

I will be arriving home next week Tuesday (October 8) to Grand Rapids at 2:00pm! So much excitement, anticipation, and joy... yet mixed feelings and emotions leaving Africa again. It is never easy to leave a home but it's always good to come home. So next week I will be leaving my home and big family here in Africa, and return to my family and friends back in the States. I will be in the States for three months this visit. My expectations are much higher than the last time we met, for God has undone me beyond belief! My father has really spoken to me about walking in complete and utter humility. To walk with a humble heart and to carry his presence in such a way that all glory goes to him.



Although I do need to take some time at home to rest my body from my illness, this trip is not about me! It is about what God has done, and is doing through me. I am overflowing with the love and joy of my Father. I am so hungry to see revival, the blind see, and hearts set free. My heart is on fire to see the supernatural manifest presence of our Father. I see it everyday in Africa and my heart beats to see it in America. The anointing is so tangible I can not escape it. I have the father's heart beating inside of me, and the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is ALIVE in me! I feel like this next season will be of giving and receiving out of the abundance of my life and the lives of those around me. I know what it feels like to be drowning over my head in the heavenly joy and liquid love from the Fathers heart. I know what it is like to see the blind see the cripple walk and the sick healed. And I know what it is like to be desperate for the Fathers intimacy. To be so hungry for the manifest presence and to walk in the supernatural.

So many people back home tell me they could never live my lifestyle and do what I am doing everyday. And now that I am coming home again, I want to say just this... I am doing nothing more than normal. I am living the same life as any other 19 year old. I am young and mess up a lot; I am far from perfect and never will be perfect, I am a sinner. And I understand not everybody is called to do what I am doing, but I disagree with those who say I could never, or I do not have what it takes, because if that was true, I would not be here right now. Don't get me wrong I love encouraging emails and uplifting words (I am human!) and please know I receive them with a humble heart. But I often hear Ali you are so dedicated and so inspiring to give your whole life away for your cause: Africa and AIDS Orphans. But what they don't understand is my heart is not just to be a missionary over in Africa and have orphanages, and hold the dying in my arms. My HEART is to awaken the life I was blinded to for so many years. In Romans 15:13 it says *"I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."*

I do not give my life away everyday for my own fame and praise. So please hear me when I say I am not standing on my own. I am apart of the same body as you! I am nothing more than a little girl sitting in the African dirt playing with her Father. I play a very small part in this world. **STOP.** That is where the world stops us. From here it is our choice how we look at our lives. And this is where I had to make the choice to step out in faith. I wake up every morning and say, if I am the one God called to live in Africa, love the orphans, and give my life away to bring transformation to this dying Nation then here I am, use me. But if that is all my life is about, then I am not content. Yes, it is my ministry and it is my platform God has given me to minister from, but it is not my mission. It is my FRUIT! And I am blessed to see the fruits of my obedience blossom into such a ripe harvest of abundance.



It will be very hard to leave the orphanage for the next season God has prepared for me, but he has assured me through his divine peace that this is his will. My little kiddies consume my mind and heart whether I am in Africa or in America. I have lots to share with you about them and the orphanage itself. Just in this past year the progress and the transformation we have experienced is promising. My kids are the little treasures of my heart. Each one has a different story that speaks a million words and emotions. I have peace returning for a season knowing they are in good hands! Oh I smile just talking about them!

What do the next five months look like?

October 11 is my 20th birthday woohoo!! And the reason I am coming home in October is because a dear friend of mine that I met here in Africa is getting married on my birthday in Detroit! My best friend who I met over here a year and a half ago is also getting married in California in November so I will be attending her wedding as well!

In the next three months I will be spending a lot of time working on heading up my NGO. This will entitle presenting business presentations to various large organizations, corporations, and even governments. Working on my website (FINALLY) and above all things, raising funds for the orphanage. I would like to organize a formal fundraiser this time while I am at home, so if you have any ideas or could help please let me know!

Also some of you might remember the t-shirts that were made to raise money for my projects here last year. I will have another round of those and another new design for those interested. I am trusting God to provide for my travels in the States. I have already been contacted to speak at a few churches in California and Chicago, and am prepared to speak again this year at many high schools, colleges, youth groups, churches, and conferences. After three months I will head to Brazil for two months on an intense mission before heading back to Africa in March!



This is an invitation from me to you! I am available, I am willing, and I am desperate to share what God is doing through me and in me over here in Africa! I have a desire to reach as many lives as possible while I am back in the United States. People need to know what is going on in this world, and also be aware of the difference they can be making in their own communities. I want to be an inspiration to my city. I am just an ordinary local girl with a passion and a story to tell. I want you to feel apart of my experiences in Africa and I want to share with you the fruits of my joy and suffering thus far in my journey!

One person is not going to change this world. But one daughter or son can transform this entire generation, and as this generation comes together as one body, this world will be not only changed, but transformed. I am a leaking vessel of the fullness of life!!

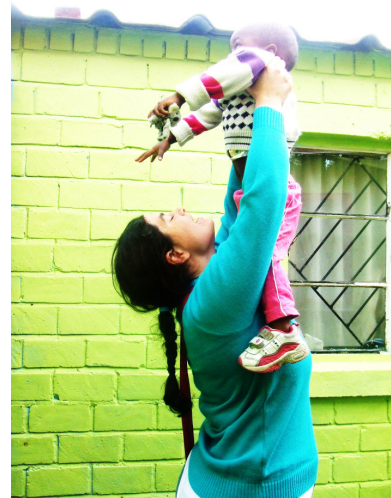
In 1 Corinthians 12 it talks about the body and its many parts. If one part suffers every part suffers with it, and if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. I ask you to join me in this time of rejoicing and suffering! As my brothers, sisters and supporters, **you make my ministry possible.**

Today this is my cry as I hold one of my dying orphans in my arms...

Here I am Lord, here I am. Broken and beautiful, willing, hungry, desperate to be changed. To be made pure and holy. To be used to set this world free. My heart runs into your arms. To see your love in the hearts of your orphaned sons and daughters. Father here I am. Take me, break me more, mold me, heal me, and transform me. Lord I am blessed. I have overcome, my chains are gone. I am yours, take me. Here I am Lord, here I am. It is not about me, it is all for you. It is all for your glory. Jesus you are the healer you are the reason I am alive.

Please pray...

My physical health as I am still recovering, for God to provide a car for the three months I am home. My dad took over my car because I obviously do not need my own being home a few months out of the year. So please pray and keep your ears open if you know of anybody that would be willing to borrow me a car for one two or three months. And know that the majority of the driving will be used for ministry purposes and getting to and from my speaking events. Also for strength in this last week as I prepare to travel.



See you on the other side!! Please spread the word and contact me if you are interested in hearing me speak!

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