

# Our Mission: Our Next Step

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*I will walk by faith even when I cannot see.*

*2 Corinthians 5:7*



Pretoria, South Africa



Since we have never left this country, we were blessed to have some family members (or friends thereof) connect with us and share about their experiences from when they visited South Africa and what to expect. South Africa has been Americanized. Although we will be thousands of miles from home, we will still have some amenities in Pretoria that will accommodate us in making it feel like home.

Above you will view pictures from South Africa. Some familiarities that we will see are shopping malls, grocery shopping locations, and some fast food venues. Along with that familiarity will be some common products like Coca-Cola that we will have access to. What we will be able to indulge in is the vast culture of this beautiful country. Like the picture above, notice the similarities to the Egyptian pyramids.

South Africa, even though Americanized, is still 50+ years behind the United States in the area of social and racial development. We will still be communicating and working with locals who are first and even second generations after Mandela. His efforts to advocate rights were hard fought; what we will struggle with is the aftermath of those who wish not to change. Along with this circumstance there is no "middle class". We will see poverty from the extremely poor all the way to the lavish lifestyles of the extremely wealthy.

Operation Mobilization has two offices in Pretoria. One is for the South Africa team (SA) and the other for the Africa team. You will notice that Link is in our titles, which is because we will be working with both offices under the Africa team. Parker will still be using his gift with technology as the Link IT Manager. His duties require working with servers, in-house software, and computers. He will be linking communications between the two mentioned offices. Parker's main goal will be to keep the main office's technology backbone working together properly. Megan will be using her gifted abilities of planning, cleaning, and organizing as the Link Event coordinator. This entails marketing, event management, start-up preparations, budgeting, and deliveries. Aside from these responsibilities, our priority will still be integrating into the local community to find a church, create lasting friendships, and share Christ.

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