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Hello from Cape Town!



I'm writing from my new room in the residence of George Whitefield College (under the duvet - CT is chilly compared to Durban!). We have had two weeks of registration and Greek (intensive!) school and one week of normal lectures. It has been a very exciting time as we embark on a three-year degree in various thrilling subjects. I keep having to mentally pinch myself to check it's real. The sweat and toil of learning Greek vocab, verbs and nouns brings me back to earth perhaps! I've been hoping to come to GWC for nearly twenty years. I'm thankful the Lord has arranged it now. I certainly appreciate it more after the twelve years in Durban which has prepared me more for things here. It is particularly good to be still in Africa (even if I miss steam-room-Durban and much-loved-people there!):



1) There are students from across Africa - a lovely brother from Tanzania (he exemplifies African-warmth!), my res neighbour from rural Kenya, Zambian and Zimbabwean brothers and sisters (the later whom had to come nearly three weeks late due to all the unrest there and visa delays), Ghana...the list grows. Quite a few have left their families to study here.



2) It is very encouraging to see the fruit of some of the years I taught on the Entrust Training Course (if you remember back then!) - several of the guys on that are now here - three even in my year and several others too. I enjoyed a special evening with many of them over a braai and it was excellent to have sonorous Zulu echoing around me again! Some of my old TBT/CCG colleagues are here too so it's very good indeed to have them around as well.

Pics: My room, GWC where all the lectures happen, and (opposite college) the new Hope Centre/Residence where I am staying: accidentally taken with police and security cars driving past!

3) We have a course specifically addressing mission in Africa. The first week of classes on that was already so thought-provoking and it is so good to have time to think and discuss things which I've not thought about as much as I'd like to before now.

4) And just to ensure you know you really are in South Africa - power-cuts are back - five hours today!

So, I can't thank you enough for your continued loving support in enabling me to be here. It is an immense privilege. And I pray I keep up with all the learning - so much good stuff! We have been in the book of Philippians at my new church, Tokai Community Church - the wonderful, joyful partnership he talks about, captures something of my joy at being able to be here because of your great kindness in Him. I am also very thankful that at church I have the chance to teach Philippians to a little group of five 10-12 year old girls. Quite a change from 18-25 year olds! Please pray for wisdom in doing this!

I'm sorry for the delay in letting you know how things are this end. It has taken a while to get WiFi (so dependent on that these days!) and a broken computer (mostly!) fixed. There are lots of adjustments to CT life so please pray I would walk with our God day-by-day.

With much love, thanks and continued prayers for you,

Nerena :-)

Philippians 1:2-4

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy...."



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