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PRAAYER UPDATE

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Personal Note

I have officially become a member of the spec club! After years of squinting in denial, God has humbled me to accepting that I have weak eyes and surprised me with how much details I missed out on.

Prioritizing studies has been quite an adjustment as I am learning to juggle work, family life, social and studies. Our family continues to face difficulties and we are grateful for forward movement regarding my dads estate. We thank God for provision as we celebrate Ryan's new job opportunity.

Mini Camp

Camp planning is underway and we are excited for the journey ahead. Our committee is currently working on the spiritual and physical programme. Our leadership team is almost full (seeking one more female leader) and we are recruiting campers.

Last years fundraiser sponsored 7 campers in full and 30-90% of 17 campers fees. In light of camping becoming more expensive, we aim to make it more accessible to aid campers yet again. If you are willing and able to support, please follow the steps below.

SPONSOR A CAMPER

Give toward a camper's fee for our annual camp

Sponsorship Tiers:

1. Day Experience - R450
2. Half Experience - R700
3. Full Experience - R1400


Standard bank

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Life Skills

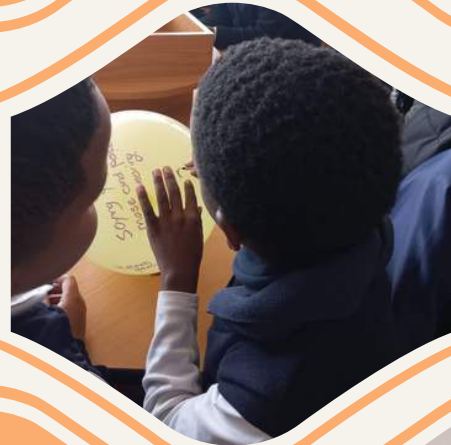
This term was spent on answering questions that the learners wanted answers for. Questions relating to family challenges, friendship and bullying.

Each session was game orientated to encourage interactive conversation and help them process the content.

It was great hearing them grapple with what healthy friendships are. Most of them pointed out that they had “perfect friendships” and ended a session saying that they have a lot to learn and work on.

We spent an excessive time on the topic of bullying as this was a major issue at school. After doing activities that pointed out types of bullying, why kids bully, how the victims might feel and looking at where each of them fit into that. With both bullies and victims in the room, I was proud to hear some learners be completely vulnerable in sharing their challenges of being mistreated on a daily-bases. Their vulnerability encouraged bullies to speak up and share feelings of remorse for things that they have done. I valued the open and honest responses during this time. Giving them the platform to talk things through. Slowly but surely learners are learning to accept each other more and more, encouraging each other instead of breaking each other down (at least in our space).

Another moment that stood out was times of affirmation. Although most learners struggled to affirm each other, starting off with “you are.... but”, it was great seeing them cut out the “but” and simply stick to positives. The room buzzed with excitement to share. As learners were affirmed it was evident that this made them feel good as their posture changed. Smiles bright, body language open, confidence boosted and excitement to continue. This was one of the key moments that formed a greater acceptance, understanding and hopefully brings about change among them.



CU Groups

This past term has been a fruitful one. Seeing learners get excited about God's word is beautiful.

I love that the weather is looking up, as this provides opportunity to have CU group outside with the little ones. Which makes room for interactive games and more children are able to join. I have been pleasantly surprised by their openness to taking hand outs, not just for themselves but their siblings or friends too and pray that it be a tool for continued growth in Christ.

It was heartwarming to see a young man, who is usually a challenge to his teachers get excited for what he calls "church". Seeing him engage and ask questions like "how do we know God is real if we can't see Him?" and "If it is impossible to raise someone from the dead, how was it possible for Jesus?". His enthusiasm to engage in singing memory verses and his boldness to end off in prayer encouraged his peers to follow his example.

It was a challenge getting learners be all inclusive, as I often found myself stopping them from excluding others and telling them that they did not belong due to their behaviour. I am thankful that they were open to my response, and learning to accept each other.

I also noticed a peak in their interest and a change in their body languages to being more engaging. Seeing individuals moving from the back to the front of the class during a session always encouraging as it shows that they see value in what is done.

I continue to be amazed at God's goodness and how He uses me to make a difference. I am thankful for the open doors and support of the teachers.



Signal Next Gen

Next Gen has been a blast! Highlights include seeing the toddlers light up as they show off their craft activities with pride. The older kids getting excited and competitive about creating their own memory verses. It was clear that the rugby world cup played a huge part in the increase of energy when, after closing off in prayer, the boys proudly started singing the national anthem with much enthusiasm, encouraging us all to join in.

I have been reminded of how important it is to lay a solid faith foundation for kids. As they grapple with their faith and are hugely influenced by their peers and the world around them. For the first time, I was challenged to step outside the boundaries of Sunday school to support a child as she grappled with a world of different religious choices. I value the trust built and am thankful for the opportunity to testify of Gods goodness and truth. This, yet again, shows that the two hours with NG leaders a week is simply not enough and that it is important for parents and the community to support the journey.

I am thankful to the volunteers for devoting time to matching the kids energy, doing their best to make the space fun, and answering questions as the kids grapple.

Thanksgiving

- Spectacles
- Work provision for Ryan
- Opportunity to do a short course in Psychotherapy
- Your support

Prayer Requests

- Mini Camp planning and fundraising
- Open doors at new schools
- My mom's health/anxiety
- Strength / Peace / Wisdom
- Pacing myself / Time Management

