



Proteas

My daughter, Grayce, took the picture of the flowering Protea to the right. The protea is the national flower in South Africa and has become a symbol of South Africa to us as well. The kind of proteas that grow near us require fire to drop their seed. During the winter, we experience many grass fires and this is crucial to the reproduction of the plant. If there is no fire, there is no seed. Since returning to SA we have had the opportunity to reconnect with Mama Agnes' ministry (The feeding program we have gotten connected to over the years), began reengaging with the Bible College (I am no longer leading the school but will engage there teaching and helping administrate the academics), returned to ministering in local churches, and settled into living here again. The reality is that South Africa looks very much the same, but feels very different. Benjamin & Grayce have remained in the states for college. This has been both better than feared and tougher than expected. Though there have been some new fires for us to navigate, we realize that they are opportunities for us to continue growing in the Lord and to release some seed for Him. Even as we walk through uncharted waters both personally and nationally due to COVID-19, we are not afraid of the fire because He doesn't leave us to walk through the fire alone! We are so grateful for the presence of the Spirit in these days and also grateful for your presence as well. Thank you for standing with us in these new "fires", it MATTERS. Yes, at times fire destroys, but sometimes it brings new life.



Benj and Grayce came for Christmas. It was their first time back in two years. It was good to have them back but it was tough to watch them go.



We helped with a Christmas party at Mama Agnes' with the kids she serves and reaches for Jesus. It was so much FUN!



I taught "Kingdom of God" to 3rd year students before THE virus hit and made a mess of things. It was good to be back in the classroom and back on campus. So many new faces!!!!

