Blown Away by Richards Bay

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In July 2017, eleven JoshGenner's set out on an adventure to bless and show God's love to Richard's Bay. This, my first outreach and my first visit to Richards Bay.

"Can I tell you something?", as the youngest Loots' (the family that planted Kingdom Community Church) child would say.

Upon our arrival there, the warm weather was a welcome embrace to those of us who came from icy Cape Town. We drove past magnitudes of sugar canes, signifying to us the sweetness God had prepared for us for the week ahead. Two other ladies and I were hosted by the Loots family, and we would wake up daily to the smell of fresh coffee, Oreo biscuits, a little tiptoe ballerina and her artist sister to delight us with their hugs, dances, stories, games and drawings. What a spoil!

Wednesday evening we had such a God-filled evening with some of the church community, worship, time in the Word and great fellowship – encouraging the church and blowing wind into their sails.

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On the Thursday, we were able to minister in the local shopping mall to customers, staff and business owners. Our team members were humbled and stretched to pray and speak publicly to strangers. Testimonies came through the next day of God's goodness towards those who had been prayed for. One person was blessed with R5000, another received a job offer (she was

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On Friday, we shared hot coffee and rusks (a South African type of biscuit) with ten car guards (the Loots' do this every Friday morning), we were able to pray with and care for them. Their hearts were touched and tears were rolling down their cheeks. One of the men gave his heart to God and was baptised the next Sunday.

Fairy lights twinkled around the graffiti-sprayed skateboard park as the burning desire of worshippers echoed with song, dance and music into the night sky at our worship event on the Friday evening. Prayer and personal prophecies were given, as peoples hunger for God grew and some eagerly inquired about the church.

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On the Sunday', Michael Joubert and Ruan Spies shared a great word at Kingdom Community Church, titled "Being a Saint". The teaching explained the power of being a sold out, passionate, committed follower of Jesus whilst enjoying being a part of God's family too.

I experienced such overwhelming love on this outreach. Jesus was able to heal even more of my heart and I came back home so encouraged. Richards Bay felt like a home away from home, and the biggest blessing was to see new relationships form and people encouraged. We truly were blown away by the overwhelming love, joy and warmth of the welcome into the lives, homes, fridges and hearts of our Four12 family in Richards Bay.