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Something Strange

“Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you” (1Peter 4:12). This verse was vividly illustrated for me by a recent event in the life of one of our Camp South Africa leaders.

Jermaine came to Christ at our first camp in 2002 when he was 12 years old living in a squatter village doing drugs and stealing to survive. A decade later Jermaine has grown up into a godly young man who still lives in the same squatter village.

What amazed and humbled me was Jermaine’s response! When asked how he was dealing with the loss of his home his response was, **“This is not my real home.”** Jermaine passed the test by not being surprised by this fiery ordeal as though **“something strange”** was happening to him. Jermaine views himself as 1Peter 1:1 describes him, a **“stranger”** which is a sojourner who is just passing through. His sights are set on his heavenly home, and his passion as a Camp South Africa leader is to invite campers to join the journey.



The light of Christ in Jermaine is pushing back the darkness in his community so much so that it has become a threat to the darkness. As a result, his shack was recently firebombed while he was attending church.



Do you share Jermaine’s passion? One way you can tangibly demonstrate that is by sponsoring campers. This is the only way Jermaine and the team can continue taking the light of Christ to those living in darkness.

Jim Blake

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