



South Africa

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Dear Friends and Family,

I've just returned from an incredible journey back to South Africa - my first time doing ministry there in nearly three years! I was honored to be invited by our longtime friend Jacques van Bommel and his team at Reaching a Generation to take part in a transformative, city-wide outreach called the "No More Shadows" campaign.

This 30-day initiative, held throughout May, was a massive collaboration between local and international ministries. What made it truly remarkable was its focused impact - reaching over six hundred teachers and educators and thousands of students across primary and secondary, both public and private schools, in the city of Mokopane.

The campaign boldly addressed some of the most pressing challenges facing today's youth: identity, bullying, and suicide prevention. It was a privilege to stand on the front lines of hope, speaking light into the shadows!



Every weekend throughout the month, we hosted city-wide Hope Fest events, amplifying the message of hope to the entire community. The results? Nothing short of amazing. Lives were touched, hearts were opened, and hope was loud.



This was one of those difficult meetings where I knew I was speaking directly to one or two kids. It was totally worth it.



In many of our events, hurting young people come forward just wanting a hug.

During our first week, we had some real, honest conversations with principals, teachers, guidance counselors, and education directors. We talked through ways to tackle the tough topic of suicide and how schools can put prevention strategies into action.

My friend Maryann is an educator from North Carolina and a certified Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) trainer. QPR is suicide prevention training that empowers people to recognize the warning signs, offer real hope, and help connect someone to the support they need. Think of QPR as CPR, but for mental health. You don't have to be a professional - ***just willing to act!***



There are three simple steps to QPR:

QUESTION

Be direct. Ask if they're thinking about suicide. It's a hard question, but it could open the door to healing.

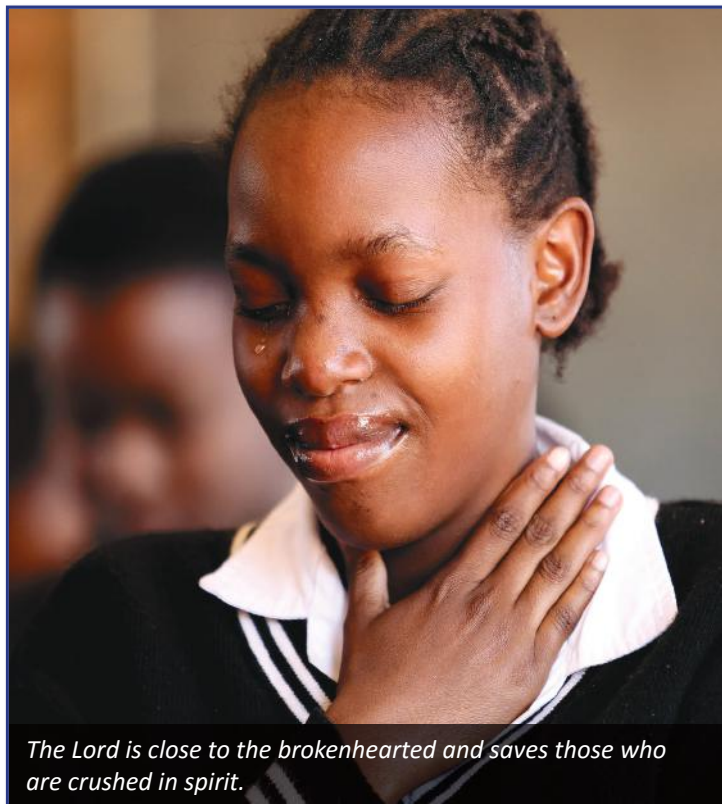
PERSUADE

Encourage them to seek help, and remind them they're not alone. Sometimes just knowing someone cares makes all the difference.

REFER

Help them find the right kind of support - a counselor, crisis line, or someone they trust.

Over the course of three days, we shared our strategies and collective experience to equip these educators with real, practical tools for suicide prevention. I had the honor of sharing my own journey - my testimony with suicide - and how faith carried me through. It was a powerful moment, reminding us all that even in the darkest battles, hope still wins.



The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.



In many of the meetings, young people would stand for 45 minutes outside listening intently to the message.

This month, I had the opportunity to invest in the South African Police Service in Mokopane. It was truly an honor to speak life to those who serve on the front lines - sharing the hope we have in Christ, as well as giving them practical tools to better understand depression and suicide. Moments like these remind me just how powerful truth and compassion can be in any uniform.



Each officer recieved one of Joyce's books and a small gift of appreciation from the Redlands Police Department.



One of the locals decided to stop by and observe our meeting with the officers - I couldn't help but laugh out loud when he showed up. Classic Africa!



This was Shay's first trip to Africa and her second ministry trip with me in 20 years!

The last three weeks of the month were packed. We held thirty events in both local and rural schools. The settings weren't always ideal - sometimes there was no electricity, teachers forgot we were coming, or we only had very limited time to speak. But we showed up and made the most of every moment. We spoke face-to-face to thousands of teens, and hundreds made first-time decisions for Jesus or recommitted their lives to Him - it became the heartbeat of each day. The expressions on the teachers' faces after every session said it all: thank you for coming!



A big thank you to Joyce Meyer for making her books available free of charge to each young person.

This month of events was both intense and deeply meaningful. I had the honor of bringing some of my Brazilian team to South Africa to be part of the campaign. Gabriella and Dr. Virna joined us, pouring their hearts into the mission. Levi and Lucas, part of my video and digital graphics team, also flew in for a week of creative work. Together, we blended vision, passion, and purpose. The results were powerful as my worlds collided; something wonderful was born!



The TPM events were nothing short of incredible - thirty meetings held exclusively for girls. The message of sexual purity and women's sexual health came through loud and clear, reaching every young woman in the room with truth, strength, and dignity. When we invest in a generation of young women, we're shaping the future. By providing them with reusable menstrual pads and reminding them of their worth in Christ, we're doing more than meeting a need - we're planting seeds. Seeds that will grow into confidence, purpose, and strength in everything they do and in the women they're becoming!



This past month was full of moments that bore fruit we may only fully understand in eternity.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support and friendship mean the world to us - we couldn't do any of this without you.

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Next up: "Yellow September" in Brazil, and I can't wait to see how God moves in the days ahead! Thanks again for standing with us in faith - we believe the very best is yet to come!

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