

# PurityWorks®

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Mary, Alisha, Vashti, Jennie,

Because of your generous support, a team of six people representing PurityWorks and Northland Church shared **lifesaving AIDS prevention training through Planned Purity** in Namibia, Africa this July. **Almost 3000 people** heard the message through speaking opportunities, and **thousands more through radio interviews on Namibia's premier Christian radio station!**

That team included Jennie Bishop, daughter Vashti, Dawn Fox (a longtime friend and PurityWorks manager), Mary Beth Fackler (student ministries leader at Northland Church) and Cathie Gomez and Alisha

O'Daniel (students). **Mary Beth** served as team leader, taking care of money, paperwork, and scheduling. **Dawn**, the swiss army knife of the group, did a lot of blogging and was Jennie's right arm on many occasions. The adults as well as the teen girls shared their own very personal stories during the engagements. **Cathie and Alisha** were new to public speaking and very nervous, but they shared beautifully on purity of heart. Vashti and Jennie spoke at a school where **1000 young adults gathered in a courtyard** and two fainted in the hot sun! The response was overwhelming when **Vashti** said in her boldfaced way, "Sex before marriage is just wrong—don't do it!"

Conferences were held at two churches—one in **Windhoek (Namibia's inland capitol)** and one in **Walvis Bay, on the coast**. **Numerous groups of young people** in schools and churches heard the Planned Purity message, and Jennie preached **Sunday sermons** at both churches. Namibia has been an independent nation for only 17 years, so the congregations welcomed her charge to use their new freedom as an opportunity to do what's right and to serve others while pursuing pure hearts and bodies.



Jennie teaching Planned

False liberty, defined as "the freedom to do whatever I want," leads to AIDS and other diseases, broken families, unwanted children, greed, violence and many other social evils. **The team gave Namibians a picture of true purity and liberty, based in hearts that respect and honor others, as well as a desire to practice goodness and self-control.** Only through true liberty can lives be changed and restored.

**Windhoek is a modern city**, as is Swakopmund, the city in which the team stayed while working in Walvis Bay. Our Namibian host, **Patrick Britz of Khomas Community Church**, performed admirably as scheduler, translator and taxi driver for the team, and took the group from Windhoek to **Okahandja, a smaller town where they met with Lon and Val Garber, missionaries** who have spent years transforming lives in a smaller town where black Africans, colored Africans, whites and poor don't usually mix. Lon and Val interact with the Dutch Reformed church (which doesn't allow blacks) as well as with the desperately poor black population in places like **Five Rand, one of many communities of shacks where children go to bed hungry and blanketless during Namibia's cold winter nights.** The teenagers on the team



Vashti playing "Simon Says" with

children memorized Bible verses and could recite that they are created in God's image, that they are valuable, that they are blessed, and that they are responsible for their choices. A very good start, indeed!

While in Windhoek, the team split into groups of two and stayed with three host families. It became obvious that each group was placed in its home for very specific reasons. **Amazing interaction took place on a personal level, with families struggling with AIDS issues and other hardships.** It was a privilege to be in these people's homes, and they constantly served team members—most times with hot drinks, food and electric blankets (there is no heat in Namibian homes, and the weather was quite cold).



Walvis Bay High School, one of two high schools of 1,000 or more where

your own bookstores"—yet. PurityWorks and associated publishers will be doing what they can to change that.

**Every last book that was left will undoubtedly be used and reused and give individuals an opportunity to avoid AIDS and to pursue purity of heart as a pre-requisite to a pure body.** This is the only real answer to the AIDS crisis. In Namibia, everyone our team spoke with either had AIDS, knew someone with AIDS, or had lost loved ones to AIDS. Women with unfaithful husbands often leave them to save their own lives and to care for their children.

**Your contributions and prayers enabled PurityWorks to make a deep initial impact in Namibia and have inspired us to continue teaching Planned Purity wherever a door is opened.**

worked with some of these preschool children. Lon runs a small church in the Wood Carver's Market, where busloads of tourists come to shop. Val teaches poor women to make beautiful beads and jewelry to support their families. They are an amazing couple.

**Christ's Hope** in Okahandja was also a stop during the trip, where the team witnessed **biblical principles of purity and self-worth being taught in public schools.** American hearts broke wishing that children in the states had the same opportunity! The public school class the team sat in on could have been titled "Being a Good Child 101." All the

Walvis Bay is a smaller city with a **crashing ocean to the west and dunes as far as the eye can see to the east.** Here there was a **second conference,** and another talk in a **public high school of 1000.** **Walvis Bay Community Church** is also very special in that **blacks, coloreds and whites of all economic backgrounds meet together.** This church was a perfect portrayal of what the world should be.

As PurityWorks **pursues publishing** in Namibia and other countries, please pray for us. During the **radio interviews** on the main station in Namibia, the biggest question was, "Where can we get the books?" Jennie couldn't answer, "At



Pastor Leon Oosthuizen of Vredelust Church in Cape Town, South Africa, where we will be traveling next year.

**We hope to return next year to teach indigenous facilitators and continue training in *Planned Purity* during a combined effort in South Africa and Namibia.**

The importance of finishing the book *Planned Purity* seems obvious, as it will explain the approach entirely and make it available to parents and individuals everywhere. The book is being considered by some major publishers right now. **Please pray for the book to find the right home. PurityWorks is poised to bring revolutionary assistance to the world, because of your willingness to help!**

Since **Afrikaans** is the main language spoken in Namibia besides English, we will leave you with a “Thank you very much” in their own tongue: **Baya dankie!** (Say “buy a donkey”—and yes, the team had a lot of fun with that one.) **Please email us if you have any questions.**

Since this newsletter was published, PurityWorks has completed engagements and conferences in **Green Bay, Ontario and Texas**, as well as a return trip to **Ukraine**. Reports will also be forthcoming on these events. Be watching Jennie’s blog/journal at her website, [www.jenniebishop.com](http://www.jenniebishop.com), and checking our site for updates. There is much to do, but knowing the difference we are making always refreshes our hearts.

From us at PurityWorks and our dear brothers and sisters across the sea, again, we thank you deeply. Let’s continue to work together to make a difference in the world, in our generation!

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