



We are pleased to announce our most recent DTS graduates. *The Called and Equipped* DTS returned from Africa on March 2 and graduated March 9, 2024. We are so proud of these students. Praise God for his faithfulness to nurture his beloved children as they devote their lives to Him.

WHAT DID GOD DO IN THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS?

Rebekah: "I was expecting to fail . . . I was able to break out of those lies. When we know we are God's children, we can overcome anything."

Harley: "The abused girl in Africa put her trust in God. I can trust God with anything if she can."

Madalyn: "He had us [in Escort, South Africa] to fight—through prayer. After a prayer watch, I slept better and woke up feeling renewed strength and joy."

Kerrianna: "God showed me I had a spirit of fear bound to me. During that week, I prayed and cast out a spirit of fear."

Taylor: "My son Tyler didn't want to pray out loud. But in South Africa, he got sick with a very high fever. He prayed and



accepted Christ and asked for healing, and the fever broke."

Harley: "While we were driving, my hat blew off my head. We could not stop and get it. I had to pray and relinquish it to the Lord. I let go of my materialism. Three hours later a person showed up and gave me my hat."

Niks: "I shared a sermon and testimony, and people came to Christ. It's amazing when someone accepts Jesus into their heart. You can see the gates of heaven open up."

Emily: "God was running after me. He has become my strength in every

circumstance. I learned that He is a God that is very specific. He healed deep traumas in me I didn't think I would ever heal from. I will leave the DTS encouraged to live out God's calling on my life."

Nate: "Most of my life I felt I didn't really have a voice. On outreach that shifted, and I was able to speak in front of churches, schools, and one-on-one. I had gained a voice, and it was all through God."

Hannah: "God taught me how to release control to Him. There is no one better to be planning my life than the one who created me."

Director's Corner



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." *Philippians 4:6*

Our spring theme is radical faith, and we have many opportunities to live it out. Cindy and I felt called to have a pastoral visit with the DTS team in South Africa. As we thought about how we could give each student the best Discipleship Training School experience possible, it was an easy decision to go. The DTS team had just moved to a new location where there was much spiritual darkness. Many students could not sleep well and had strange feelings, sensing spiritual forces at work to plant fear in us. We decided to step up our game. We began praying all night

in three-hour shifts the rest of our time there. It was amazing to experience how we immediately felt God's presence spread in our hearts. Suddenly it felt like the most peaceful place on earth! What a reminder that our prayers move things in the unseen world. I personally experienced a lot of encouragement and had deep spiritual connections with Erlo, the leader of the ministry *Walk in the Light*, as we prayed together every night. We ministered the Gospel through sharing the Word and practical service during the day and were privileged to lead six people in surrender to the Lord. The Lord is so good! *Gleanings* graduated ten DTS students who had an amazing experience of knowing God and making Him known.

Blessings to all of you.

Fritz Meier



COUNTRY REPORT

DTS in South Africa

The second month of outreach the Discipleship Training School served in South Africa alongside *Grace Family Church*. They provides *Gleanings'* food to 50 ministries who serve the Zulu tribe. Our team first joined Crossroads for work projects, home visits, and to serve our soup at schools.

Next the DTS joined Erlo, founder of *Walk in the Light* ministry, who lives among and disciples the Zulu people. Monday through Friday the team did house visits, devotions at schools and worked in the garden. Some home visits were scheduled while others were divine appointments. The power of prayer was on full display, as tears were common. On one unscheduled visit we met two sisters. Both parents had tragically passed away, leaving the sisters to fend for themselves. We prayed for them and returned the next week to find the younger sister suffering from an infected foot. Taylor brought medical supplies and showed them how to care for the wound. Without proper care, she likely would have lost her foot. Another visit was to a pastor who wanted prayer, which drew him into deeper commitment to God.

“One story of the fruit of our prayers is the queen of this area. When we visited the queen, she was grieving her son’s death who was shot in his bed last year. The stress had affected her greatly.

Her eyes lacked trust and her body language showed defeat. She lit up in a seemingly supernatural way as we prayed and when we said goodbye she was glowing. We came back the next week, shortly after her nephew’s death. We were pleasantly surprised to find her as joyful as when we left her. Our team worked on her homestead shoveling dirt, applying concrete to the outdoor cookhouse, and washing blankets. We also brought *Gleanings* soup mix for her family. While I believe she is still grieving her losses, I also believe the Lord has a place in her heart. We pray for the continuation of this change, as she has power to affect her community.”
Nate

Our team led different operations at Erlo’s. We ran the church service where Niks preached, the team led worship, performed a skit, and Nate and Taylor shared testimony. The service touched many hearts. The next day we found a teen who was on the fringe. Niks shared his testimony, prayed with him, and by the time they left a new member had joined the kingdom. Our team taught Erlo’s students on a topic they had learned in lecture phase. They also played soccer with the children while Taylor led a hygiene course for the girls in the neighborhood. She taught them about common misconceptions in their culture and how it could harm

them. “This was an amazing and very eventful two weeks. The team overcame much adversity and were productive in the work God brought us here to do. All glory to God for the work that was done at Erlo’s.”
Nate

The last week, “We focused on evangelism dinners where we would take people out to dinner as God led us. I could share tons of incredible stories of how God moved during these times.”
Emily. *Grace Family Church* invited us to participate in their missions’ conference. The team led worship, *Fritz and Madalyn* were interviewed about the ministry of *Gleanings*, and *Emily* shared on the topic of encouragement.



We give thanks to God for a fruitful DTS outreach and for everyone who participated with prayers and finances to help us accomplish great things for the kingdom of God.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

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The Summer Staff Leadership Program runs for 12 weeks (about 3 months).

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