



# SHROCKS ON THE ROCK!



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Dear Family and Friends,

Happy 2008! We hope the New Year brought hope and new beginnings for you as it did for us. First, let's back up to November of last year when we found out the coordinator for South Africa was not returning because of health reasons. In short, that quickly made us coordinators and we moved again from our little white staff house across the base to the big, brick house, which meant a lot more responsibilities than we had counted on. We spent Thanksgiving with an American pastor who has been in South Africa for 14 years. While there, Jason was very thankful for football DVDs from the U.S. that he was loaned.

December brought Leader Seminar where we trained 30 team leaders over the course of a week. Boot Camp ran for the next ten days with over 130 kids, ranging from in age from nine to 21. They were trained in discipline by being up at 5:30 a.m., running the Obstacle Course and working on projects around the base. They were trained mentally and spiritually through classes in the Bible, evangelism, puppets, music and drama. They were challenged emotionally in classes about attitudes and maturity. Living with 20 strangers in the South African heat and sleeping in tents in the rain tends to break down a lot of walls. That's when the Lord can move—when we are weak, then He is strong!

The evening rallies were the highlight of Boot Camp. The team cheers, praise and worship, dancing, special speakers and the energy of the South African believers is amazing. Karen got the honor of being Miss Piggy and Joy and Jolie helped too. Miss Piggy does inspections of tent and eating sites every day and awards the cleanest team with a swim in the pool. The messiest team gets to wear a sign for the whole day that says "I Live Like a Pig" and they have to clean the bathrooms. It was a lot of fun, but through it all, the Lord was glorified. We praise the Lord for the 54 kids who were either saved or re-dedicated their lives during Boot Camp.

After the candlelight Commissioning service, the teams were sent out to do their projects. Jason drove the teams in our large truck with all their equipment to three different provinces to share the Gospel. Each team did some type of evangelism combined with a work project. The Care Team did gardening as well as work with the poor and refugees from Zimbabwe. The Bike Team rode around and cleaned yards for people. The Clown Team did painting and evange-

lism. The Construction Team laid a concrete floor for a church. The Holiday Team ran a Vacation Bible School. The Sports Team combined playing games with kids and evangelism. The Choir Team did a painting project and evangelism through music. The Agricultural/Evangelistic Team stayed at the base and did projects with our AIDS Orphans Rescue Unit such as gardening, cleaning and painting houses, digging and building a much-needed outhouse. Many lives were touched and there were over 107 salvations on the field! Praise the Lord for what teenagers are doing to advance His kingdom!

After their project time the teams all returned to the base for four days of Debrief. They learned how to wrap up and use what they just experienced as they returned to their homes, orphanages, churches, youth groups and schools. During Debrief, one of our youngest ministry kids, Princess, who was just over one year old, passed away. We all loved her so much and it was a privilege to help with planning and organizing the funeral, as her family had no money or funeral policy. The staff here dug the grave, helped with food and actually led the service. There is so much more work to be done here so that little ones like Princess don't have to die because of malnourishment, lack of medical care or negligence. If you would like to sponsor one of our AIDS orphans, please let Teen Missions know and we can get you their picture and information.

January brought us a much-needed vacation to the Cape. Our daughter, Jenn, arrived from Argentina on December 14 and helped so much during Boot Camp by being nanny, secretary, cook, photographer, lifeguard and whatever else that needed done. So we all went to Cape Town, Table Mountain and, of course, the beach. We were blessed to stay at the YWAM base in Worcester, which is just outside of Cape Town. There we met up with friends from the U.S. that were doing an outreach.

As the new term starts at the BIBLE, MISSIONARY & WORK Training Center, we are reminded of the many blessings that have rained down on us. It's the rainy season here and it sometimes rains for days without stopping, but it's warmer than snow! We count you as one of the blessings that enable us to do the Lord's work through your support. Please write, call, or email us your family updates, so we can pray for you.



The following is paraphrased from a testimony from Oberlin, a Teen Missions Intern in Indonesia:

I am doing my internship in a small town about four hours by bus from where I attended the BIBLE, MISSIONARY & WORK TRAINING Center. To reach my village from my home, I have to walk two hours to the river and then travel by speedboat for one full day. I started serving in this village in August of 2007. I arrived at the village church at nighttime and the entire congregation, from old to young, came to welcome me and to cheer me up.

In the morning when I wanted to go to the bathroom, I discovered that there was no bathroom. Everybody goes to the river to wash, bathe and use the toilet. I was so afraid. I thought, "I can't do this for a whole year." So I talked to the chief of the village and told him about the outhouses that we used at Boot Camp. The chief liked this idea, so I built one.

In this village, I serve as a pastor. I do all the pastoral duties for the church service including leading worship, preaching and even collecting the offering. I have to sleep in a house with no electricity and only use a thin grass mat (*tikar*) for sleeping. Praise the Lord I remember the experiences of William Carey and I know God will help.

**SUMMER TEAM LEADERS:** Make a difference in the life of a young person – lead a summer team! If you are interested or know of any singles or married couples who might be interested, contact the Leader Placement Department at Teen Missions for leadership openings on one of our summer teams. Leader Training Seminars are available and will run up until June 16.

**2008 Team Leader Training Seminars:**



Lancaster, PA – January 31 – February 3  
Merritt Island, FL – March 6-9  
Merritt Island, FL – June 3-6  
Merritt Island, FL – June 16-19

Daily chapel on the web at 8:00 a.m. EST [www.TeenMissions.org](http://www.TeenMissions.org)

Love and blessings,

Jason, Karen, Joy and Jolie

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**Prayer requests:**

\*Wisdom and discernment as we are now coordinators of the South Africa base  
\*Prayer for us all as we begin new curriculum for Shrocks on the Rock homeschool

**Praises:**

\*Boot Camp 2007-2008 is done; pray for growth for the 160+ that accepted Christ  
\*That Jennifer got to visit and work alongside us on her school break

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