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EMPOWERED BEYOND LIMITS

Reaching People With Disabilities For Jesus Christ



Our Last day with Edmond

Greetings Everyone,

God continues to move in the midst of our lives in many ways and opportunities to grow and learn. If you are wondering if we are still going to South Africa the answer is a resounding "Yes"! We are still called to South Africa, and to persons affected by disabilities, though the timetable has definitely changed. We are learning to be flexible and approach ministry and missions in creative ways as we move forward in taking on the challenges and changes in this mostly "Post-COVID" climate. Only by God's grace, favor and strength.

We may be taking a "roundabout" way to physically get to South Africa but, we are able to continue to connect with a part of the community which we will be serving in and around Limpopo South Africa.

First, we would like to share the loss of Pastor Leon who left this world to be with the Lord in January due to COVID. The Love of God and his great joy burst through to everyone he met. We were blessed by and grateful for Pastor Leon taking time with us while in South Africa 2020. He poured into our lives, loved us and took the time to take us around the different settings that provide partial, intermittent and full-time care, education and training for youth, adults and seniors with disabilities. We would appreciate your continued prayers for his wife, Anneke, family, friends, and all those he touched with God's Love that he freely gave abundantly.

Praise:

We are grateful that we can be a part of ministry to people with disabilities while being stateside.

Prayer Requests:

Continued Health, Strength, and endurance for all of us. God's coordination and timing for all of our preparations "visas" needed to arrive in South Africa.

Partnership Opportunities:

We would love to have more prayer and financial partners. In addition; we continue exploring and planning on expanding to include "non-traditional" partnerships as well.

Giving:

To make it more convenient for those who have been and those who desire to financially partner with us we are starting the process to be granted our own non-profit 501 c3 with hopes this will be completed very soon. We will keep you all informed when this is finalized. But until we receive this status please continue to give through our sending/fiduciary agency "Crossroads International" which is a 501 c3 for your tax credit. Their information is at the foot of this letter and just put "Martinez" or Empowered Beyond Limits (EBL) on the memo line.

You can also go to our Go-Fund Me page, which does not provide tax credit, through our web page at <https://empoweredbeyondlimits.org> and click on the "Contact us." Link.

Finally; Let us know your prayer needs or if you have anything else you want to share with us, please use our email: empoweredbeyondlimits@gmail.com or Empowered Beyond Limit's Facebook messenger.

Ministry



Pastor Leon and Christina

Pastor Leon was able to assist Edmund with getting his Visa and return to Zimbabwe to be with his family. Through the generous donations of those who have partnered with us, Empowered Beyond Limits was able to provide the funds to make this happen. Pastor Leon had continued to work with us until December 2020.

We recently spoke with Christina and she provided us with exciting updates of her work with a wide range of ages of persons with and without disabilities. Christina informed us that all the residents from both group homes were able to remain through the COVID lockdown where they have remained safe, healthy and well cared for. Christina's Home was able to build remarkable tiny houses that will be the home for up to 8 people per tiny home. This new addition of assisted living quarters provides shelter for more vulnerable adults over 65 years of age.



New Tiny Homes for Adults



Residence receiving Blankets at Christina's Home

Finally; Empowered Beyond Limits was invited and privileged to partner with "Reaching a Generation" (RAG) in providing 97 blankets for Christina's home just in time for winter in South Africa. Christina sent us a message letting us know how much they appreciated their blankets.

God Bless you all,

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