



MIKE'S MISSIVE



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TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART, ALL OF YOUR MIND AND ALL OF YOUR STRENGTH. LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

In God we Trust.

When we visited Johannesburg for the Missionary Ventures South Africa conference, we were blessed, refreshed, and taught humility. "Uhuru gets pap & vleis." and we were able to visit Soweto.

That little quote is from "Team Uhuru's" battle cry. During our conference we learned the value of teamwork, and watching out for one another. The other pictures are from the outside of Nelson Mandela's house in Soweto. The guide explained much of

the history of the township and the Mandela family. Would that there were more in the world like that man.

We would be much closer to the 'Kingdom' than we are at present.



UMBI TREE AT MANDELLA HOUSE

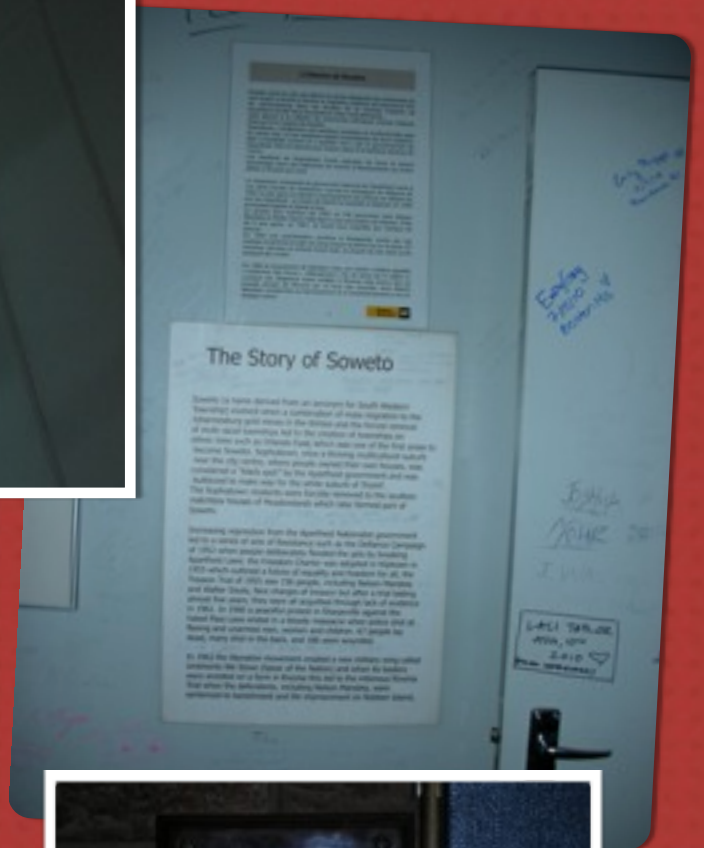
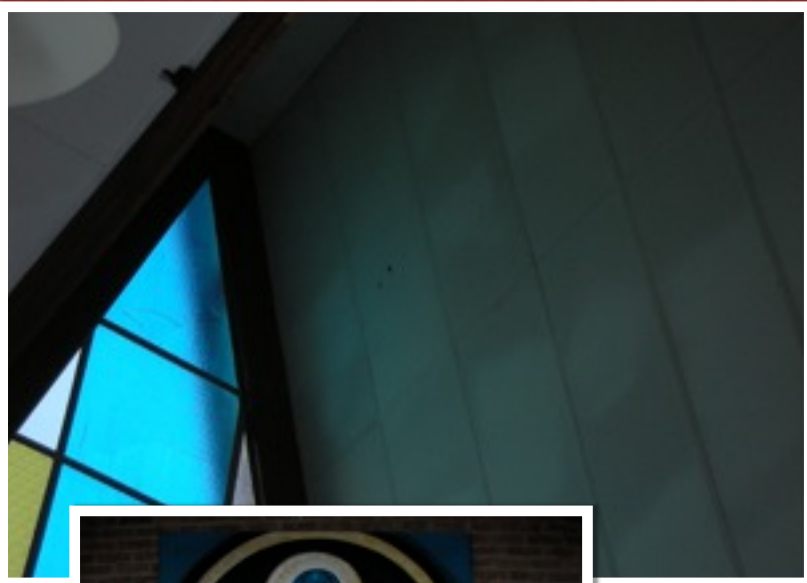


TOUR GUIDE EXPLAINS EVENTS



PICTURE OF WINNIE MANDELLA

PHOTOS FROM ME



MARY REGINA MUNDI SOWETO, SA

BULLET HOLES IN CEILING

BLACK MADONNA

HOPE YOU CAN READ THE STONE AND STORY.

SOWETO NOW HAS A MCDONALD'S.

NAMIBIA DOESN'T

Sometimes it is nice to have Hot Water...

We here in Namibia are blessed with abundant sunshine. We are also, have 21 degree Celcius water out of the ground. Sometimes we like to heat it, go figure. The cost of heating it varies. Originally Rossing installed Solar Geysers. They worked as long as they were kept free of kalk (scale). Electric geysers like Nan's also work well with some maintenance. The issue is ongoing cost versus initial cost. To properly install a new geyser runs about. N \$11,000.00 for a Solar Geyser, and about N\$5,000.00 for an Electric Geyser. Both include about N\$1,200.00 for a water filter which will limit the kalk buildup.

Current exchange rate is about N\$7.20 per US\$1.00.

Ongoing costs are a bit different. While Brenda and Mike's houses enjoy Solar

Hot water at no additional cost, the Electric houses cost approximately N \$700.00 plus depending on usage, per month. It would take about 9 months to amortize the cost difference between Solar and Electric.

The big problem is the economy. At the moment the Ministry is struggling to make ends meet each month. We are trying to repair and salvage leaking geysers in order to have electric hot water, because that is what we have available at no startup cost.

Please pray that God will provide a solution to us here in the desert. I have in the past taken cold (72F/21C) showers, they are tolerable, but it is nice to have a warm one on occasion.

Thy will be done.

Amen...

BRENDA'S GEYSER



HOT WATER SOLUTIONS



ORIGINAL GEYSER



NAN'S GEYSER



TYPICAL ELECTRIC GEYSER



MIKE & BRADLEY

ELIZABETH



ELIZABETH WITH
PET

ELIZABETH
THANKING JEFF

Elizabeth gets a big surprise.

Traveling to the conference in South Africa, we stopped both ways at Jeff and April Sukup's. On the way back, Jeff surprised Elizabeth with a pink PET.

That is a Personal Energy Transport. It allows someone who has mobility issues to move about and interact with others in a more independent way. Elizabeth had seen the PET at the factory in Tampa, Florida. She never dreamed she would get one in Botswana. We transported it back on

the top of "Annabel Lee Dax" Elizabeth's name for my Kombi. She now has it to get to school and around Arandis. She is thankful to God and all the people who have helped bring about this blessing in her life.

PHOTOS



NELSON MANDELA

1. LOOKING OUT THE BACK DOOR
2. PATIO FURNITURE
3. KIDS BEDROOM
4. FLOOR WHERE WALL WAS TO HIDE FROM BULLETS
5. NELSON'S ROOM

SOWETO Field Trip

During our stay in South Africa for the Missionary Ventures Regional Conference, we were treated to a tour of South West Township (Soweto). In South Africa Townships are the same as Locations in Namibia. Under the apartheid plan, they were where the people who's skin color was different were made to live. The greater development in South Africa as opposed to Namibia has brought these townships to a more modern level of development than those in Namibia. Both countries still have many places

where people live in rudimentary shacks, not unlike those found throughout the world in areas of poverty. One thing which struck me as a move toward modernity in South Africa was the presence of a McDonald's in all of Namibia I have yet to find one of those. Perhaps that is not necessarily a bad thing?