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*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."  
Eph. 2:10*



Dear Prayer supporters,

Wishing you all a blessed new year.

We started the Africa Trek with great anticipation and expectation. I dreamed of transformation and the Lord came through in a beautiful manner. I pray that this snapshot of the past couple of months will encourage you as it did for me.

**Aardklop art festival in South Africa — our first stop.**

We served the attendees in our big tent and had many life changing conversations over a free cup of coffee. Through our genuine concern and actions of love, many opportunities opened up. We picked up drunk people (especially teenagers), cleaned up their vomit, and provided beds within a safe place until they recovered. Whilst cleaning up blood after a fight, the Lord opened my eyes yet again to His heart for lost and hurting people.

**Living waters in the dry places**

In Namibia I shared my testimony with high school students. I have often done it before, but this time it had special significance. After the session a teenage boy burst into tears. Sitting down and holding his hands, he told me that his feet are deformed and his hips constantly dislocate whenever he attempts to run. He loves sports but is handicapped. To put salt to injury, his peers often make fun of him due to his inability.

He questioned my attitude regarding my facial disability—Blood tumor. I told him how I see it as a gift from the Lord and view it as an opportunity for the Lord to be glorified. I continued explain that he should not believe everything the world says. He was right, I am different, but we are all different and unique, yet special in the eyes of the Lord. He has made us different for His use. The Potter will see the beauty of the clay pot he Has made, each with its own specific purpose. In the same way people that have the mind of Christ will recognize that we are all different, but special and useful in His service. What a joy to bring healing through our own pain.

**Seeing with different eyes — the villages around Lake Tanganyika**

I grew up in a rural village before I was adopted by a missionary family when my uncle died. Retuning now, to a similar village I lived in, the Lord opened my eyes yet again. People are living in spiritual and physical poverty in deep rural African villages. They have very few opportunities and education is but a dream for many, while young girls are forced into early teen marriages.

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The only entertainment available is alcohol and unfortunately that is the only life they know. They might not want to live in this way, but have no alternatives. May the Lord use OM to give people a hope, a future, and yes, even introduce them to the One that gives an eternal future.

#### **On the road to Damascus**

The Trek was yet again an encounter with the Lord. I experienced Him and He changed and helped me grow. I had to leave some baggage of the past, learned to forgive and receive healing and freedom that comes only from Jesus. I had an awesome time seeing people through the eyes of Jesus. He spoke to my pride, developed more of a servant heart in me and taught me to be satisfied with what I have. The Lord is in a process of helping me more and more to know who I am in Christ and that I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. I am still on a journey but also very thankful for His transformation in my life during the trek.

#### **The Future:**

I am currently working in the OM Africa area and will climb Mount Kilimanjaro with the Freedom Climb project, hoping to raise finances and awareness to the plight of the exploited and those in slavery.

Later in the year, my mum and I hope to do a couple trips within South Africa and the USA as mother and daughter to bring awareness to the problems of modern day slavery and trafficking as well.

Hopefully then I will be able to travel with the Logos Hope ship later on this year and minister from there for the next two years.

#### **Partnering:**

If the Lord lays on your heart to team up with me in prayer, ministry or financially, please contact me or your nearest OM office. Any financial contributions should be clearly marked as Rachael Chisha – Africa Area office.

Together in His service,

Rachael

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#### **Knee mail:**

- That the Lord will use me fully to his pleasure.
- That my financial support will be able to sustain the Lord's work through me.
- That He will keep on growing and transforming me.
- For those in need of Jesus, especially the hurting, the poor and the exploited.

## **The Africa Trek**

The Africa Trek combines ministry, practical discipleship, leadership and adventure to transform lives and communities. We endeavor to expand the Kingdom while exposing Christian team members to the activity of God in Africa. On this journey of transformation the team will travel and minister by bus for a year through Southern African countries, growing deeper in their faith and making a lasting impact in African churches and communities.

#### **CORE MINISTRY:**

- Community development through practical outreach
- Ministering to communities with sports, youth work and the arts.
- Mentoring youth leaders in the target communities.
- Reaching the lost by evangelizing, showing the Jesus film and preaching.
- Serving the poor holistically—meeting their physical and spiritual needs.
- Serving the church in Africa by connecting them with new believers.

