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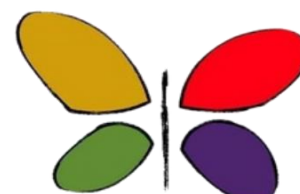
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2 Corinthians 12: 9 &10



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Connecting People Building Community

We celebrated two years in South Africa on May 4th, 2025. Time to reflect on our beginnings and look forward to the future for our family and the Empowered Beyond Limits (EBL) ministry. Life can be messy and unpredictable, which has been a theme for the last two years. Yet with the fullness of God's Joy, wearing the armor of God we proclaim the remainder of 2025 as the year of God's favor. Numbers 6: 25-26 says, "The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." God's favor is our source of strength, grace, peace, and guidance, assuring us that God is with us always.



We continue to be reminded that God's timing is sovereign; Despite delays due to heavy rain early on and then so many other issues, construction on our "Home & Hub" going steady now...it is looking like a house and soon to be home. Praying we get to move in September sometime.

After refining EBL operations, we remain focused on current commitments and projects. In collaboration with our host ministry, "Reaching a Generation" (RAG), two new projects will launch by the end of July. EBL will continue supporting practical skills training for adults with disabilities and families of children with disabilities. We also plan to reconnect with the SA Special Education director to help improve educational access for children with disabilities.



Edmond is making belts and has taken them out to sell. We are looking to get him more advanced leathercraft training via online

Nanna is busy with 1 year old twin girls, a 3-year-old boy and then our 12-year-old Trisha who has significant disabilities. EBL is now helping Nanna with the tools to start crocheting and knitting to bring in more income for her family.



We are partnering with a ministry that supports the homeless by providing meals and sharing the gospel. EBL is contributing hygiene packs and water and will also assist further with food provision. Our hearts are to continue this collaboration and grow in our friendship in serving God together



Joel and I had planned to participate in the Community-Wide Outreach (CWO) in May but were unable to due to Faith's hospitalization. We supported the group remotely, with EBL providing some funds. Faith was hospitalized from the end April through late May with meningitis then requiring surgery to remove the infected internal medication pump. Her recovery took most of June, and while she's now more like herself, she has recently experienced symptoms her neurologist attributes to overexcitation of the sympathetic system from the trauma of repeated hospitalizations and other causes. Thank you for all the prayers.

Community Wide Outreach May 2025 – Reaching 140 schools and over 71,600 students. Check out “Love Mokopane” FB-page for more pics & information



During the “No more shadows” Community wide outreach, one rural school that was visited requested better yard access for a student using a wheelchair. Plans include paving, drainage, and additional ramps. EBL is providing partial funds, while Joel and Reaching a Generation are coordinating to finish by the end of July.



Magoba Primary School principal and teachers

Another school visited during the CWO was a boarding school for orphans, where 28 students currently sleep on bare floors. EBL has contributed \$2000 towards beds, bedding, and accessories. Through the collaboration of RAG, JAM, and EBL ministries praying that the children will be sleeping in their own warm beds before the end of July. *Pictures to come ... (Reaching a Generation, Jabulani Africa Ministries, & Empowered Beyond limits)*

Praises & Prayers

- Praise-Faith is free of Meningitis Source of the recurring infection has been removed!
- Praise- We are able to build our home and hub for EBL- Prayers for No further delays on the Construction of our Home & Hub, and we move in ASAP.
- Prayers- Wisdom, discernment for us as we continue to put our hands to whatever is before us as God leads and directs out every step. That we bring Glory to God.
- Prayers for the other ministries that are on the property.

By God's Grace and Strength,
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