



Hello from a slightly less sunny and increasingly rainy Cape Town! (Still very beautiful though....it is definitely worth a visit!)

So 6 weeks into my time away and I am finally feeling very settled and making the most of every opportunity. It is nice to feel known by people here and not to just

be a name and nationality! Being known is definitely a powerful thing....and how much more powerful to know we are also known by God. Love it:-)

It is hard to put words to the last 6 weeks but I have tried to pick some highlights below! The main thing though is that I am growing in my love for God and understanding of how much He loves me. The more I realise that, the more I realise that that is too good to be kept to myself. So much joy, hope and peace! Definitely news worth sharing :-).

## Church

**I am in a small church... This is my church on the beach after our first time together. So far church has always been**



**outside...advantages of a warm climate! I love these people. We are on a similar learning curve and we all go to the same township so we have been learning together. Everything we do is based around loving**

**God, loving each other and loving the world.**



## Fun!

**We have a day and a half off a week and we make sure we enjoy it! We have seen penguins; walked at the beach; visited the local vineyard (good wine!); had movie nights; swam and had picnics at a lake**



in the mountains and had lots of good food.....basically at the weekend it is similar to being on a holiday abroad...happy days!

### Township

I love the township I am in! Township days are usually very exhausting but as relationships develop it is also very exciting and rewarding. I go in armed with stories and a skipping rope! As a result I have some little friends...mostly boys around the age of 7. We play skipping games and I tell them Bible stories. It has also been amazing to meet with some of the ladies who work at the children's nursery I mentioned last time. (See picture) We are doing a discovery bible study with them (basically telling stories from the Bible and seeing what we can learn from them) and also telling stories to the children. It has been great to encourage the ladies and listen to their stories and backgrounds. I have to admit I have been very stretched and out of my comfort zone in all this but that is a good thing!



### Botswana!

So I found out last week that I am off to Botswana at the end of April (much to my Dad's relief and prayers... I had been hoping for the Middle East but in the end I thought I better not give my dad two months of worry!)

I am going with a German family, two single guys and another single girl. It will certainly be another adjustment as I say bye to some of my closest friends who are off to Lebanon, Jordan and Zanzibar. I am not exactly sure what we will be doing apart from that we will hopefully be working in a refugee camp there that has up to 13 nationalities in it. (It is called Dukwi).

Anyway! Thank you again for emails and Facebook messages...:-) I feel very loved and miss you all!

Heather xox



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