

JACK & LOREN MESSARRA

2019: Loving, Serving, and Trusting

2019 Highlights

- ✦ Mentoring emerging leaders
- ✦ Teaching Bible classes and hands-on workshops
- ✦ Creating opportunities for young staff to grow and lead
- ✦ Submitting Jack's 175 page MA Thesis on ועתה "Therefore"

2020 Plans

- ✦ Develop Bible Translation tools and resources
- ✦ Coordinate ministry trainings
- ✦ Complete UWM's transition process and work with UWM on our next assignment
- ✦ Pursue intentional healing and further training

Funding Needs

- ✦ 10 monthly Donors of \$25-100
- ✦ \$10,000 Cultural Field Training
- ✦ \$5,000 Ministry Travel

Prayer Needs

- ✦ Please join us in praying for:
 - ✦ Wisdom & discernment for next ministry assignment
 - ✦ Peace & patience in the midst of numerous transitions

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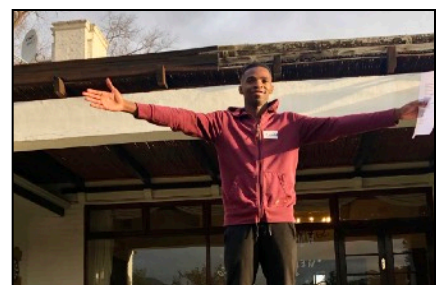
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Wow, 2019 was packed full of ministry! We invested in young people with leadership potential. We walked alongside local pastors and church leaders. We forged new partnerships and supported local ministries. Jack built new programs to engage believers in the Word. Jack completed his Masters in Bible Translation and Linguistics. And, late in the year, the Lord unexpectedly transitioned us off of our team. Let's thank God for what He did through our partnership in 2019.

This year, our emerging leaders in our residency program (below left) grew dear to our hearts! Azola (below right) is Xhosa young man, tall and lanky, with a quiet disposition and a deep love for Jesus. He is from the Khayelitsha township (a slum neighborhood developed during Apartheid to isolate tribal groups). Azola spent a lot of time in our home, and we read through the Bible in our small group. As we did, Azola's faith



deepened. He was deeply impacted by Deut 6:4–9, where it instructs fathers to teach their sons about God. He shared, “I want to teach my sons and the young men in Khayelitsha about the gospel because *no one* did this for me. THIS is the only way to change Khayelitsha.” (Read more about Azola on our website: redeemedmess.com)

Loren found joy in mentoring young women and teaching life skill workshops to empower Africans in practical ways. She continued in hospitality ministry as well, hosting and cooking for the ministry multiple times a week. Micah (4) and Theo (2) had a great year! They are healthy, growing well, and full of joy. It was fun to watch their friendship as siblings develop this year.

As we look to 2020, we know that we will remain in full-time, cross-cultural ministry. We know God has a plan for when and where to reassign us. We remain passionate about transforming lives through holistic ministry training – theological education paired with spiritual formation and practical life skills. With the completion of his masters, Jack hopes to pair Bible Translation with our training and discipling efforts. We are currently exploring a few different opportunities and expect to be able to share more with you soon!

Thank you for partnering with us for the gospel this year! God has done wonderful things! How we wish you could meet Azola and all of our leaders in person. While we grieve the loss of our life and ministry in South Africa, we press in closer to Jesus and look to him who directs our paths. He is preparing something new for us. We ask for your continued support, your prayers, and your presence. May your Christmas be filled with rich relationships and a Jesus’ soul-satisfying presence throughout the season. We thank God for you!

With Love & Gratitude, the Messarras



ABOVE: Loren Facilitating a Workshop
BELOW: Training Nigerian Pastors



Other Meaningful Moments

- ✦ Helping Residents process and heal from past conflict and trauma
- ✦ Teaching Residents about Missions across the globe with SIM.org
- ✦ Taking a marriage retreat



ABOVE: Business as Missions Training

BELOW LEFT: Micah (4) and Theo (2) – healthy, growing, full of joy!

MIDDLE: Hosting a Bible Study at Home
RIGHT: Bible Lesson with Residents

