

August / September 2007, Kids' Evangelism Explosion, Africa Newsletter

Amazing things happened since my last newsletter: For the past few months I have been praying for Swaziland, the smallest country in the Southern hemisphere, on the border of South Africa and Mozambique. Then I ran into a South African girl, Susan Creamer, who owns the *Christian Depot* Bookstore in Ft. Lauderdale and has an orphan ministry in Swaziland! Susan invited me to come and present a *Kids' Evangelism Explosion* Training Clinic in Siteki in Eastern Swaziland. Wow, this is such a God-thing! We were speechless - well, not really, because Susan and I must have talked non-stop for hours. We are planning the training for the week of 5 to 10 November. We greatly appreciate your prayers for Swaziland.

John Clark, my beloved friend and *Evangelism Explosion* trainer died of congestive heart failure in August. I attended the funeral in Memphis, Tennessee and said farewell to one of the most influential people in my life and ministry. John and Ruth Clark were like parents to me after my Mom and Dad passed away and I was living by myself in Ft. Lauderdale. John and his family's prayers and support carried me through some of the toughest times in my life. They encouraged me to serve the Lord as a missionary in Africa. I salute you, John, till we meet again. Our Senior Pastor and Founder of *Evangelism Explosion International*, Dr. D. James Kennedy also passed away on September 5. His legacy lives on. Wherever I go in the world from cities in Egypt to villages in Southern Africa I meet people who came to faith in Jesus through the ministry. I even met a man from Timbuktu in Mali, who now works for *EE*!

The Summer was relatively quite and necessarily humbling to me. Steve and I studied French and enjoyed spending time together, and visiting Steve's Mom in Charlotte. Now I'm in deployment mode again as I'm stocking up on crayons, scissors, file folders, etc. for the upcoming *Kids' EE* clinics. I also offered to volunteer as a writer for the *Good News of South Florida* and I'm excited about this new venture. The first article I've submitted is about Muslims coming to faith in Jesus in supernatural ways through dreams and visions.

One of our *EE* Regional Directors in Africa asked me to come and help with a *Kids' EE* clinic in the Democratic Republic of Congo next year. A local Pastor wants to introduce the ministry to three other countries in Central Africa. What a wonderful answer to prayers. The timing is precious, since Dr. Kennedy wanted to go to Central Africa as a missionary in the nineteen fifties, but was not able to go because of health problems. God's ways are unfathomable.

Thank you for your love and prayers.
May God bless you always,
Elise

“Jesus said: I am the way, the truth, the life, no one comes to the Father, but through Me.” John 14:6