

Levendal family update



UK trip

We are in the UK! God really came through, we got in more than enough money for Vernel's visa and our tickets/trip! The last time we were here was 3 years ago, so it was definitely time for visit. It has been such an amazing trip. We have had unbelievably nice sunny weather (anyone who knows where I am from knows this isn't normal)! It's been a time of rest, refreshment and reconnecting with family, friends and our home church. Zach and I (Katie) even managed to take trips to the Netherlands and Sweden to visit good friends. Another one of our highlights so far was going to Scotland to visit the Glasgow Prophetic Centre for a leader's prophetic check-up. We were so encouraged by the words we received, and it has given us so much confirmation that we did hear from God correctly and we are going in the right direction! As we come towards the end of our 6 weeks here we are going back with renewed excitement and expectation for what God will be doing in the years to come.



We are SO close to getting the house, but we still need a final push!

It's been quite the journey since we signed the contract to buy the house and we have been stretched in the process! Time is almost up, we were given 6 months to get in the money which is the end of June. After being initially refused a bank loan because we don't have pay slips it is looking that we will be able to get one (this is a total miracle in itself). With the bank loan combined with our inheritance money we will have about **90%** of the money we need to purchase the house! However, the money isn't in yet and we are told it could be months still. Please pray with us it won't take that long!!! The owners will still let us move in, but we need to put down a deposit. We have some saved, but we still need **5,000 pounds** (R8,000) to secure the house! We totally believe this is possible for God (we don't mind if it from a personal loan or donations). We still feel strongly that this house is ours and even though there's times it has felt like God is being slow in fulfilling his promises to us, he keeps reminding us, that he is always on time. With that being said we are homeless when we get back to Jbay! The contract on our house that we have been renting for the last 2 years since moving down came to end just before coming to the UK. After a lot of prayer and processing we came to the decision not to renew it. For many people it might seem crazy, but for us it

felt like a step of faith, that we will be buying the house and able to move in shortly after we get back. It can feel a bit scary sometimes, but we are doing our best to embrace the adventure story God is writing in our lives!



PRAYER POINTS

5000 pounds for the deposit before end of JUNE.

The rest of the money to be released SOON so we can move in and we don't need to rent!

In other news...

Preaching at a youth camp in Namibia

Just before we left for the UK in the beginning of May, I (Vernel) had the opportunity to go speak at a youth camp in Namibia on destiny and identity. It was a really fruitful time, the youth people were impacted and many responded enthusiastically.

YWAM Jbay: Base news...

We shared earlier in the year about the exciting growth on the base, we are now 20 staff (not including the children) and have 10 different nations represented. We have hosted a steady flow of outreach teams since the beginning of the year. The Bridge Builders DTS which started in January are on their way back from outreach (one team went to Brazil and the other South Africa & Namibia). One of our new staff is a trained chef and he is passionate about the vision we have to start a restaurant/culinary arts training school, but he also has the experience to make it happen. He is already giving cooking classes and we have hosted our first banquet meal for the community. We also sell food at a local market. Our stall is called "taste the nations" which is food from different nations. Two things that we love at YWAM Jbay: food & diversity!

Missions Experience Camps

This will be the second year that we run our Missions Experience (MX) Camps. It will be during the June/July school holidays and we are running 2 of them this time! One is for youth groups (age 13/14-18) and the other one will be for young adults (age 18+). So far, we have 35 students for both combined with more still applying. The MX camps are all about giving young people a heart for missions and helping them know their identities and purpose. We will give them exposure to living with different people from different backgrounds as they grow in their faith together and mature in their understanding as a young believer.

Thanks for all your support and prayers, love Vernel, Katie, Judah & Zach xxxx