



## BUILDING DIGNITY

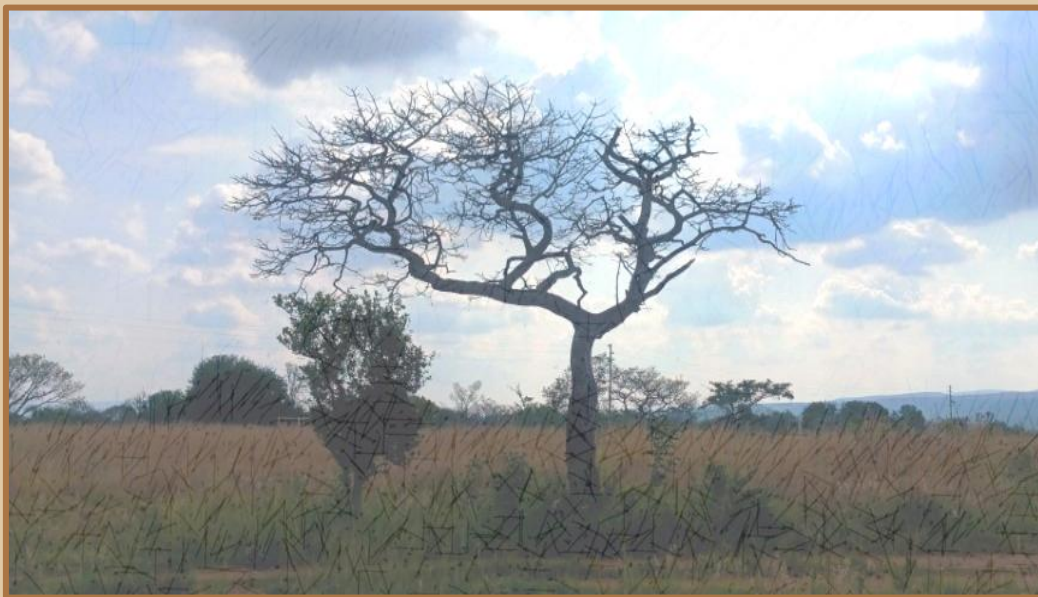
## CREATING OPPORTUNITY

Strengthening Communities-One Relationship at a Time

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” “... I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”  
2 Corinthians 12:9

### Planting Seeds. Building Relationships

This season has brought quiet yet meaningful opportunities to walk alongside schools, encourage families, strengthen community relationships, and lay foundations for future growth through Empowered Beyond Limits. It is a reminder that ministry is often the faithful work of planting... Some may plant, others water, and still others one day gather the harvest—but it is always God who gives the increase.



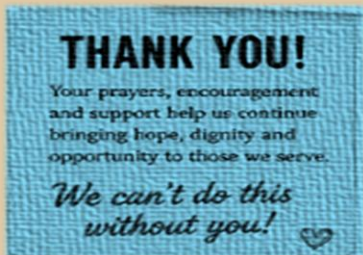
## ★ NEWS & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS ★

### Rural School Hygiene project



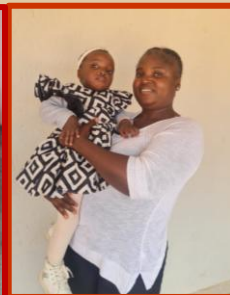
#### Farm School Hygiene Project

Melissa and Joel continue to work alongside a local farm primary school and Early Childhood Development Centre to improve practical hygiene routines for learners. Through low-cost handwashing systems, reusable towels, and practical hygiene education, EBL is helping create sustainable habits that support healthier learning environments.



### Seeds of Empowerment: Rising Together

Through EBL’s Seeds of Empowerment initiative, Theresa has begun a small business making chicken pies and samosas to help support her family. Maggie, whose own family is walking a disability journey, is now partnering with Theresa by purchasing and reselling her baked goods, creating income, opportunity, and hope for both families.



Theresa with KeKe, & Pavallo

Tumelo



The Neikie Smuts family





## CHURCH & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Through community partnerships, EBL supported Madiba Old Age Centre's Elder Abuse Awareness campaign by contributing toward food for the event, we also had some cotton balls and other medical aid items we were given and able to find a home for those items.

During the visit, conversations revealed another practical **need**—**proper first aid supplies**.

With the deepening of this connection, we anticipate meaningful opportunities to **support, empower, and uplift** those who serve our communities.



- ❖ New and Improved EBL Webpage in the works. **Old webpage hacked, start looking for** <https://www.empoweredbeyondlimits.org/>
- ❖ EBL supporting “Labone Special School “run for Disability awareness June 19<sup>th</sup> EBL will be there
- ❖ Shadow, Faith's Service Dog, will be joining the family-exact date of arrival TBD
- ❖ VBS at Celebration Church July 7-10<sup>th</sup> . EBL anticipates to sponsor 5 children with disabilities and/or their siblings

*Exciting things are on the horizon!*

## PAW PRINT UPDATE



Shadow continues to progress in training while Faith eagerly awaits his arrival.

For now, his primary ministry appears to be spreading smiles through photos and reminding us that some good things are worth waiting for.

Future Chief Canine Encouragement Officer(Currently in Training)

## PRAYER CORNER



- ❖ **Increase in monthly financial donors**  
Specific needs school fees for 3 children (R2600= \$ 162.50/Mo at exchange \$1/R16).  
Gov. Regulated First Aid kits =schools/Preschools/ old age homes – kits R300=\$20/kit currently need 3 kits  
VBS for 5 children for \$68.
- ❖ **Health** – Our continued and renewed good health. Protection from illness
- ❖ **Medical insurance** – personal finances
- ❖ **Wisdom**
- ❖ **Shadow** – Faith Service Dog- Pray he does well with his training and the funds to finish paying for him
- ❖ **House/Sanctuary** – fix condensation & leaks, ventilation, other projects



**YOU CAN and DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

 **PRAY** with us

 **GIVE** one-time or monthly

 **SHARE** the work of EBL

 **PARTNER** as a church or group

*Together we*  
**EMPOWER BEYOND LIMITS!**



**THANK YOU!**

Your prayers, partnership and generosity help transform lives and strengthen communities.



★ TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE A LIFE. ★

**HELP BRING SHADOW HOME**

 Faith is waiting for her future service dog.



**FUTURE CHIEF CANINE ENCOURAGEMENT OFFICER**

★ YOU CAN HELP. ★



Give direct to EBL and designate your gift for “Shadow”.

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**DONATE ONLINE**  
[smartservicedog.co.za](http://smartservicedog.co.za)

HELP A FAMILY GET A SERVICE DOG. 

In closing, Reflecting on the stories in this issue, we are grateful for the privilege of sowing seeds of hope, dignity, and opportunity, trusting Him with the fruit to come.

We celebrate all who have and are partnering and sowing into Empowered Beyond Limits... Thank you...

Through HIS Strength and Grace  
In His service  
Joel, Melissa, Faith, & Shadow Martinez

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