

# South Africa Update



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The trip has gone very well. We have been blessed with health and safety throughout and a great spirit among the team members. The hospitality by our host at Lombard's (where we stay) and at Theocentric Christian School has been awe-inspiring. We are swarmed at school when we arrive, and it continues until we leave. Their "learners" are always excited to see us. We have structured soccer and net ball drills and games on the new field.

These have been well received and will continued for the remainder of the week. We have also spent significant time in every class discussing a Christian perspective on sexuality. Our students have been amazing in helping lead these discussions along with students from Theo. The response has been very good. The learners from Canada and SA have been encouraging each other to begin living out their faithfulness to their eventual spouses now in committing to abstinence from sex before marriage. African students who have admitted to being sexually active have been blessed with encouragement that they can be "virgins again" through God's grace. Some of them were visibly excited about this prospect. We could not have imagined our students from SDCH doing a better job leading these sessions.

Today we visited three other Christian schools in the area and were blown away by their hospitality. En route we drove through beautiful mountainous country and lush tea plantations. What a beautiful country.

The weather has been hot but beautiful.

Tomorrow (Thursday) we look forward to going back to Theo for the first of our last two days there. I look forward (sort of) to the chants of at least a hundred smaller children shouting "Big Show! Big Show!" in unison. I guess I resemble some wrestler whom I have never heard of.

I wish you all a blessed break. We will see you next week.

Ted, on behalf of the whole team.