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2 Corinthians 12: 9

Connecting People Building Community

Egza, a mother who has lived with a disability since birth, cares for eight children aged between 10 years and 20 years old. She also has a grandson. When we first met her, there was something about her situation that touched us deeply. It became evident that she had been taken advantage of, if not worse. We continue to visit her, showing her that she is valued and loved. First, Egza was among the recipients of our Christmas food bags. Then in April we initiated “Project Hope,” to work on needed repairs and some tender loving care.



Initially, the plan was to gather all the necessary information, share updates, and then commence the project. However, upon evaluating the project on April 5th, our team's enthusiasm led us to start immediately. As a result, the bricklayer, concrete worker, electrician, plumber, and committed workers—Henny, Lucus, and Frantz—initiated the project. Simultaneously, Joel secured the required materials. Stage one was underway, with EBL having procured the necessary supplies, and Joel and I disbursing stipends to the hardworking volunteers.



**New Back door
& ramp**

Upon reaching this stage, the family now has access to running water, thanks to the municipality's efforts. Additionally, they have functional lights after repairing the electrical wiring. The entire house received a thorough cleaning, with scrubbed floors and walls adorned in Egza's chosen shades of peach and grey. To complete the transformation, the exterior eaves

Final stage has begun with completing the outdoor cooking braai. Bunk beds double bed and bedding with television table all moved in. The mattresses will be delivered. The bamboo roller blinds to be put up along with some finishing work. Then finally one last yard clean-up.

The kitchen has been upgraded with a counter adjusted to a new height, a brand-new oven featuring burners, and a refrigerator all shared with Pamela and Faith.



Compared to the expenses in the United States, the costs for this project have been minimal. The overall expenses amount to R1,671.50, funded through a combination of general funds and the Martinez family's personal contributions.

We humbly ask you to prayerfully consider financially support Empowered Beyond Limits along with Joel, Melissa, and Faith. Investing into the lives of adults and children with disabilities, their families and communities. Making eternal impact for God's Glory.

Reflecting on our time in South Africa over the past year, we can clearly see the path that God has guided us along. We've reached out to specific individuals, formed meaningful relationships, and even helped transform a family's life—a change that has rippled through their entire community. This journey is a testament to God's faithfulness as we continue relying on His strength, grace, and provision.

All for God's Glory

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