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Revelation 11:15 & Joel 2:12-14

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Dear Pastor Randy and the Church of Sundown Texas,

Greetings in the wonderful Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!
We trust you are doing well as we are under the mercy and grace of our Lord.

“For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.” 2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)

We agree with Paul in his writing of this passage since our faith and trust is in our God and Lord Jesus Christ for all He assigned us to do to come into fruition. He will never call us to something if He does not give us the ways and means to make it happen. He is just so faithful and we thank him daily for your support and all we can do in His Name because of it.

Our work here in Johannesburg continues to expand and we are glad to say that we are moving forward in every regard. With the support of our local governing body, we erected a wooden shed that we use as an office, control room for the security cameras and storage. Amanda uses this space as her morning teaching to the workers and is busy educating them on spiritual warfare and the spiritual realm. However, the greater purpose of this little house is that the door is always open to those in need of counsel and advice. People see it as a lighthouse in the community and we also call it so. As soon as we are done painting it, we will send you some pictures.

What makes it so exciting to work in this community of Claremont is that the people that have become so close to us were once deep in sin, and now get a weekly teaching on Spiritual Warfare from Amanda herself and a daily devotion. There is change and we can sense it in the atmosphere.

Our little free open-air creche is fairing very well and the kids are growing in number. The little ones we teach are preschool ages ranging from 1½ to 6 years old. We use a portable gazebo for covering but now entering Autumn we have a lot of rain showers and will soon need to erect a more permanent canopy. We also gather used clothes and blankets to distribute to the parents and kids. We provide a decent meal and cold drink for the children every time they come to the crèche which makes learning a little easier and aids in their daily nutrition.

We are adding some pictures to show you the little ones we teach.



These are a few pictures of our little kids having a pool party this summer. Every now and again we will erect our small blow-up kiddies' pool and just let them have some fun! And they love it! Adding to the pleasure is some home-made pizza and cold drink. And let's face it, pizza makes all things better!!



Before we had our little chairs and tables, our kiddies colored and painted on blankets we set out for them. They love their new tables and chairs, teaching them to be school ready!



Crime:

The small area of Amatola Crescent is notorious for abuse of and the selling of drugs. Most of the little kids you see on the pictures above have parents who are addicted to some kind of substance. Some of them also live in what is known as "Lollie houses", a prostitution house. It breaks our hearts and sometimes our labor feels like sand slipping through our fingers. There is just so much work. Rather than having the children removed through social services (where they disappear into a corrupt system and most likely get abused), we are striving to impact the community and bring change. We see small changes as a huge thing!

One of the small changes is that we managed to get Police visibility in the area the past two weeks. The Police never came out to the area even if called (our 911 number is 10111). But through persistence we have managed to get their cooperation and there are Police vehicles driving throughout Amatola Crescent on a daily basis now. Suffice to say, the criminals are not happy with us and we have received threats. But we are happy and the joy of the Lord is our strength. We call our walls SALVATION and our gates PRAISE!!!

Home Improvement:

One of our passions is to bring transformation inside the homes of these people. Overcrowding and years of neglect because of financial lack have caused many of these homes to look tattered. Living like that has its effect on self worth and the children's view of their surroundings impact their ability to feel that they can strive for more. So we are starting to do some renovations inside the homes and are starting with the homes of our dedicated volunteer

workers. We repurpose old furniture and paint to beautify from the inside out. It is just amazing what a little bit of effort and attention can do. It is literally changing lives in front of our eyes.

We hope you find this little news report informative. We just cannot thank you enough for your support and contributions. May the Lord abundantly bless you in your giving and interest in our projects here in Johannesburg.

All our love to your family and congregation!

Blessings in abundance,

Ria & Amanda.