



**Hey Guys!**

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It's that time again! Update number...5 is it? It's the 9<sup>th</sup> month, but only 5 updates? I guess I'm not that great at keeping up with these hey...

Well, you will all remember I came to England for 2 weeks in July/August for Newday! I LOVED seeing all you guys again! It was such a great time. I couldn't believe it when I was presented with that money for the drum kit! I was amazed at how much you guys had embraced my plea, and amazed at how GREAT God is for providing! Steve took a trip into the shop I'm buying the drum kit from today, to hopefully get some money knocked off, then hopefully I will be able to buy the guys new drum sticks as well, and maybe another cymbal for the kit, which would be fantastic! I can't thank you all enough!

Newday, guys, was flippin' awesome! Best year yet I reckon. The worship was fantastic, the teaching was fantastic, and God (as always) showed up and really met with all 7000 of us in so many different ways. For me personally I had received a word about that week from God that it would be a time when the youth in our church would begin growing in their gifts, or finding out what gifts they have. And man, God is awesome hey? (Sorry to point out dude...) Joel! The gift of the prophetic; what a gift to have! He started to prophecy even at Newday! It was fantastic to see. My heart is for our youth to really grow, and too see many leaders emerge. I believe God is doing it already! Keep it up guys, chase after every bit of God you can! You will never get tired!

So [unfortunately] the 2 weeks came to an end, and it was time to head back to South Africa! I arrived in Cape Town 24 hours after I left the UK. I was hit with the beauty. Cape Town is just a fountain of amazing scenery. I had 1 week to spend sight seeing, so I went to a few various tourist sites; cape point, table mountain, African penguin reserves etc...

Then, the next 2 weeks were spent serving the new frontiers church down there, called 'The Bay Community Church'. A really good church. It's amazing actually,

I had been told how blessed this church was with music, and worship leaders etc... so I had huge expectations for the worship band. When I got down there, I wasn't really blown away at how good the band was. I mean, I agree the church is blessed with musicians. But all I could think was about our church in Buxton. And how blessed we are with musicians! I'm sure you would agree. I think the worship band in Buxton is much better than the guys at the bay... God has blessed us so much in that area. So, just want to encourage you worship band people, keep going! You are doing such a great job. And also, I think you guys should consider writing your own songs, and maybe even consider making a worship album at some point? Just to throw it out there...but I for some reason fell like I should suggest that. That's a project I would love to run with when I get back, so get writing! Haha, no pressure.



SO anyways, I finished my time in Cape Town, and headed back up to Clarens! Home sweet home...hehe. As soon as I arrived, before I had even unpacked, I was given the opportunity to go to Durban for the regional students and 20's camp. So I jumped at the chance! I managed to see

all the guys in Clarens very briefly, and then headed up to Kwa-Zulu-Natal (the province) with Fusi. Once again, God really met with us! There were many individuals healed, and helped with struggles that they were facing in life. God is good.

Man, Durban is hot. I spent a day or two in the sun, and swimming in the pool that the guys I



was staying with had. Durban is also beautiful, not like Cape Town, but still nice. Travelling is an expensive business hey? I am now struggling a lot with finances. Have a small amount left in my bank for the rest of the year! I have given my new landlords all of my rent for the next 4 months, so I have hardly anything left! But the trips to see all you guys and to have all these experiences...it was so worth it! Besides, God provides hey!? I know I can depend on Him providing, so I have no worries! I am praying for all of you back home, that God will keep you

all secure in your finances!

So now I'm back in Clarens for good. I have moved out of Fusi's place, to stay with a couple and their two kids. Fusi has a new lady in his life, and needs the space...haha. It's a really nice house. And because of it I have had to pay quite a lot more rent, hence why the struggles with finance. Although I'm no longer in the township itself, I can see it from my window, which is nice; I get reminded of my time there. And also Fusi has said I can visit all the time. So no worries.

Now it's back to the projects of Clarens! When we get the new drum kit I will send you guys pictures. But until then, this is me signing out! Feel free anyone to email me; I would love to hear how you guys are all doing. Keep safe, and stick with God! =] Jonny x

