



# SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

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## DEAR PARTNERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS,

What exciting times we are living in at the present moment. Although there are wars and chaos going on around us, God is still over all and people are turning to Him for salvation, hope and answers. So glad He is in control!

The last year in South Africa has brought some of the most fruitful and challenging times. Ministries and the Hope Centre are flourishing in many ways!

Keep reading for some highlights!



## Hope Center

We received from the States (through a non-profit called Flutter) a v-scanner, this is a portable ultrasound machine. It enables us to go right into homes and do a scan. This has been a huge factor in clients deciding to keep their baby. **Since March we have seen 36 clients and 7 have kept their baby!**

We have a doctor that recently came to the main clinic that sends clients to us for counseling before a termination. He doesn't want to "waste" the time sending clients, so the nurses in the clinic offered our counselors a private room to counsel and do a scan!

**It is still our desire to raise up \$120 a month to be able to employ a person of different culture to be part of our team. We have one paid staff member but most are volunteers.**



## Bible Studies, Trainings, and Inner Healing

In Feb, I was trained in a post abortion Bible study called "Save One." Currently, I am walking a road with a young lady who in her words, "I thought I had dealt with all this" but as we continue, she is experiencing God's healing in an amazing way. I have another person signed up to begin when I return.

The inner healing ministry that I lead has seen our busiest season yet. Over 35 people have come over the last 5 months, looking and expecting breakthrough. It is so wonderful seeing men, women and young people set free of bondages, lies and habits that have caused them not to experience the life God intended for them.

Bible studies are having a season of growing in Paul's Epistles. We have had new ladies join and relationships are growing.

Recently I preached on how a distorted image of God affects your prayer life. We were challenged to examine our prayers in light of how we "see" God.

In Oct 2024, my great niece Kenzie came for a visit. We had an amazing time together, and God used her in many ways. But, before that, she experienced losing her luggage when she arrived! Fortunately, it came the next day. She jumped in wherever needed and was able to experience ministry and the African hospitality. She joined the team in the school for *Undiluted*, she was asked to address high school students concerning suicide, because, unfortunately, a senior had taken his life that week. She joined in with our worship team and taught Bible studies, had lots of different foods and enjoyed them all. And let's not forget the all important safari featuring a large lioness stepping out of the forest just a few feet from Kenzie! The time was too short but hopefull memories for a lifetime.



## Work in Local Schools

*Undiluted*, sexual purity course, is now in 2 high schools and 4 elementary schools. Pregnancies in school are decreasing because of this wonderful course. Prenatal and postnatal care has also increased, and we are seeing healthier babies being born.



## Support

Exciting news! You can now go over to [www.joycesouthafrica.org](http://www.joycesouthafrica.org) to keep up with the latest in ministry news and photos. There is also a donation button that allows you to electronically give a tax exempt donation straight to the work of South Africa. All monies will be used 100% for the ministry under me in SA. I hope you will jump over and check out the site and please give me any feedback you have at [jrayeafrika@gmail.com](mailto:jrayeafrika@gmail.com) This is my 23rd year in SA, and I must say, it never gets old or predictable. It is such a privilege to be a part of what God is doing in Plettenberg Bay!

Until next time, stay well and Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in ALL your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Thank you for your prayers, financial support and encouragement.

**Blessings, Joyce**