

On the Road Again

South Africa

APRIL 2019



Sunset
to
Sunrise



April 2018, we ended “On the Road Again” with the following quote from Henry Cloud in his book *Necessary Endings* ~

“Getting to the next level always requires ending something, leaving it behind, and moving on ...”

Perhaps this is a new season in our life. Stay tuned ...

**Here we are, one year later to tell you ...
We are not retiring! We are repurposing!**

We are excited to share that getting to the next level is the sunrise to the sunset of our 7 year mission traveling the globe, one month at a time.

We could not have been more blessed experiencing the beauty of God’s people, culture and landscape in the nearly 50 countries we have traveled to help students discover their purpose while we lived ours.

In this next season, we look forward to spending quality time in South Africa, building relationships and ensuring the future of “Pathway for Life” with a train-the-trainer program.

New mission opportunities are also ahead. You can read all about it in the following pages.



We are surrendered!

But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand. Isaiah 64:8

PATHWAY FOR LIFE



Students say *“Pathway for Life”* continues to be a vital part of their personal growth and development.



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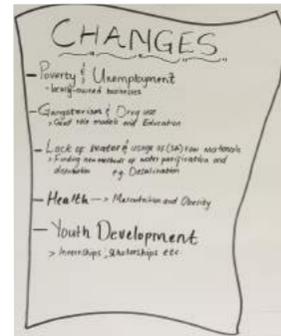
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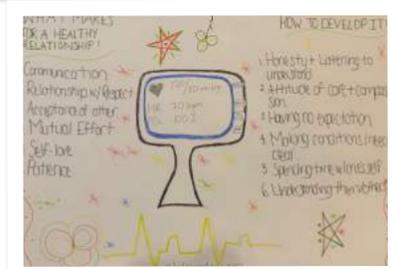
Engaging and fun “Seven on the mat”



Presenting group findings helps develop confidence in oral communication



Students ponder the changes they want to see in their world



Students collaborate on what a healthy relationship looks like and how to develop them

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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After joining “The Justice Journey”, a workshop designed to challenge, inspire and equip one to better engage with issues of social justice that surround us, we felt compelled to offer our time, talent, treasures and touch to assist in the area of employment through The Zankhanyo Network Job Readiness Program, one area of Common Good. Common Good seeks to make a positive and lasting impact in the areas of **early life, education and employment** so that individuals and communities across the city of Cape Town can build brighter futures for themselves.

Living social justice requires a lifestyle of intentional awareness about poverty, injustice and division.

LIVING SOCIAL JUSTICE



THE ZANKHANYO NETWORK

Zankhanyo (meaning “Bringing Light”) with a goal to shine the light of hope and opportunity into the dark despondency of unemployment.

The Zankhanyo Network Job Readiness program prepares participants for the job market by providing practical training in a supportive environment that encourages social and spiritual development. This transformational 12 day course offers hope for Cape Town’s jobless. We were thrilled to come along side to help and encourage.



Interactive activities help stimulate learning and build confidence



Graduates beam with hope for the future



Developing computer skills to set up a gmail account and create CV



Working on their Curriculum Vitae Resume as we say in the US of A



Discussing “landmines in the workplace”. We have all experienced them.

AT HOME IN SOUTH AFRICA



Our fabulous Common Ground Life Group meet weekly for bible study and fellowship. Joy (behind Ray) baked this decadent chocolate bar cake for his birthday!

John Goatley, host/owner Ocean Golf Guesthouse, in Noordhoek, and wife Hazel, artist from London, UK, have become great friends. They have more amazing stories from their world travels than Heinz has got pickles. We enjoy spending time with them!



Ray speaks at ROTOP - Round Tables of Prayer! Tables are actually rectangular, but men don't care!



Men's Monthly Breakfast is a highlight for Ray. Men gather for Bible study and fellowship.



Ladies who do lunch on "Terrific Tuesday" was short on ladies, so Ray joined Colleen and me!

New Common Ground friends Heidi & Ashley My feet have never been happier since I met the gifted reflexologist Heidi!



Enjoying Louise (front left), the delightful, bubbly administrator of Ocean Golf, with her family.



We learned what a true Braai is, as Philippa & Kerwin delighted us with their hospitality

MORE ABOUT LIFE IN SOUTH AFRICA



Colleen & Cliff Warren delighted us with an invitation to join their family Christmas. An incredible blessing for our first Christmas in South Africa!



It's always great to volunteer, especially when you're assigned to serving popcorn!



Tonia and Randall find the best culinary establishments and entertainment spots in Cape Town. We enjoy spending time with them and sharing in the culture.



Here's Tonia!

A walk on the beach at sunrise or moon set is an amazing experience. Ray does it almost daily. Gay did it once, just to see what Ray experiences!

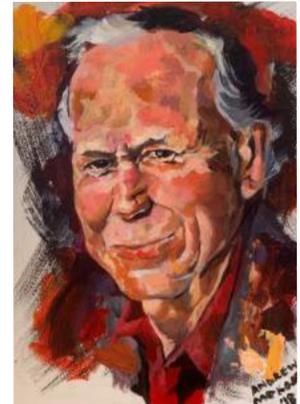


Wildlife encounters are always fun, especially when they cross our path!!!



Andrew Mokgatla, chosen 1 of 130 artists from the African continent to exhibit at The Mall of Africa in Johannesburg, surprised Ray with this portrait done from a minuscule WhatsApp profile photo.

Ok Andrew, I'm waiting for mine!



LIVING A LEGACY

At the memorial service of Ray's dad, a quiet unassuming man spoke these few words, "Rulon never met a stranger". That was it! Those words resonated as Ray Rulon Brook accepted this legacy from his father. Ray lives it out, walking daily in our little village neighborhood of Noordhoek (suburb of Cape Town) greeting everyone he encounters. Every person has incredible stories. Here are just a few faces among the many encounters along the journey. Can you imagine the stories he hears?



WHAT'S NEXT ?

Write the Book!!!

Yes, it's time. As we've shared our love story around the world, students keep asking "when is the book coming out"? There is no time like the present. Ray has done most of his part, so it's time for Gay to put pen to paper and write her side of the story. A task only God can complete. Stay tuned for publishing details ...

OUR 2019-2020 SCHEDULE

May 1 - July 10

July 10 - 20

August

September

Mid October-mid April

Writing Retreat

Seattle Area

Ontario, Canada

Southern California

South Africa



THE END



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