



What Did They Say?

Each month we'll provide a few things that we've heard and had to figure out over the month. It can be quite humorous and interesting when you don't understand or know multiple languages spoken around you. Even when it's your own...

SA English: **"Just rock up."** - Just show up

Afrikaans: **"Sien jou later"** - See ya later

Xhosa: **"Sobonana emva kwexeshana"** – See ya later

And that's a wrap...

Our time in Africa has come to a close. The work we were called to do with Ubuntu finished up and with staff changes and staff additions, our gifts and talents weren't needed in the same way and we felt God was calling us back home.

We moved back to Raleigh at the end of July and the transition has been good but hard. Before we left Africa, we moved Vusumzi into the Academy House and said goodbye (or see you later) to our boys and girls. We had last minute lunches with Litha, final dinners at the House, lots and lots of hugs with all of the kids, and even surprised the entire Academy on a cold and rainy training night with McFlurries!

Before leaving Africa, we had the opportunity to help Jamie's family secure a home thanks to the generosity of several families on our support team. Jamie was one of the first girls to join our girl's football team and when we learned that her family was being evicted from their flat, we knew we had to do more than say we were sorry it was happening. Some of Grace and Jackson's friends rallied and donated their chore money for Jamie's family to have a home. For \$575, Jamie's family was given the security of a place to live. It was a great way to say goodbye and we love her family dearly.

Our house renters were blessed with a job transfer this summer. It was a great opportunity for them and this left our house open for us to move back into just before school started. Erik is currently looking for a job and we know that God has something great lined up for him. He is also coaching two soccer teams this year. Jax and Grace are back at their old school reconnecting with friends, and Melissa is holding off on work until everyone is settled into our new routine.

We could not have completed this mission without the love and support of all of you. Your financial support, prayers, friendship, and kindness have had kingdom impact and we would not have wanted to go on this journey without all of you with us.

Thank you for believing in South Africa. Thank you for your obedience to support our call. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything. There are kids that will see heaven one day because you allowed us to go share Jesus with them. That is definitely worth celebrating!

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September is upon us and Erik is close to gaining employment again, so please change your donation to support another missionary or cancel your donation to halls4hope. Please consider finding another missionary to support or even use your donation to save for your own mission trip. "Go make disciples" - Jesus called us all to send and support. YOU have made a difference!

