

This year has flown by and it's hard to believe it's already half over; I have been blessed beyond belief and had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful people along the way. Most recently, I was able to travel cross-country to Johannesburg, which was amazing in and of itself because I had not been back there since my first original trip to South Africa in 2015. This time though, I was blessed to volunteer for four weeks at a children's home called Hotel Hope. I love working with children so it seemed like a no brainer to use my Winter Holiday to take the opportunity to explore one of the largest ministries here in South Africa.

It was utter chaos a lot of the time, but

I loved every second of it. Meal times with 20+ kids under the age of 6 were always a blur, but my favourite



times were definitely when I got to sit and feed the babies. I just couldn't help but smile as I sang "Jesus Loves Me" & "Jesus Loves the Little Children" to them because their eyes always light up... it warmed my heart... and the baby room quickly became my favourite room in the house.

Every day brought great fun and new challenges.

Working with small children can be hard at times, but is so rewarding in the end when those bonds are made and you can feel the love radiating from the kids as soon as you enter the room. Seeing



the complete and utter joy on the children's faces when we played together made my heart melt. All they wanted was a hand to hold and when they grabbed that hand they stole with it your heart. I fell so in love with the children there and I plan to return as often as God will allow.



Upon my return to the Western Cape I was greeted by yet another wonderful opportunity. A local organisation was putting on their annual youth camp in a nearby town and I was invited to join the team of volunteers; naturally I jumped at the chance to do camp ministry as it has always been something I love.

It was an amazing experience to see how there are no cultural boundaries when it comes to loving Jesus. Pulse 2017 was exactly the same as what you would experience during a Teen week at Lake Lundgren, but with the energy of a Junior Week as we only had 2 full days with these kids. It is not something I will soon forget and I plan to do it for many more years to come as well as getting more involved with the organisation itself.



All in all these past few months have been hectic, but I've learned so much and forged life-long friendship. Please pray for me in these last few months of my stay here this year. I still have adventures in store and many more memories to make. Thank you all for your love and support.

Because they have not heard,



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