



FAMILY CARE AFRICA

AUG-SEPT 2007

Dear Friends,

We hope you have been keeping well! Our projects and ministries have been moving along smoothly, thanks to you, our friends and supporters who are partnering with us to "Make A Difference" in South Africa.

We have just completed another mural, in the 'Hope & Light' Daycare center where we teach weekly. It's brightened up the classroom and made it a fun and friendly place for kids to learn.

This month we were able to distribute another set of the wonderful children's picture bibles called 'My First Bible'. These we gave to the 'Brak en Jan' Daycare center. The children are really enjoying them, as we were able to give these bibles in English and Afrikaans. We also held several Arts & Craft workshops with the kids, to bring out their creative and artistic side.

The 'Vision for Africa' free eye care program we have been carrying out in the less privileged primary schools has been a blessing to many students. We are not only getting their eye problems sorted out but they are having a chance to hear the Message!



Above Right: The mural being painted and completed at 'Hope & Light'.

Right: Pre-school children working on one of our 'Arts & Crafts' programs.

Below Right: Kids receiving picture Bibles.

Below: Students that have received free glasses from our school eye-care program.

VISION FOR AFRICA – EYE CARE PROGRAM



EYE CARE STATISTICS

Students screened: 841
Eye check-ups: 23
Glasses fitted: 11

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

REFLECTIONS

DEFY THE IMPOSSIBLE

Have you ever read something and had it get stuck in your head? That happened to me recently with a magazine article titled "Murder of the Impossible." As soon as my eyes fell on it, I was intrigued. (The word "murder" does have a way of capturing your attention!) I quickly skimmed the text. It told of a man who had climbed most of the highest mountains in the world. In fact, he had dedicated his entire life to his dream of becoming one of the most skilled and accomplished mountain climbers ever. His passion was not without its price, though. Taking on the elements often cost him his health, and on one such occasion frostbite claimed seven of his toes. Undeterred, he continued to search for new ways to defy the impossible.

After I put the magazine down, I reflected on what it means to defy the impossible. First of all, what is impossible? From the most innocent child to the wisest elder, we all encounter things that at first seem impossible to us. But unlike those who have been persuaded by experience that it doesn't pay to try to tackle the "impossible," babies expect to overcome. That's because very young children have a quality that the doubters lost as they grew up—childlike faith and trust. They have faith in their parents and trust them to be there to catch them if they fall. And their faith pays off; they learn to overcome an amazing assortment of obstacles, one step at a time.

That, I was reminded in my moment of reflection, is the key to vanquishing the impossible—faith in God. As we take God's hand, He can help us overcome any impossibility.

Throughout history great men and women have confronted the impossible and have come out victorious, and that is why they are still remembered. The road to victory was long and treacherous, but they went the distance, one step at a time. They defeated the impossible because they held on, and when that victory was theirs they looked ahead to the next challenge and moved on.

When the impossibilities of life loom large, take God's hand and take it one step at a time. He makes the impossible possible.



CLASSIC "IMPOSSIBLE" QUOTATIONS:

--"The telephone may be appropriate for our American cousins, but not here because we have an adequate supply of messenger boy's."—**British experts, 1876**

--"You ain't goin nowhere, son. You ought to go back to drivin' a truck."—**Grand Ole Opry manager Jimmy Denny to Elvis Presley, 1954**

--"The actual building of roads devoted to motor cars is not for the near future, in spite of many rumors to that effect."—**Harper's Weekly, 1902**

Prayers & Appeals:

- Funding for Children's Picture Bibles (\$15)
- Funding for Glasses for 'Vision for Africa' students (\$30)
- 'Teachers Seminar' materials, ie: stationary/teaching items
- Home Support & Running Expenses
- Prayer for Safety and Security in South Africa