

Impact Africa mission trip report

What a privilege we had to share Jesus in many communities while in South Africa. These included - prisons, children's holiday club, hospitals, mental health facilities and street ministry.

From day one as we boarded the plane it was acknowledged by a few they felt totally out of their comfort zone and anxious about what they had stepped into.



Bringing a Message of Hope

You quickly realise your total dependence on the Lord because you have no idea what to expect. God is always faithful as was shared by one of our team members: *"I saw God at work every day"*.

It is so difficult to express in words what we have seen God do in and through each team member. Each year God has brought together just the right combination of people and has begun a life-changing journey for each one. All God requires from us is our availability and surrender to His will.

As a team of 20, we were stretched each day as we engaged in various ministries. Matthew 25:34-40 stands out as we engaged with the homeless on the streets to share Jesus and give food and clothing; as we visited hospitals; mental health clinics where people were left and forgotten; as we visited prisons and shared with men and women the wonderful message of Jesus; as we witnessed children coming to understand God's love for them was so great that He sent Jesus to die on a cross.

Psalm 139:5 *"You are all round me on every side; you protect me with your power"*. We experienced this every day and we thank the Lord for His love and care for each one of us.

PRAISE the Lord for:

- ★ An amazing trip to Malawi for Carl and Ron (Impact Africa team member). Visited seven prisons and recorded 1300 commitments to Christ: made up of 1st time, re-commitment and Christians requiring discipleship
- ★ Final figures coming into office from Impact trip. VBS – 114 commitments to Jesus, one being from the church music team. Prison – 987 commitments to Jesus. No figures for street and hospital ministry yet
- ★ A continued number of commitments coming into the office from prisons around Australia
- ★ The amazing ongoing financial support we receive on a regular basis from various individuals and churches around Australia



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Mr Grass Head. A children's craft activity from one of our lessons, based on Psalm 139:14 ... *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made"*.

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PRAYER needed for:

- ★ Various ministries we worked with while in South Africa as they continue to follow up on commitments made. For Multi Ministries, World Hope Prison Ministries, Cheerful Care Givers, Vanderbijl Park Baptist Church and Emmaus in Malawi
- ★ Upcoming trip to New South Wales for Carl. Pray for God ordained contacts for Challenge
- ★ A replacement Editor to free up Carl to concentrate on promotion and development of the paper in Australia and overseas
- ★ Ananda and Grace Pula as they head up the Challenge work in Malawi. Pray for the Lord's protection and provision as they boldly proclaim Christ

Testimonial from a team member:

Travelling to Johannesburg with Challenge's Impact Africa group was a fabulous personal growth experience. I participated in interesting and rewarding tasks including prison, hospital and mental health clinic visits, street ministry, supporting a week-long vacation Bible school and distribution of Challenge Newspaper on the streets and at selected taxi ranks. Each of these experiences pushed me well outside my comfort zone, as did sharing my testimony in prisons and at some of the churches we visited. I loved having the opportunity to engage in daily devotions and have regular times of sustained collective prayer. On a personal level I have grown much closer to our Lord and now ensure I set aside time every day to spend reading, praying and reflecting on His word. This is not a duty; it is a time I look forward to each day. The most exciting and rewarding aspect of all was being able to lead people to the Lord – this is something I have never done before! My desire, going forward, is to listen for the quiet leading of my Lord to ensure that I am conducting my life in a way that He wants. I need to know I am where He wants, doing what He wants, when He wants. I know Christ is with me and is helping me to learn to discern His will for my life. Thank you to the staff at Challenge and Impact Africa for allowing me to share this amazing adventure with you.

Jenny K.

If you would like to get out of your comfort zone and get a fresh perspective of the amazing God we worship, come and experience a short-term mission trip with us.

Ongoing supply of testimonies

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