

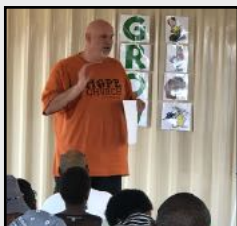
Hunt Family Ministry Minute



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Hope Church Membership Class

Because of the transient nature of life in Freedom Park, we have not been too concerned with people coming and going; we have simply ministered to anyone who comes. However, during the past few months, several people have asked about becoming a member of Hope Church. So, in March, 34 people attended membership classes and pledged to make Hope Church their church home. God is doing big things in the hearts of our church and the community of Freedom Park! Keep praying that the Holy Spirit will continue to change lives and use the disciples of Jesus in Hope Church to make His name famous in the community!



Jeff and Abby Hunt, Beth and Jordan

Greetings from South Africa!

Autumn has officially arrived in Rustenburg! Our mornings are chilly, afternoons are warm, and evenings are cool. It's perfect weather for almost anything... well, maybe not swimming. There has been a lot going on with Engage Africa, Hope Church, and our family. As you read the highlights, I hope that you are aware that your fingerprints are in each story. As ministry partners, we share joys and sorrows, victories and testimonies. Thank you for investing time, prayer, money, and care into this ministry and our family. We love you!

Jeff is working on the schedule for our Stateside visit October-November 2017. If you would like us to give a presentation and update at your church, please let us know! jeff@engageafrica.com





Children's Ministry Workshops

We love to teach and train volunteers in local churches in the philosophy and art of discipling children. This year we have hosted 4 trainings and have scheduled 8 more this year. For many, it is the first time they have ever been challenged to use a creative method when telling a story or teaching a memory verse. It is such a powerful time seeing passion ignited as people are challenged to use praise time as a chance to usher kids into the presence of God rather than only "getting the wiggles out" or to use objects and visuals to help kids remember the teaching time. Every time we teach, we also host an outreach for kids, so hundreds of kids are hearing the Gospel and being invited to attend churches who now know how to disciple them!

First Aid Training

EA Intern and Registered Nurse, Lindsey VanderVeen, hosted our first Hope Church First Aid Training. It is so common for kids or even adults to walk around with minor injuries that become major problems because families lack either the knowledge or the tools to treat them. Lindsey gave attenders both! She taught 37 people how to treat common problems and when to go to the clinic. Also, with the help of a local doctor, she used extra money she raised or was given to provide each attender with a first aid kit. People were delighted and empowered!



Caring for Little Ones

Each month, Engage Africa provides formula, baby cereal, and diapers for 22 babies in need. These supplies do not cost the mothers any money, only commitment. Each mother is screened to determine her situation and need. We then enter an agreement: if she attends church every week, or communicates to us about why she may need to miss (sick baby, travelling back to Lesotho, family emergency, etc.), then, on the second Sunday of each month, she will receive the designated number of supplies based on the baby's age. This costs around \$30 per baby, per month. Our young mamas are so grateful... and very evangelistic! Due to budget limits, we now have a waiting list of 27 babies who desperately need supplies... and more coming each month!

I recently got a note from one of our partners saying that he was spending money on feeding birds and pets, and God is challenging him to also spend money on feeding children. If you are feeling a similar tug and would like to be a part of expanding our baby care program (and shrinking our waiting list), by giving monthly, please visit our website at EngageAfrica.com under the Hope Church tab (the direct link is in the email) or mail your investment to Engage Africa; 2250 W. Highland Ave.; Elgin, IL 60123.



Standing in line to receive baby supplies.

Incredible Interns

We have had some wonderful interns this year! We love investing in people who want to take a gap year for ministry before college, sense a possible calling toward missions but have never experienced more than a short missions trip, want to serve outside themselves, or are just passionate about missions. Our interns “do life” with us on the mission field. They are involved in every area of ministry that we do as well as a “special project” that is in line with each individual’s particular passion, skill, training, or gifting. If you are interested, or know someone who should check out our program, email abby@engageafrica.com.



Elijah Settles, 5 months, helping some of the orphans and vulnerable children at the Tapologo after school program in Freedom Park where they get help with homework, a safe place to hang out, and, often, a hot meal. Elijah also assisted 2 other local churches with launching a worship band and a variety of technical and video projects. He is talented, humble, and loved by all.



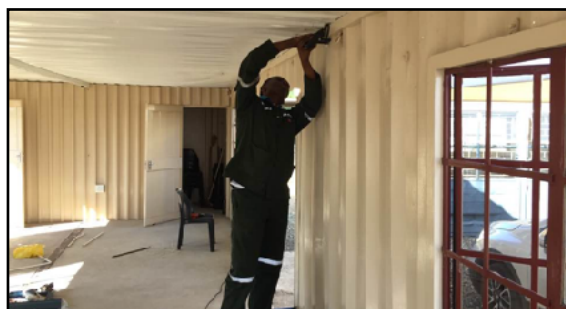
Barb Cerda, 6 months, with one of our Hope Church kids. Barb has taken on the role of youth leader as well as speaking into the lives of the women and the children of our church. Barb has an incredible gift for seeing or sensing needs and being willing and persistent to meet those needs. She truly embodies the picture of being Jesus’ hands and feet to “the least of these” and everyone else she meets as well.



Hope Church Resurrection Celebration

The men of Hope Church, led by our Associate Pastor, Walter Gabe, a skilled electrician, installed electricity in the church container just in time for Easter weekend and our Resurrection Celebration! We decided to celebrate a little differently this year. Rather than traditional Holy Week services, we set up a screen and projector and showed the Jesus Film in Tswana for the kids and Southern Sotho for the adults. It didn’t work exactly as planned of course, this is Africa after all, but it worked! We showed the kids on Friday afternoon and the adults on Saturday afternoon, encouraging everyone to take this chance to invite unsaved friends to join them. More than 100 kids and 90 adults viewed the movie. However, even more exciting than seeing the story of Jesus come alive in their home languages was the fact that about 40 people met Jesus for the first time that weekend. Praise the Lord!!

Sunday afternoon we came together once again to hear from the Word of God and enjoy a hot meal together. It was a wonderful family celebration time honoring our Risen King!



Installing electricity