

Jess' News October 2010



This past month has been one of a lot of CHANGE!!

I have finished up with CrossRoads in Durban, and have moved back down to the coast in Port Shepstone to do my exams, move into our new house and get ready for our wedding!



Smart choices

The beginning of the month we did the CrossRoads course called Smart Choices at JG Zuma with grade 10's and 11's. The course went really well, and the school as always, welcomed us with open arms,

helping with whatever they could and making us feel really valued. The head master is very encouraging to us, and even comes into some of our classes. The pupils there are very well behaved and disciplined, so we really enjoyed teaching the course. Because we were teaching the Grade 10's, a lot of my bible study girls were in my class. It was great to be with them in a classroom setting and meet their friends too.

My team were fantastic (as always!) and our team leader Baba Goba even brought a friend along who gave his testimony of being HIV positive. He was able to show our class the kinds of medication he takes, and encouraged them to be tested for HIV, so that if they found out that they are positive, they can take care of themselves with getting the right medical care as soon and possible. It was great to have the reality of someone giving their personal story, and to also show the pupils that there is still hope for people who are HIV positive, and that you can still live a relatively normal life for a long time if you look after yourself properly.



On my last week of working with my CrossRoads team we had a farewell, where Margaret and Jon initiated a 'Roast' for me... this was apparently a good thing! On the Tuesday we went to Mc Donald's for an ice cream with all the Inanda teachers, twelve in total, where they gave me a farewell card with photos of me teaching and of the team on it. They then all said nice things about me (the roast!), and made me a bit emo and sad to leave. Yup. Sniff. It was really encouraging though, and filled me with fuel for my plans to set up my own teaching teams in Port Shepstone next year.

Important meetings!

On the 21st of October Jon and Margaret are coming down to visit me in Port Shepstone where we are visiting the headmasters of different schools here which I am planning to teach the CrossRoads curriculum in next year...so please pray for that!!!

House Moving

Who would have known that getting a new fridge was so exciting????!!!!!!

Yup, well last Sunday I moved into my new house!

We ordered a new fridge and washing machine, which was totally the most exciting thing ever!



The house is around 4 kilometres from our church, where Jason works, and about 1 kilometre from the shops! So it is in a perfect location for us and it is in a beautiful setting. We had some friends help to move things in, and pray over the house for protection and that God will have his hand over it and use it to bless us and people who come to visit.

We have already had some animal visitors though, including a green bush snake which zipped past us as we opened the front door, a scorpion and a shongalolo----->

We will put some snake/insect repellent down soon...



Exams

My first exam is on Monday with the next five soon after that, so I will be focusing over the next two weeks on revising and taking my exams.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for the meetings that will be taking place on the 21st October to initiate with the headmasters and Life Orientation teachers of local schools here, to see if they are willing to have a CrossRoads team come there to teach next year.
- Please pray for protection over my new house, and that good relationships will be built with our neighbours and landlady.
- Pray for my upcoming exams and preparation for them.



I also want to Thank God for the amazing year I have had in Durban. He really had his guiding hand over me going there and the opportunities and growth I had whilst I was there. I really loved working with Jon and Margaret who have been a huge blessing in my life, and I have also loved living and spending time with Gary Cheryl and the boys (Jason's family) who were so good to me over the past year, and I feel super blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know them all better. I am now trusting in God for the year coming up and that the things he has in store for me will be just as awesome 😊

Thank you for all your continued prayer and support for me!!

I miss Bognor lots and can't wait to see you all at the end of the year...

Big blessings,

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