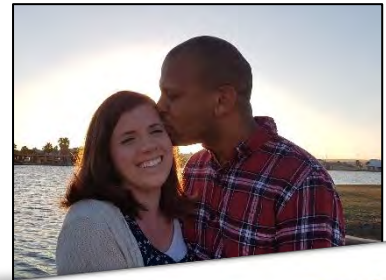


Levendal Family News

Dear family & friends,

We are in the middle of our winter in Jeffreys Bay. Our town is currently in the spotlight now as it is hosting one of the top surfing competitions in the world!

We are excited to share with you what we have been up to over the last few months, including running our first Discipleship Training School (DTS) and Missions Experience Camps for youth...



Bridge Builders DTS



We celebrated the graduation of our first DTS last week. They started their journey back in January, spending 3 months here in Jbay for the lecture phase of the school. Then they went on outreach for 10 weeks. One team went to Brazil and the other to Nambia/Mauritus and then they both finished their last few weeks of

outreach in South Africa. It's not only the students that grew but we as staff also learnt so much through the process! We are planning our next Discipleship Training School called **Awakening Nations** in September.

Pastoral Visit to Brazil



I (Vernel) went to Fortaleza Brazil for a week in May to visit the DTS team on outreach there. To make sure the team were doing well and to provide encouragement/support where needed. There was a ywam conference running at the same time called **Nations to Nations**. I had the privilege to be able to speak at it. While

I was there Katie and the boys stayed with her sister in Clarens in the (much colder) Free state.

Mission Experience Camp

We just ran our first EVER missions experience camp. It wasn't easy to get this started and for a while there we didn't know if it was even going to happen! Amazingly God really brought things together at the last minute and ended up having 13 young people come and do the camp. It was 2 weeks long over the school holidays. The first week we ran from the base here at ywam Jbay and we covered different topics with them including: hearing the voice of God, Identity, purpose and destiny, missions and the Nations. The second week they went to a small farming community called Patensie not too far from here (it is famous for its citrus fruit). They came back from the outreach excited and with many testimonies! One thing that really stood out for us is that the people they spoke to were surprised to see teenagers doing what they were doing and that it was a first for them. All the young people are keen to come back in the future.



Family Update

The boys are doing well. Zach is 8 months and he is busy crawling everywhere and exploring the world. At the start of the month we celebrated Judah's 3rd birthday!

As you probably know we won't be coming over to the UK this year but we hope to come next year.

These are the things we would appreciate for you to pray for us for...

- We are trusting God for finances that we need.
- There is an international ywam conference happening in Costa Rica in September that I (Vernel) would like to be able to attend if possible. It would be good for the base to be more connected internationally and to get some input from seasoned leaders in our mission.
- That we will walk closely with God and in the plans and purpose that he has for us as a family in Jeffreys Bay.

Thanks so much for reading our news. We really appreciate the people that God has called to stand alongside us in what we do. We know we can't do this alone!

All our love,

Vernel, Katie, Judah & Zach xxxx