during the month that the schools were closed for the World Cup. They held children's ministries in the morning, singing groups in the afternoon, and youth ministries in the evening every school day during that month.

