

# “Just a South African Girl Living in an Alabama World”

**“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”**  
*Jeremiah 33:3*

A few months ago, a dear friend invited me to join her for a cup of coffee at a nearby Starbucks. Both of us were having a crazy day, a double shot of espresso was definitely in order. My friend loved me so well that day. She gave her morning to bless me with a Starbucks treat, intentionally asked me how my heart was and how she could be praying for me. During our time together my friend encouraged me to write down my very specific prayer needs, place them where I could see them often, seek the Lord’s heart daily, and surrender my requests fully to Him. We all need the reminder!

Honestly, it took me weeks to write anything down. Somehow it’s just “easier” to stress about things, right?

I guess one specific day the stress of certain situations overwhelmed me and I finally put a sharpie marker to paper. In big bold letters I wrote my four very specific prayer requests.



The Lord answered my first prayer over a course of a few days, way before my “deadline date.” Directors of Kwathu Children’s Home let us know that funding for Christmas had fallen through from another partner organization. They reached out asking if we could assist with funding to provide the children with a Christmas this year. \$300 would gift 20 beautiful children a Christmas filled with sweet memories.

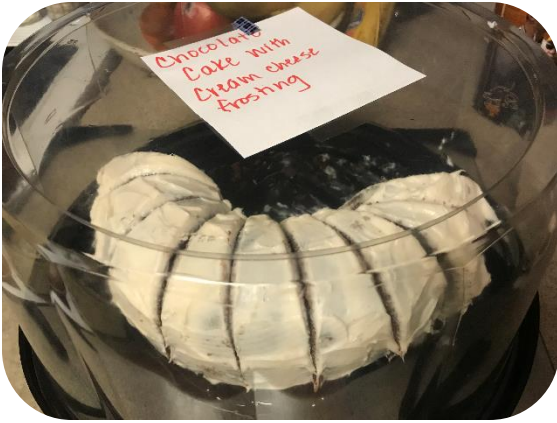
On my prayer list I wrote “\$300 - Kwathu Children’s Home Christmas.” I shared of the need on Facebook with a giving deadline date of October 1<sup>st</sup>, to ensure we could send the money to Zambia in time for Christmas preparations. Within a matter of days the Lord provided the funding, and a little extra, through individuals and families! God answered my prayer above and beyond what I could have expected. Thanks to generous givers the children at Kwathu Children’s Home will receive a warm meal, a gift, a special treat for good school report cards and enjoy a fun recreational activity this Christmas.

The Lord is currently answering another prayer in His perfect timing. We recently held a yard sale benefiting Kwathu Children’s Home. My prayer for the yard sale was a minimum of \$1,000. Previous yard sales held, benefiting the home, never reached \$1,000. This goal was a stretch for me, but I wrote it down in faith.

The week before the yard sale was pretty crazy. For those who have hosted sales before, you know the amount of hard work and effort that goes into preparing. My heart was encouraged by the many who donated items, spread awareness about the yard sale through social media and word of mouth, and came to help before, during and after the event. Serving with friends is a joy! The “boys” enjoyed playing with items that caught their attention. A good sales tactic perhaps? Ha-ha.

The mannequins donated by Cultivate (previously known as Purpose Place Thrift Market) were a hit! People loved the idea of dressed up mannequins standing in the front yard, displaying clothes for sale and promoting the yard sale.





The night before the yard sale, we won a delicious chocolate cake with cream cheese frosting from a fall festival we were invited to with family. Friends were happy to enjoy a piece of cake for breakfast, paired with a cup of coffee to keep energy levels up for the day ahead. The Lord knew I didn't have the strength to bake a banana bread this time. I love how He provided through a cake walk!

God gave us beautiful weather for the yard sale. Many came through to support the sale and enjoy a free donut provided by

Heavenly Donuts. God stories were shared about others' outreach efforts in Africa when folks heard who the yard sale was benefiting. I am in awe of how the Lord is moving through the hearts of many to care for others around the world.

What one man may think is "trash" is certainly a treasure to another. A worn out teddy bear becomes like new when in the arms of a child who has never had one. I loved seeing the excitement in the eyes of shoppers when they found their perfect treasure. Denver loves ALL things Christmas. Don't you think this pair of glasses suits his fun loving personality to the tee!?



We raised \$640 the day of the yard sale. Honestly, I was a little disheartened at first. Again, I needed the reminder to surrender my pleas to the Lord. Little did I know, the sale wasn't over. Online sales continue to flow in from posts of items previously shared online the week prior to the yard sale.

**"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." – Isaiah 55:8-9**

Before we knew it we were at \$730. I eagerly anticipate how the Lord will continue to provide. I am hopeful. Online sales are moving slowly and encouragement comes with each new sale. Will you pray with me for the full \$1,000!?

I look forward to sharing as the Lord continues to answer prayers. He is so faithful. Perhaps you need the reminder, like I do, to stop for a second, set aside the distractions this world brings, and just sit with Jesus, talk with Him, and surrender the things that truly are not in our control. I encourage you to do so. Let go, and let God.

**"Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart." – Psalm 37:4**

**Will you get on your knees for me?**

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