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### Lessons from a Flood

Psalm 34:1 says, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Except when you lose nearly everything and almost drown. No, we need to bless the Lord then too. This is the reference Darin chose to teach the youth for the past month since the flood. There are many people watching us right now in Durban. We are making a point to bless the Lord in the middle of this trial. God is good and a natural disaster or other trials do not change His love for us.

### Thank You

We cannot thank you enough for your prayers and financial gifts that are helping us get back on our feet. We are overwhelmed by your compassion and generosity. Words cannot express the gratitude we have in our hearts for you!

### What is Ministry?

Several times I have caught myself saying, "I can't wait to get back to our ministries." But God has been reminding me that every part of our lives minister to people.



It is how we talk to the insurance broker, the attitude I have with the adjuster on the phone, and what our children hear us say to the landlord. Right now, not having a permanent place to call home, keeping our clothes in garbage bags, and not being able to home-school is putting Philippians 4:11 to the test. It

tells us that whatever situation we are in, to be content. We want our family to be satisfied in the Lord alone. We want our kids to learn to be joyful apart from stuff.

### Kid Teacher

The day after the flood, we went back to the house to salvage some belongings. There were some friends from church that came to help us. I was feeling sorry for myself and as I entered the dining room, there written in the mud, was a message from our youngest daughter, who just the day before was almost swept away in the current. It read, "I love Jesus". We know Jesus loves us and we want to continue to share His love to the people in South Africa. Without wonderful partners like you, it would not be possible.

### Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for Kathy's mom in hospice care  
Housing for us

### Praise

Visas granted for 3 more years  
Safety in the flood