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The Sharing Brad Did While in Cape Town Sticks with Him

Last summer Brad was anxiously looking forward to his first overseas mission trip and the experience he knew would be one of the best in his life. Bradley confides that his expectations were completely fulfilled. Brad says he “will not be going on another mission trip (soon), but I definitely have the desire to go on another one in the future”. Brad goes on to say that “going to South Africa stretched me in many ways; both personally and spiritually”. He repeats the often heard theme that he enjoyed meeting everyone on his Mission team and that he continues to enjoy the friendships that came about as a result.

If he could go back to Cape Town for one day there are a few things Brad would love to do. He has a desire to once again feel the enjoyment and meet the challenge of sharing the Word in all the different areas and schools that he visited with his team mates. Brad says too that he “would love to go and just see Cape Town once again”. He loved being there because it is a beautiful city, and it was a great place to “experience”.

One memory that is a constant for Brad is of the days during which he got to share the love of Jesus Christ with children . Brad says “the joy of sharing with those kids really sticks with me and I am so thankful that God allowed me that opportunity ...”. He goes on to say that “to go out into the world, share the gospel, and see another part of God's creation was one of the best experiences of my life...”. I am sure we can all agree with him on those points.

This summer Brad started Graduate School at the University of Arkansas. He is embarking on a program that will allow him to complete the requirements for an MAT (Master's of Arts in Teaching). He tells us that besides his classes, the rest of his summer time is filled with hanging out, playing every sport possible, going to the lake, and striving to grow closer to the Lord.

This coming fall Brad will be doing an internship with a school in Northwest Arkansas. At the same time he will volunteer with the boys basketball team at Rogers High School. Brad is excited for the opportunity to be volunteering with the team in order to gain valuable experience in coaching and to learn more about his future career.

After he completes his degree and his “volunteer coaching” Brad says he “... really doesn't know where he is going to go”. Right now, Brad wants to get a job somewhere at the junior high or high school level as a basketball coach. However, in the future Brad wants to coach

basketball at the college level. At present Brad says he “is just trying to make it one more year and get that Masters Degree”.



Bradley sharing his faith



The Hector Pieterse School

The article which appears on Page 3 originally appeared in the New York Times on Friday, June 16, 2006.

The pictures on Page 4 might help you remember the day on our Mission trip which was spent doing clinics at the Hector Pieterse School. You might recall that the Pieterse school was the place where we saw drug dealers selling their “wares” through the fence around the school.

Among other things, included in the Times article is the story of how a young Hector Pieterse became a martyr in the struggle to end apartheid. We thought perhaps you'd be interested in a little bit of the history of the movement that served to end the injustices his people suffered.

South Africans recall historic protest

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SOWETO, SOUTH AFRICA — President Thabo Mbeki led hundreds of South Africans on a march Friday in the footsteps of children whose bloody uprising 30 years ago reshaped the struggle to end apartheid.

The fight then was against a racist regime that confined black students to inferior schools and forced them to learn in a language they did not understand.

Mbeki told tens of thousands of young people gathered in a Soweto soccer stadium that today they must rise up against poverty, illiteracy, violence and AIDS.

“We remember the youth of 1976 because they have left us a lesson that it is possible for young people to stand up and confront the challenges facing them,” he said. “May the courage and vision displayed by our youth 30 years ago, on June 16, 1976, serve to inspire and motivate all of us as we strive to bring happiness to our youth and people during this, our age of hope.”

Linking arms, students, government leaders and veterans of 1976 marched through this black township, pausing at 9 a.m., the moment when police bullets felled their first and youngest victim, Hector Pieter-son, 13. His death in the arms of another protester — captured in an iconic photograph — rallied generations to the fight for South Africa’s democracy and freedom.

The brutality of the police response to the unarmed students sparked nationwide rioting in which more than 500 youths are estimated to have been killed. Thousands of others were maimed, disappeared into detention or fled the country to join the guerrilla fight.

Mandla Malinga, 46, a builder, was among the student protesters who began that cold winter’s day — now a public holiday — with so much optimism. He was back Friday to pay tribute to those who did not survive.



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South African President Thabo Mbeki, third from left, leads a march Friday from Morris Isaacson High School to the Hector Pieter-son Memorial in Soweto, South Africa. The high school was where students began the uprising in 1976 that was pivotal in the fight to end apartheid.

“May the courage and vision displayed by our youth 30 years ago . . . serve to inspire and motivate all of us as we strive to bring happiness to our youth.”

Thabo Mbeki,
South African president

“I have friends who were hurt. Some of them died,” he said sadly. “It was chaos.”

What came to be known as the Soweto Uprising started as a student protest against being taught in Afrikaans, the language of the white oppressor. As rioting spread, it drew world attention to the regime’s violence and injected new life into the struggle to topple it.

But the “liberation before education” spirit of future protests left much of a generation of

black South Africans without the skills to take advantage of opportunities brought by the first all-race elections in 1994. Unemployment is approaching 40 percent, even as many skilled positions go unfilled.

Friday’s two-hour march began at Morris Isaacson High School and ended at a memorial to Pieter-son, where Mbeki and representatives of government, the youth and families of the slain laid wreaths of colorful flowers.

Eyes misted up as a choir led the crowd in singing a well-loved struggle song — “Senzeni’na,” Zulu for “We are crying.”

The day culminated with the rally attended by many too young to remember 1976. The crowd waved flags and cheered as Mbeki arrived to a 21-gun salute and military helicopter display.

He saluted the youth of 1976 for helping free South Africa from the tyranny of apartheid.

“We would like the youth gathered here today and their comrades throughout our country to follow their example of unwavering commitment as they confront the modern-day challenges of poverty and unemployment, alcohol and drug abuse, AIDS and other diseases, illiteracy, [abuse of women and children] and other problems,” Mbeki said.



You may remember Emily as one of our team's sharp shooters, but here she is teaching the students at The Hector Pieterse School how to knock down the "J".



There was a part of us that wanted to go and break up the "goings on" of this drug dealer who was blatantly selling drugs to students through the fence at The Hector Pieterse School. Instead, on this day, we wisely decided to share the Gospel with the students rather than form a make-shift vigilante group and risk making a big mistake.

Wedding Bells Have Rung for Jonathan and Jessica Williams

As Jessica was completing her last enjoyable moments at All-Saints, and preparing to become Mrs. Williams, she found the time to write and tell us that after her marriage she and her husband Jonathan will be moving to Ft. Worth, TX. In Ft. Worth, Jonathan will be working as a youth minister and going to seminary while Jessica will be teaching Science, Health, and Bible at a small private school. In addition to her teaching duties Jess tells us she "... will be coaching the greatest sport God ever created - basketball!" Jess was able to go to a regional tournament this year in basketball, which made for a really fun season! In one of her emails to us Jess told us she feels that the Lord has never challenged her and blessed her more than He has in this season of her life! She feels that this year the Lord has given her many new teaching and coaching skills and she hopes that in the future she will be able to fully utilize all the skills that He has so graciously given to her.

As of this writing Jessica was on summer break and although she informs us that coaching basketball and teaching have proven to be a passion of hers, she says she is "loving the break from teaching". To Jessica it seems like just yesterday that she was telling us about Jonathan and about how nervous she was going into her first year of teaching. Now, she says it seems improbable that her "1st year of teaching is over..." and that she has already walked down the aisle to become Mrs. Williams.

Jessica's husband Jonathan, is attending seminary right now and will be doing so for at least another 3 years, working towards getting his Masters of Divinity. While Jonathan is in seminary, the Williamses are planning on being able to continue doing short term Mission work in the summers until they are able to completely devote their lives to it. They are excited about what is in store for them in the future ahead, and they are aware of the fact that God's plans may be completely different from their own. So together they say "We are open and willing to go where He sends us".

After seminary, Jonathan and Jessica hope to be able to

satisfy their desire to serve the Lord in Africa for an extended period of time. They say that perhaps they can find a way to stay in Africa for as long as 3 years. Jess wants to accompany Jonathan to South Africa and introduce to him the amazing type of people she worked with on Mission there during the summer of 2005. Jessica



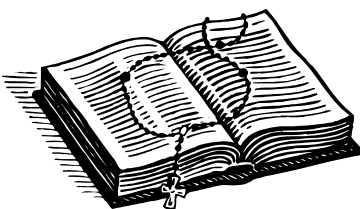
hopes to be able to teach science in Africa, all the while "... definitely focusing on HIV/AIDS education and prevention". While in Africa with Jonathan, Jessica hopes to be able to show him the "amazing beauty of the country". She then ended this part of her email with

"... Maybe one day! :o)" - and truthfully isn't that the way we all feel?

Jessica shared with us the fact that some of her fondest memories of Cape Town center around those times in the schools where she was able to share her faith in the classrooms with the students there. Specifically she remembers one day when she was paired up with Paul and the manner in which the Lord spoke through both of them to the students in the classroom that day. Because she said it so well, we think it appropriate to end this article with Jessica's very own words. First Jessica says "Cynthia, you are in our prayers!" and finally she concludes with - "I love the memories of playing basketball and praying with the other teams before and after the games. I love the memories on Table Mountain (Emily and Kristy were soldiers). I love the memories of Doug helping me over the large rocks as I carried all of my cameras and bags (Thanks again for that!). I wouldn't trade one memory of Cape Town for the world! Thank you all for making the memories unforgettable."

At this time Jonathan and Jessica Williams brand new address is: Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Williams
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Please refer to Page 6 to see pictures of the Williams Wedding. Jonathan and Jessica kindly sent the pictures to us in time for this edition of the TMT.



Psalm 121:7-8 "The Lord will keep you from all harm--He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

We celebrate your new life together as husband and wife!



The Williams Wedding Party



Jessica and her Father

Jonathan and Jessica



Challenges Give Jamie Some Opportunities

Jamie tells us that he is spending his summer, as he has for the past eight years, working at various roles for the Fairlawn Country Club. With all of his experiences there he feels pretty well versed in any of the jobs to which he is assigned.

Sandwiched between his work days at Fairlawn, Jamie is finding time to do more of God's work. In May he spent a week in Colorado at the ***Athletes In Action Ultimate Training Experience***. At the "Experience" ten student athletes from Miami joined up, and collaborated with over 100 other student athletes from all around the country. Jamie tells us that he was able to spend the entire week learning about ways to glorify God through sports. He told us that his week long "Experience" in Colorado was an incredible time during which he felt challenged by the Lord in many new ways. Jamie cherishes the challenges wherever and whenever the Lord presents them to him because the challenges always provide him with new opportunities to grow in Him. This summer, in addition to his Colorado Experience, Jamie has worked a few basketball camps, and has been to Michigan in order to work at a Christian youth camp.

When we received his email, Jamie's brother Jason was attending boot camp at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Jamie's family will visit West Point sometime in mid-August, and naturally Jamie and his parents are looking forward to seeing Jason. We certainly understand it when Jamie goes on to say that it was very hard for both he and his parents to send his brother away, but that he thinks God is using the experience to somehow call out to all of them. Though he did not elaborate, Jamie tells us that he "is very excited about what God is doing in his brother's life through West Point."



Although he tells us that he is excited to be heading back to school on August 22, Jamie readily admits that he is still trying hard to enjoy these last few weeks of summer vacation - and for those who are heading back to school, isn't that always the case? We sometimes get discouraged and we sometimes get tired while we are in school, but when the time comes we almost always seem to want to go back.

Keep an eye out for Jamie if you are on the West Coast in December, 2006 or January, 2007. Jamie is likely to be playing basketball again! This time for AIA against several college teams from California. God Bless you in this ministry, Jamie!

Jamie sends his congratulations to the newly weds - Mr. and Mrs. Scott Trahey (as do we all). Jamie says he recently had the pleasure of attending the Trahey's wedding and he reports that the wedding "... was the most Christ-centered wedding I've ever attended". Dan Boyle was in attendance at the wedding too and as part of the wedding ceremony, Dan was able to share the gospel. Jamie tells that Josh Hegendergenderfergenderger and his fiancée Andrea were also at the wedding (was that really a nickname for Josh?).

Jamie told us that as far as the Trahey wedding went "it was nice to see two people joining in a lifelong union before the Lord and putting Him at the center of it all". As he ended the discussion of the wedding in his email, Jamie said that "Scott looked beautiful, and so did his new bride", and that "It was great to see everyone."

At the left Jamie seems to be enjoying himself and having some fun while doing his "thing" for some elementary school students in Cape Town.



Brandon is Searching Out God's Plan

This summer Brandon is hoping to discover what God's plans are for him and what lies in the future for him. He says that although he does yet fully know God's path for him he definitely does "... know that God has a plan for me, and if medicine is not in my future then I know whatever lies ahead, it will be blessed".

In addition to searching out God's future plans for him, Brandon and his fiancée Brittany are planning their wedding for May, 2007. They are trying hard to get a lot of the wedding planning done early so that they both can "...concentrate on graduating and finishing strong". In his letter, Brandon and Brittany both express the hope that we "... all can make it (to the wedding) if possible".

Brandon related to us that unfortunately he is not going to be able to do any overseas Mission work this year, but he hopes to be able to do so in the not so distant future. We will pray that he gets that opportunity.

Like all of us, the memories Brandon says he has of his 2005 Mission to Cape Town "are amazing". He feels that

only God could have accomplished the work which was required to mold into a strong unified body, a group of people like us who did not even know each other before we went on the Mission to Cape Town. In turn we ask who else but God could build such unity, and form such strong bonds among such a diverse a group of people as we? Other members of our Mission team have voiced very similar thoughts

If Brandon could go back (to Cape Town) just for one day, he tells us that he would want to spend it playing some basketball with us and then afterwards present the gospel to our "audience" at the gyms.

As he brings his latest email to a close, Brandon asks that we all pray for his family. In May, 2006 his grandmother lost her life's battle to a stroke, and she passed away. Brandon tells us that his grandmother "... was an amazing woman and (that) heaven is a better place with her there". Brandon's final words to us are: "I love you guys and wish you nothing but the best". We will honor his prayer request, and we in turn wish the best for him.



Just as Brandon searched for good deals at the flea market in Cape Town, he continues to seek the Lord's will for his life.

Doug Continues in God's Work

Doug wrote to us from Uruguay that things are progressing well for him. He still serves part time at his church, and when he gets back from his travels, he says that God has given him some opportunities during which he will be able to seek a job. Since his graduation from college Doug tells us that God has blessed him with enough work to, as he puts it "... help keep the money coming in."

Doug has been doing a lot of work in the children's department of his church as well as in the youth department at his college. He went to Panama City in June with a youth group and he relates to us that he "... had an awesome time sharing and praying with the kids". After he returned from Panama City he was able to lead a basketball camp attended by over 100 kids. During the camp Doug was able to share the gospel, and the Lord gave him opportunities to speak to a lot of the kid's families.

In early July Doug went to Mexico for 8 days where he, along with 40 other adults and youth from his church, helped build a brand new church in a community which previously had no church at all. Doug says "... it was awesome to see God work there" in Mexico. After the church was completed, the Lord allowed Doug and his entire group to play a role in the dedication services. A rough count of those in attendance showed about 140 people from the community were there at the service.

Shortly after returning from Mexico Doug found himself on a flight to Atlanta from where he led a team of 6 to Uruguay. He tells us that he was able to see Kristi, Tanya, Bryan, and Amy and in so doing was reminded of the things God did in Cape Town last year. In Uruguay, Doug found himself doing a lot of plowing and seed planting, but he still found time to do more of God's work. In his daily routine in Uruguay he held morning clinics, and each evening had sessions of open gym play. In turn he managed to find a local park in which he was able to conduct afternoon clinics as well. Even though there was obviously a language barrier, Doug's group was still able to see a lot happening for the Lord. Certainly, Doug tells us, the work God did was amazing and it helped further His purposes - it was all for Him!

While in Uruguay Doug was given the opportunity to preach the gospel at a community service. Everyone who his group had encountered through the basketball camps was invited to attend the service. We are glad to report that Doug did survive the preaching, and that things in general went well at the service. Doug gave us the good news that for the service



during which he preached, they "packed out the Church" - even to the point where kids were sitting on the floor. God, according to Doug, gave him the exact words to say as he gave his testimony, and then God led him into the gospel presentation. For Doug the most important thing that happened as a direct result of the service was that 6 people accepted Christ for the first time. So, Doug says "God's work is just beginning."

Doug can hardly wait until the Lord gives him another opportunity to share with others about this trip. Sharing with others will allow him to tell about the Lord's works and His accomplishments in Uruguay. Doug says he is sure that the opportunities to share, which he is seeking, will come if he is patient and willing, and "no matter the language, His love will still shine through us the same".

Doug leaves us with some powerful thoughts and we quote almost verbatim: "I leave you with **John 15** as it repeatedly says 'remain in me'. I hope everyone has remained in Him the past year and remember **John 15:7-8** 'If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.' I love you all like family and pray for you regularly. As a leader I do a lot of referring to the things we encountered in South Africa together, and I am thankful each of y'all were apart of it. Thanks and God Bless and I'll see all of you soon".



Here Doug patiently waits for his medal in Cape Town, just as he waits on the Lord to open the door for ministry opportunities"

Cynthia White Visits with Dwight and Many Other ISF Team Members While in Ohio

We thought at first it was just another attempt by someone from Alabama to steal all of Ohio's secrets of success in college football, but it turns out it was really a time to reminisce about last year's great ISF trip to Cape Town. Cynthia was visiting August 5-8, and had a chance to talk and to have lunch with Dwight, Dan, Scott, Ben, and Jamie and catch up on all of their activities since she had last seen them at the Cape Town airport. She was also able to experience worship services at Cuyahoga Valley Church for both the morning service and the 707 church on Sunday evening which is designed for young adults aged 18 to 30. Cynthia indicated she was happy they didn't card anyone at the door and we do not know what that is all about!

As many of you know, the entire International Sports Federation team from Cape Town have been moving in new directions. Ron, Karen and their family are back in Missouri. Stacy, and her husband Patrick, have been in the states while he is going back to school to finish seminary. There was a recent tragedy in Stacy's family as her sister was killed in an auto accident in Cape Town and we would ask for your prayers for her and her family. We are also praying for Cynthia in that we hope she would find clarity in God's calling in her life. She feels God is calling her back to Cape Town, and we were pleased to hear her share her heart in wanting to be where God wants her.

This is a special time for Cynthia as she is talking to many churches about partnering with her in giving financial support as well as committing to send ministry teams to help with the work, to which she feels called, at Springwood Baptist Church in Mitchell's Plain. I'm sure you all remember the packed house for the youth rally in which we participated as well as the worship service on one Sunday when we were there. There is a firm conviction among members of CVC that they want to partner with Cynthia and will be helping her to see God's vision completed in Mitchell's Plain.

In your quiet time and prayer time, please remember all of the thousands of young people who heard the gospel message last year but who may not have had any Christian influence since then. Ask God to bring believers along side these young people who will share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ that they might claim his promises in their lives.

If you know of any members of your church who have a heart for missions and who would like to explore how they might work with Cynthia, please contact her by email (Cynthia's email address can be found at the end of this message.) I'm sure she would love to share with you her heart for what could happen at Springwood if she could work there full time.

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Cynthia, Jess, and Stacy