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View from Sir Lowry's Pass looking down on where I live

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"Like dreams, small creeks grow into mighty rivers."
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Holiday Gatherings with Friends



(L to R: Michelle Nipp, me, Linda Paek, Monique Benjamin)



(L to R: Me, Lisa Smith, Jayne Choate, Teri Brande, Donna Lambert, Lauren Jackson, Rachel Northweather)

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Dear Supporters,

I'm thankful for the heartening visits I enjoyed with family and so many financial and prayer partners during my time in the States from the end of November through the end of January. Even in the midst of the economic downturn, **I'm grateful for those who have continued or started to support me, allowing me to continue to serve the people of South Africa.**



L to R: brother Wayne, niece Quinn, niece Karlynn, sister-in-law Lynn, mom Germaine, me, sister-in-law Kate, brother Darryl

My journey back to Cape Town consisted of 30 hours of flights and layovers. Upon my arrival, I contracted a nasty chest cold, which knocked me out for a few days along with jetlag. Although the recovery was steady, it forced me to rest, reflect on my time in the States, and acclimate back to life here. As much as I treasured the time spent with friends and family, it feels great to back on South African soil and get back to the tasks at hand. One personal item I'm faced with is the immediate challenge of finding a new place to live as my flat mates have moved on. I'm coming close to finding a small place to call home, including some space to host a guest or two (hint-hint). ☺

As I prepare to facilitate the upcoming 5-month session of Community Development Leadership School (CDLS), I'm taking time to expand my network of local contacts and improve the program. Recruiting the next group of students is highest on my priority list. I'm also scheduling meetings with individuals involved in leading church-based organizations and community development programs to get the word out about the CDLS.

In addition, I'm excited about following up with the students who graduated from the CDLS last year. I'm already receiving great feedback on how they have been able to integrate what they learned in their community work. One student said she uses the tools daily, as she is working to deepen the effectiveness of the programs she developed to educate disadvantaged pre-school children. I look forward to hearing more good reports on how they are making a difference since completing their training and being a resource for them.

As you stand with me in this process of growing the CDLS, I hope you appreciate this quote I recently came across:

"Education is a human right with immense power to transform. On its foundation rest the cornerstones of freedom, democracy and sustainable human development."

- Kofi Annan

Thanks for believing with me in the call to train leaders!

With love and gratefulness,

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