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We're just beginning to plan appointments with people and churches next year. We'd love to see you so please send us a message via email (hhaas@twr.org) or Facebook (Facebook.com/HollyHaas75) to ensure you are on our schedule. We've set up a special page on our website (ahaas.com/furlough) to update you where we should be and when.

## Leadership & Video

A six-month experiment draws to a close soon. The Zimbabwe-produced English radio show *Tools for Wise Leadership* is being promoted January through June on Facebook and WhatsApp (a mobile chat platform) across southern Africa. Andrew's PR team has assisted with this pilot project and several videos produced have been well received, especially the sandwich video (see right.)

Speaking of video, one of our biggest prayer requests is for God to raise up new workers so TWR has people to

keep going after we're gone. One way to recruit is exposing mission-minded college students to our work.

In March, Andrew served as driver/host for a team of eight (six students and two faculty) from North Greenville University (NGU) in South Carolina. The NGU team paid their own way and brought HD video equipment to film missionary interviews. The class was very impressed by what they saw and a couple students are now considering joining TWR after graduation.



## What are you up to these days, Holly?

I feel my ministry focus shifting to personal discipleship and small groups. I prepare lessons and teach almost every week at Maranatha church's Wednesday night women's small group.

Thursday nights, I volunteer at Maranatha's Inner-City Ministry. Various small groups provide hot meals for 30-50 adults (and a number of children) once a week. We're currently going through the "Walking in Victory" course designed by Maranatha. We conduct teaching



and/or small group interaction and application of the material into everyday life.

Many are homeless and jobless. Some rent a room but are in desperate situations.

Recently, I drove to the local hospital in the heart of Kempton Park at 7AM for a blood test. On the way I passed a common homeless sleeping place. They were all lined up in their blankets catching the last few minutes of sleep before they begin begging or something. As we move into winter the need for blankets increases. We've found a place to buy some blankets to give to the folks that come Thursday nights. Some of the guys I saw sleeping don't come to our Inner City Ministry on Thursdays. They'd rather smoke weed to help forget their problems and sleep better through the night. I went out with the church group one night to minister to people on the street. It really was an eye opener. Some men were difficult to understand because they were high on drugs but their need for Jesus is real. Please pray for me as I interact with Heidi, Chantel, Mike, Tim and Andre that they would see the love of Jesus and come to know him personally. Also, the Lord seems to be opening doors for expansion. Please pray for wisdom and favor with the powers that be and patience in all of this.

In early March, I did a "Walking in Victory" weekend (the same course we use Thursdays downtown) at Maranatha's campground which can sleep 50 with a large conference room and eating area. This weekend changed my life. God met me in an awesome and unusual way. Since then, on Monday nights the guys and girls who attended meet separately to encourage one another and go deeper in living a victorious Christian life. I have found this to be very interesting and insightful. I am learning things I will be able to put into use in future ministry. At the end of May there was another Walking in Victory course at the church plot. This time I served as a co-facilitator to learn more how to deal with small group settings and the issues that people face.

#### **Praise Report**

The house we've rented for six years just sold. Thankfully the new owner Jan (pronounced "yan") was willing to rent an apartment for seven months so we don't have to move early. He gets married in early November but we don't move out of the house till the end of that month. Please join us in praying Jan and his bride-to-be are greatly blessed for signing a lease with us!

### **Prayer Requests**

May 13, TWR hosted a farewell for close friends who left Africa the following week to begin serving with TWR Europe in Vienna. Please remember the Ragsdale family as they and their kids begin a transition similar to ours starting in December.

Andrew celebrated his 44th birthday May 22. It's bittersweet that every month we do several things we'll never do here again. Please continue to pray we finish well our last six months in Africa.

Thanks for your continued prayerful support,

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