

Hi There

It always amazes us how, after weeks ... no months of build-up, the training weekend just flies by. We look back over the past weekend and thank God for His sure and constant faithfulness.

We had a VERY! cold start to the weekend, with snowy cold air blowing of the snow capped Maloti mountains. Not even 7 blankets on a bed could break that cold - it kinda bites! But none-the-less, 42 delegates braved the weather with great spirits and we kicked off for the 4th Jewels of Hope 'Train-the-Trainer' workshop. It is always great fun for the golden oldies to meet one-another again, while at the same time discovering great new friends.



A Group Shot



Everybody thawing in the sun

We were so pleased to welcome five new projects starting off around the country. What a joy to watch the Lord stretch His love out to precious children in need. A new and greater challenge for us to support projects further a field!

This workshop was different in that half the group came in as first time delegates and also it was our first workshop that has been held away from home, with the delegates taking up accommodation at the workshop. Our training team consisted of 8 people who shared the load, making this 'much bigger' group work so well. Without the valued input of each team member it would have not been made possible.



Warren at work



Barb overworked



Joyce - Workshop Mom



Jared training - Workshop Son

Part of our vision is to build the trainers by developing and introducing them to ministry opportunities. There were very special times of ministry that took place and we trust that the Lord did a deep work in the hearts of each delegate.



Our beloved Tsidi - Angelina sharing her powerful testimony

Another exciting part of this Workshop is to see more of the 'Jewels' coming through to be trained as trainers. We had 7 delightful young people graduating through the projects and taking part in the workshop as full delegates. This is the first fruits of our vision of the children as '*vessels of honour, fit for the Master's use*'. It is such an encouragement to see the fruit of this ministry in the lives of these young people. Even if it was just for these 7 youngsters it has all been worthwhile.



Qoane of Maseru



Mamookho of Maseru



Tsepo of Clocolan

God had added many and varied gifts to the team, including new designers, and our standard of Jewellery have really taken a huge leap. Now that the trainers are trained and the beads are bought and sorted, pray for the children that the Lord will help them with production and that the finished product will sell well over the Christmas season ahead. We are trusting that each child in Jewels of Hope will get a small bonus to be able to buy some 'Christmas Clothes' - We believe that will bring joy to our Fathers heart.

We saw a lot, learned a lot, felt a lot, worked a lot and we trust that we achieved a lot ... the quarter that lies ahead will tell ...

To all who worked so hard ... 'thank-you' ... to those who came ... 'God bless you' ... and those who supported us in prayers ... without you it could not be done.

For all the precious Jewels we serve ... may this next quarter draw you closer to Jesus and bring you Peace and Joy!

Deo Gloria  
Ian and Anita



Warren's stunning display of the new designs