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September Highlights

September has been an exciting month as I'm growing in my role here and experiencing new areas of the Thrive Africa ministry.

This month I was blessed to serve at our Leadership Summit IMPACT day and our Hand in Hand church leadership conference. I was also blessed to attend a women's leadership conference where our Thrive staff and interns were poured into individually and as a ministry team.

Next up for me is planning for the 2010 Outreach Season which includes mission teams, pastoral and local church development, Hand in Hand conferences, and leadership development for our Outreach Interpreter team. I'm so excited and in awe of what the Lord has in store for all of us!

Thank you for your prayers, encouragements and financial support. Your partnership is what makes my work and the work of Thrive Africa possible.

P.S. I'm also making plans for a US visit in March and April and would love to get together to catch up!

Be Blessed, Jill



From my heart to yours... Jill Marshall, Missionary in South Africa



Lasting Impact

IMPACT is our quarterly, youth leadership conference comprised of the top students from each of our partnering schools. This year the students took on community service projects. They discussed issues facing their schools and communities, came up with creative solutions, and then implemented projects that will have a lasting impact.

September 7th was our final IMPACT for 2009 with 239 students and 22 teachers from 13 schools. As the students proudly presented their projects, I was impressed by their leadership and ownership. They were so excited to use their talents to make a positive difference. A Community Garden. A Green Recycling Program. Fundraising for Electricity. A School Safety Program. Computer Training Classes. An Anti-drug and Smoking Campaign. And the list goes on...
Please pray with us that these amazing students continue to develop as leaders, lead positive change, and serve as role models to others.



Hand in Hand

On September 4th, we hosted a Hand in Hand conference for our local pastors, coaches and interpreters. It was an opportunity to thank them, serve them, and pour into them as leaders and co-workers for Christ. The theme for the day was "Run the Race" - how we are to "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us" (Philippians 3:14).

Abram Moloi, our Thrive Africa pastor, taught about how we can position ourselves for success by knowing who we are in Christ, having a vision for our lives, and being confident in God's provision each step of the way. Terry Riggs then taught about running in such a way as to model the life and work of Christ. Amy Riep, our Interim Director, closed by inspiring us to have courage for our calling drawing key lessons from the lives of Daniel, Noah and Joshua. *Please join us in praying for our local pastors and church leaders as we work together to change this nation through the hope of Christ.*

Refresh and Refuel

A group of our staff and interns were blessed to attend a ladies conference hosted by Show-Tell Bible Church, a long-term partner of Thrive Africa. The theme of the weekend was Proverbs 31:25 "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can rejoice in the days to come."

Reverend Pearl Kupe, also a long-time friend of Thrive Africa, gave a series of powerful messages about being anointed by God and balancing our anointing with the character of Christ. Both are critical to effective Christian leadership.

Individually and as a team, we were encouraged, inspired and refueled with fresh ideas and vision for the days to come. And the timing was perfect as we seek God's will and set goals for 2010.

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