



Brandon &

...carrying {hope+justice+peace} to the poor so that they experience life & purpose in the {kingdom of heaven}...

Julianna Jones



...the spirit of the sovereign Lord is upon me, because the Lord has {chosen me}. He has commissioned me to {encourage the poor}, to help the brokenhearted, to decree the release of captives, and the {freeing of prisoners}, to announce the year when the Lord will show his favor, the day when our God will seek vengeance, to {console all who mourn}... Isaiah 61:1-2

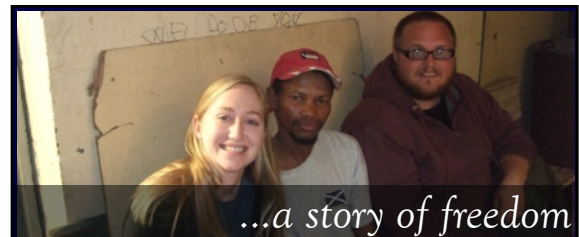
God is doing amazing things in southern Africa. We have been blessed to be a part of this incredible work for the past five months and are excited to share it with you.

We moved to Cape Town, South Africa in February through the support of many friends and family. Since then, we have taken part in a ministry training program, Church Planting Experience (CPx), with the NGO All Nations. We studied the way Jesus disciplined His followers and how the Church multiplied in the book of Acts. We learned methods that have been effective in creating movements toward Jesus all over the world. We also spent a lot of time learning about the culture here and working with others from all over the world to be a catalyst for a move of God among the poor.

We've spent several months pouring our time and energy into bringing God's kingdom in one of the poor

townships here called Masiphumelele. The scars of apartheid are obvious in this community of about 30,000 people in the Cape Town metroplex. Broken families are the norm, abuse and disease run rampant and poverty affects every area of life. In a place where nearly a third of the residents are HIV positive and as much as 3/4 are unemployed, it seems like hopelessness would reign supreme. As we familiarized ourselves with the place and spent time with the people, however, we saw that hope was present nearly everywhere. God is working in and among the people of Masi. Lights are breaking out in the darkness, and it's spreading quickly.

One of our main objectives of our time in Masi was to learn how to empower others to follow Jesus. Here, there is an epidemic of shallow and syncretic Christians that have prayed to accept Jesus but have never desired to walk with Him through life. We want to see this changed, and Africans empowered



...a story of freedom

We met Phillip on a Saturday. Although he had been drinking for most of the day he desperately wanted prayer and to schedule a meeting for later in the week to talk more with us. To our surprise, he actually showed up at the appointed time the next Wednesday. He was waiting (and only a little drunk), ready to hear us share about the hope we have in Jesus. He said he knew Jesus could save him and prayed to re-dedicate his life to him. After the prayer, he broke down weeping, telling us how he was homeless, jobless, family-less, and planning on hanging himself. We told him that Jesus loved him so much that he sent us all the way from America to love him. He wept from joy this time. Today he works most days of the week. He's successfully avoiding the bottle. And most importantly, he has a joy in life he's never known before. His friends have noticed a difference and he's shared his new hope with them. We have been doing weekly mentoring with him and can't wait to see him again in September!



Hope is from Zimbabwe. She found herself in Masi after hearing God speak clearly to her that she needed to follow her husband there. She's always found herself hearing from God and "doing" in response but has never known quite what it was she was following. When we offered to meet and study the Bible with her, she immediately said, "Yes!" As we've spent time with her, we have been overjoyed at what God is doing in her life. Everything she sees in the Bible she immediately puts into practice. When someone else from Masi chose to spread rumors about her she responded not with violence but with prayer (which God answered; rumors no longer exist). She's also already told many people about the things she's learned in the Bible and herself is now leading a growing Bible study with other Zimbabweans. It seems that every time we visit her, new people show up to hear about Jesus and what He's doing. This is a lifestyle she's starting to live now in Masi and will take with her wherever she goes. And it's with people like this that movements start.

with the discipleship tools needed to follow Jesus in every aspect of life. To that end, we have started several mentoring relationships with people in Masi and have been amazed as the Holy Spirit has moved in their lives. We hope to continue to be a catalyst for Africans to catch the vision of joining God's mission on earth. This is what will change Africa.

Our time here in Cape Town has confirmed what we felt God was saying to us before we came: mission with Jesus is the object and Cape Town is the place. We have committed to 3 years of initial ministry here with All Nations but plan on living our life here in Africa.

We will continue working in Masiphumelele in the near future, so that we can build on the relationships we've formed already, sharing the good news with those who live in Masi, mentoring African leaders to lead other Africans. We see ourselves taking part in a variety of ministries in order to help bring God's kingdom in Masi. See the breakout boxes (including {our vision} box) for examples and details of what this might look like.

In addition to our work at the grassroots level, we'll also support other missionaries to Africa through our work with All Nations. Brandon will be the organization's Director of Technology and Julianna will be their Director of Communications. These are key roles that are sorely needed in All Nations' infrastructure, particularly as they continue to grow and serve the poor of Africa.

In order to continue the world that we have begun, we need to ask for the support of friends and family.

Because of visa restrictions, we are not allowed to be paid for the work we are doing in Cape Town. We believe God has called us here and that He will provide everything that we need in order to stay. To us, that means that He will provide a team to send us out with prayer, encouragement and finances.

We have been incredibly blessed by the support that has poured in over the past year, enabling us to come to Cape Town for CPx. We have had enough money for all expenses and have felt your prayers strengthening us and have been blessed by the electronic encouragement and care



{our vision}

★ Movements towards Jesus

God is moving around the world in incredible ways, bringing huge numbers of people to Him in movements that are led by the Holy Spirit and indigenous people. Our role is to be a catalyst to this movement, raising up leaders to lead multiplying communities of believers partnering with God in His mission.

★ Life Transformation through Discipleship

Life doesn't "start" in heaven anymore than it "stops" when we die. We will participate in ministries that speak to this holistic redemption (i.e., ministries that care for the orphaned, that teach proper money management or provide job skills).

★ Mobilizing Others

Many tribes, tongues, and nations of Africa converge in the townships of Cape Town. Our vision is to see these varied peoples empowered by Jesus and the move of His kingdom to forever change Africa. It also includes mobilizing and providing resources to other missionaries coming to minister on this continent.



Candace and Nick are a couple from Zimbabwe. They are pre-Christian and very much on a journey of discovering Jesus but are already leading a Bible study themselves. After our first study with them Nick said, "This material is so important! I have to tell all my friends!" Brandon has been meeting with them on Fridays for Bible study and mentoring and then on Saturdays, they get their friends together and do the same Bible study with them. We've left them with a set of verses that lead them through the story of the Bible, culminating in the atoning death of Jesus, and friends that will be able to continue mentoring them while Brandon is stateside. If they are already "going" and "sharing" now, just think of their life as believers in a few months time!

packages. If you have helped provide this already we thank you again from the bottom of our hearts and ask for your continued support. If not, we want to invite you to be a part of our team.

Could God be calling you to take part in the work He is doing in Africa? We ask that you pray about becoming part of our team. If this is something you would like to take part in, please send in the enclosed response card. Please note that if you have given to us in the past, you will now be sending your donation to a different location (the All Nations base in the U.S.). As in the past, all donations will be tax-deductible and will go directly to us and our ministry.

In order to finish community raising, we are coming back to the U.S. July 12 - Sept. 8. We need to find more people who would like to be a part of

our financial and prayer team. We may be contacting you further in order to set up a meeting (if you live in Norman, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio or Washington D.C.) or chat over the phone. We would love to talk with you more about what we've been doing in Cape Town and how you can be involved.

For the establishment of HIS kingdom,

Brandon & Julianna Jones



Nancy is a 16-year-old girl who joined one of Julianna's Bible study groups. She said she had a terrible secret: she feared she was pregnant. The doctor confirmed her fears, and then scheduled an abortion for her the next week. Nancy said she didn't really want an abortion, but didn't feel like she had any other options. An orphan, she felt sure her aunt (with whom she lived) would kick her out of the house if she found out. "My life is over," Nancy said. Julianna prayed with her, cried with her and got her to meet with a member of another All Nations ministry, Baby Safe, that helps women like Nancy who have unplanned pregnancies. Even just a day later, Nancy seemed like a different person. She smiled when she saw Julianna - God's hope had broken through her despair! After being informed of all her options, Nancy made the difficult choice not to have the abortion. God answered our prayers and provided Nancy a place to stay amongst her family. She still has a lot of hard decisions ahead of her, but God is using Julianna, Baby Safe and others to help and support Nancy in this difficult time.

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...a story of purpose

Alan is a Zimbabwean Christian and has gone to church for a good chunk of his life. He's never been motivated to dive deeply into God's WORD though and sharing with his neighbors was a completely foreign concept. This has all changed in the past few months. Brandon has been meeting weekly with Alan to do an inductive style Bible study on leadership in the style of Jesus. Alan recently told him that he'd never considered studying the Bible like that before and that He had never had any desire to share with others. This was right after he went with Brandon to visit another Zimbabwean friend. Along the way, they met someone in need and Alan prayed with him, shared God's story with him and then led him in a prayer to know Christ. He is now looking forward to discipling that young man and the many others that need Jesus in Masiphumelele and beyond.



...{And the Lord was adding to their number every day} those who were being saved...Acts 2:44-47

{how to get involved}

→ **Prayer:** We've both learned the importance of prayer in our own lives and how important it is to unite in prayer as a community, even if separated by great distances. Our prayers are a sweet incense to our Father and He acts on them. Not a single one goes unnoticed! Our desire is to see God's people calling for Him to bring his kingdom to Africa and the people here, through our life (and the lives of those like us).

→ **Finances:** For the time being, we have to enter South Africa on volunteer visas so as not to take jobs away from the native Africans. And while we are officially on staff with a nonprofit mission organization, All Nations, they cannot provide a salary as their monetary resources are sufficient only for basic administration needs. Because of this, we are not able to be paid for any of our work in Cape Town. We are confident that God will provide for us through others' gifts.

→ **Encouragement:** This life that Jesus has set before us isn't always a walk in the park (but it is full of joy). Never underestimate the blessing that a simple word of encouragement is to us.

{finances}

{monthly support}

We need \$3000/month for "life" needs (a home, utilities, food, transport, insurance, etc), ministry needs (items related to the work we are doing) and money to provide for those around us in need. Our monthly costs will go up considerably after CPx is over (we were blessed to be able to pay for most of those CPx expenses up front). Our regular support coming in now will only cover about 40% of our needs now that we have completed CPx. We would accept any kind of gift, but are especially in need of consistent gifts of \$50-\$500/month in order to meet our funding goal. If 18 people pledged to give \$100 per month, we would reach our goal.

{our commitment to you}

Transparency: Our budget is available for those who are interested. Transparency is a value we desire for all of life and hope to live it amongst our community here in South Africa and our community spread across the globe.

Support: If needs in our community arise, we will seek to meet them as Jesus leads. This means sharing what we have with you practically. If you ever choose to come to Cape Town, rest assured that you will have a place to stay. If there are other ways we can minister to you, we will.

Prayer: We pray for those in our community, just as they pray for us. It's a rhythm of life for us. Any request you give us we will lift before God, hearts joined with yours (even if we seem a lifetime away).