

Sharing the Love of the Lord  
With the People of Southern Africa

*But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an **inheritance**, as you are this day. Deuteronomy 4:20*

Dear Friends and Family,

Perhaps you heard fleeting news about the rioting, looting, and burning rocking the country of South Africa last month. Less likely, but still possible, you might have heard about the violent political protests and the ensuing brutal governmental response in the smaller country of eSwatini. For us, these events were much more than a blip on our personal radars; we got daily frantic reports from our ministry partners and many friends in these two nations where we have served for over a decade now.

How would you respond to loved ones sending countless terrified messages such as these? "I can hear the bullets so we are just staying inside our home and praying," "They are burning outside our home; I am afraid," and "We can no longer get food because our food supply chain has been cut off; I do not know how I am going to feed my children."

I, Kay, wanted with all my heart to tell them that things would be okay, but I knew that would be a platitude. There was a very real possibility that they would go hungry or even be killed. The Lord spoke clearly to my heart that I must encourage them in the only certainty—their eternal **inheritance** in Him.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an **inheritance** incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5*



One of those who took God's message to heart was our beloved Ncamsile. She resolved that a countrywide uprising was not going to get in her way of leading women to pray. During the weeks when any civilians gathered together were considered a threat and thus a potential target for the bullets of the army or police, she led a group of determined women in a Moms in Prayer conference, steadfastly praying for their children's eternal **inheritance**.

some of the Moms in Prayer  
conference attendees in eSwatini

*In Him also we have obtained an **inheritance**, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:11-12*

In spite of all the hard things transpiring, God continues to show Himself faithful to widows and orphans. We do not solicit for people to sponsor children; rather the Lord Himself puts it on the hearts of His people to offer such. Swaziserve, through your generosity, now sponsors 38 orphaned and vulnerable children.

The following report from one of our ministry partners, Sezanele, highlights the ongoing needs: "This month we visited a school at Tekatakho; as always the conditions and the situation were heartbreaking. We donated sanitary pads, shoes, socks, masks and face cloths to the learners, but what touched us most were twin girls. They were wearing skirts with torn zippers and no underwear. We were deeply touched. Thank you Swaziserve because we were able to buy both of them skirts and underwear."

Most importantly, all our ministry partners continue to share with those we bless materially with the far more important message of the **inheritance** they can have with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

*But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7*

There are so many powerful stories. I will share one more here. For the 16th month in a row, we have been able to feed between 30-45 families who are devastated by the economic repercussions of COVID and now civil strife. Here is just one of the many reports from our ministry partner Vimbai: "Sisy wami ["my sister"], meet Nkosi. She saw us giving food parcels and she came running to us and said please can I have some food. She said it's been two days now. I don't know what to give my children and grandchildren. She said things are tough. When we gave her the food, she really was thankful with smiles on her face. She was so happy. I could see her joy. Thank you so much Swaziserve, Baba John and Mom Kay. You are touching lives and we are glad to partner with you. Siyabonga. Siyanithanda. ["Thank you. We love you.]"

Both Vimbai and her husband, Tendai, are ordained pastors with a passion to share the Gospel with everyone they meet, so we are confident that the above-mentioned precious granny also has heard of God's promise of **inheritance** for those who trust in Him.



Granny Nkosi receiving food for her children and grandchildren

*In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation;  
in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,  
who is the guarantee of our **inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession,  
to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:13-14*

So, only crazy people would go rushing headlong into these countries with so much uncertainty, upheaval, and strife, right? Wrong! The need is greater than ever. God willing, a small team of us will travel to both nations to encourage, equip, and exhort our brothers and sisters there, to distribute gifts, to visit all our projects and project partners, and always, always, to share the Gospel with those who are perishing. You see, according to 1 Peter 2:9, ...we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. It is our duty and delight to fulfill our calling as priests proclaiming God!

With the ever-changing regulations due to COVID, we may or may not be allowed to go, though we've purchased our flights in obedience to His call. If we are able to follow through as planned, the obstacles there could still be many. But we truly have nothing to worry about. As His chosen vessels, the Lord Himself is our **inheritance** according to Deuteronomy 18:2. Did you catch that? The Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent Creator of all the Universe, the perfectly good, holy, wise, loving, gracious, merciful, just, compassionate, eternal God of all peace, joy, patience, kindness, provision, healing, deliverance, and resurrection power is our **inheritance!** Because we choose Him, we have eternity with ALL our needs met and everlasting life through the Lord Jesus Christ!



John and Margaret  
Guthrie

So, it is with hope that we pray and plan for this trip. John and Margaret Guthrie, Kenny and Lori Porter, and I, Kay, are scheduled to leave the US on Sept. 6 and return Sept. 27. If all goes according to our intentions, we'll visit two countries and approximately 16 towns and villages over the span of three weeks. Though our **inheritance** is certain, and we have no reason to fear, we certainly covet our prayers for success of this mission of love.



Kenny and Lori  
Porter

*The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;  
Yes, I have a good **inheritance**. Psalm 16:6*

For His glory,

John and Kay West

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