

7th Trumpet Ministries International

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.

*When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion,
We were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing.
Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us,
And we are glad.
Bring back our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the South.
Those who sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.
He who continually goes forth weeping,
Bearing seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him...
Psalm 126*

What a beautiful scripture of promised breakthrough, an encouragement that the Lord's investment will always have a great return in our lives. Sometimes we look at the work as a barren field and easily get discouraged from not seeing the fruit of our hard and toilsome labor. We feel the spiritual and sometimes natural calluses on our hands and wonder if it was all for nothing. Then, a life changes. A child runs for a hug calling your name. Testimonies of healing and provision rings in your ears. And you see the River of Life pushing the banks of the small stream you carved for God. And as a dream, your sorrowful struggle turns to a jubilant dance of joy. The Lord has done it! He did it before and He is doing it again!! God is so good! Often times we find ourselves ashamed of how the Lord provides and supports when we are at our last droplet of giving. He comes through and always gives seed to the sower. We feel immeasurably blessed to be able to share this report with you since every report is a testimony of the Lord's supernatural provision and love.

We'd like to update you on the recent developments with our project in Claremont, Johannesburg. We have been putting a lot of effort into our work there and feel that we are seeing transformation, the community's

involvement and support. The monthly \$815.00 from First Baptist Church Sundown contributors pays for the salaries of the workers. It is being sown into fertile soil and we can see the seed return to us in sheaves.

THANK YOU 1st BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDOWN TEXAS!!!



A few of the residents posed for a picture with the American flag to say "Thank YOU" for your love and support with our efforts in Claremont. Thank you for giving to the Lord!

JOB CREATION:

Because our currency is so weak against the Dollar, we get so much more from it than you would in the USA. We are currently employing so many people and give God the glory that each of them have an income where they had none at first.





Working in your community and FOR your community! Here are some of our permanent workers. They live in Amatola Crescent. The payment they receive from us is their permanent income.

SCHOOL:

We are busy erecting a building that will serve as a Day-Care for pre-school children as well as an After-school programme to help with homework and extra classes.



We use recycled wood pallets to build every structure. Although labour-intensive and a bit more time-consuming, this is the best material for cost-effectiveness. As with all the structures erected, it has a solid concrete foundation and powerful pillars to withstand any storm.

The children are so very excited about their new school and cannot wait for it to be finished!

FEEDING PROJECT:

Keeping tummies full is a very important part of our ministry in the community of Claremont and we do our best to have regular feeding schemes. We also make sure the households have what they need to keep their families fed.

These are pictures of our recent large feeding day where young and old had a solid meal of soup and bread.





Full tummies bring happy faces!!!

Instead of only feeding by means of a Soup Kitchen, our focus is more on self sustainable projects such as job creation where provide a salary for those who work in the community itself as well as creating Small Business. These include the following:

- **TUCK SHOP**

We are employing two ladies who sell french fries and a small variety of foods for a profit. This money goes into paying their salaries and in support of the work in the community.

- **SMALL SHOPS**

In an effort of empowering the people in Amatola Crescent to be more self-reliant and have better living circumstances, we are investing the financial start and assisting them with setting up a proper cost and profit flow for individual businesses. Some sell sweets from their homes, some baked goods, some produce flip-flops etc. By doing this, we are keeping the money inside the community because everyone supports one another. We make sure that there's a descent balance and no competition between the small little businesses. Everyone is excited about these endeavours and the shops are even drawing business from the outside.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER:

One way and probably the most important way of drawing the people towards the same goal of upliftment is communication. It is crucial that everyone in the community knows what's going on and we have an open book policy. So instead of just sending out flyers, we have started distributing a small community Newsletter where we advertise all the little businesses as well as everything we are doing and all our plans for community upliftment and empowerment. This way no-one stays oblivious and all can be actively involved.

SAFETY & SECURITY:

The well-being of the people within the confines of the wall we built is very important to us and therefore we had to put a few programmes in place. We employed a man from the community to serve as a night watch security guard; he does regular patrols in and around the wall every night. He makes sure that those who come home during the night are safe and that no suspicious people climb over the walls. Drugs used to be sold on a regular basis there, but our security guard is doing his job! We also erected eight surveillance cameras so that all possible illegal activity can be recorded and monitored.

The new Station Commander of our local Police Precinct recently visited our office and we are glad to say that we have a good and solid relationship with the SAPS. They do regular patrols in the area and drug busts have become a regular occurrence.

MORE PROJECTS...

THERE IS JUST SO MUCH TO DO!!! In a community such as this, there is always more to do every day and the work never stops. Amada's Office gets flooded with people coming in and out asking for help and advice, prayer and counseling. Our goal is to get as many souls saved as we can through showing the love of Christ Jesus. We have already laid the foundation for yet another little building for a YOUTH CENTRE where we will house the Youth on A Friday night. This effort will help keep them off the street and invest a strong sense of relationship with Jesus into their young lives. **GLORY TO THE THE LORD!**

He has done great things and more is yet to come!! We cannot thank you enough for your kind support with our work in this community as well as your prayers.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

Love in Christ Jesus,

Ria & Amanda.