



# new generations

## Ministry in South Africa

Two weeks before the Coronavirus hit, I was in South Africa training pastors and leaders in both Cape Town and Port Elizabeth. This trip was special because it was the first time Lissa was able to join me on a trip to Africa. South Africa has to be one of the most beautiful countries in the world. I have since learned that the unemployment has risen from 30% to 70% since we left which is so tragic.

While there, I was really encouraged by the commitment and desire in many leaders I trained to bring the gospel to hard to reached areas in their communities through Disciple Making Movements. I am continuing to train and coach many of the leaders through virtual online meetings using Zoom, What's App, and Facebook Messenger.



We had the opportunity to minister at three different churches. I was able to train 70 pastors and church leaders at a leadership retreat near Port Elizabeth.

## A Change of Plans

My plans for this spring have drastically changed as I am sure yours have too! I had a scheduled meeting with leaders in both Rwanda and Côte d'Ivoire and another trip to train church leaders in Bogota, Columbia. It looks like now both of these will be pushed back until sometime later this year.

My focus the past two weeks has been working with team members from New Generations in launching multiple online Disciple Making Movement trainings. Currently, we have nearly 75 students from parts of Canada, Australia, Columbia, Mexico and the United States that are participating in two online courses. We are looking at launching another training in early April.

## **Thanks for your prayers!**

I really appreciate all of your prayers. Here is how you can pray for me in the weeks ahead, Pray for...

- Guidance from the Holy Spirit on how to help and support ministry leaders in Africa during this crisis. Several have shared with me that after having the Ebola outbreak, poor healthcare, and the ongoing possibility of starvation, the Coronavirus is just one of many threats that they have learned to live with. This is sobering to me.
- Insight on how to facilitate multiple online trainings and coaching.
- Health and Strength. I forgot to mention that I actually came down with a fever two weeks ago and had to be quarantined. It was not fun!
- Pray that our online trainings will be fruitful. I estimate we will be training in the upwards of 100 leaders by mid April.
- Thank God for much Kingdom advancement in spite of COVID-19. We are seeing a huge increase in those who want to learn strategies for Disciple Making Movements.