



## Prince Ministry In South Africa

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Greetings,

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It has been another busy month. We have been to visit another children's home early this month. This one is different because all the children there have been pulled from their homes by court order, and they are not orphans. But it was still a lot of good information and help, and another living situation to observe and learn from. The people who run these homes are more than willing to help others get theirs set up.

We were involved in another bush fire at Stu and Marilyn's farm. The last one was small and on their property. This was huge and came over the mountain and took out a lot of farms. They watched it coming all day and called us. We went out and watched with them. It was finally inevitable that it was going to come over their property. We had to set a fire (called back burning) around the house to burn off the grass that would have let the fire come up to the house. That was lots of fun, but it saved the house. They had all their workers there and some neighbors to help. The only farm that lost their house, was a foreign owner who wasn't there and his grass was all the way up to the house and up to window level.

We had heard about a tree here that in spring, when it blooms, it smells like dirty socks. Paul kept smelling something near one of our flower beds that smelled like something small had died. We thought a cat had killed something and left it lying around. Turns out, we have one of those trees in our yard, and to us, it doesn't smell like dirty socks.



The end of month here is when most people get paid. We have a lot of farms and game ranges out in the middle of nowhere with a lot of workers. So this picture is from end of month and shows how the people get to town for their big shopping day. The trucks are so full of people, I don't know how they get all their shopping on the truck.

We spent a long weekend this month in Johannesburg with Cathie Aub and her family. We spent one entire day working on our constitution, our vision, and our new logo for The Fold, our South African non-profit organization. It was a long and productive day. On the

Saturday we had tickets to see Angus Buchan who is a huge evangelist here. It rained off and on most of the day, and when he got up to speak, it poured. So we ended up getting soaking wet. We had only planned to be in town until after this event. But Cathie had made plans for us to speak with three women she knew, after church on Sunday, who might be interested in being on our board. We had not brought anything to wear for church, plus we only had one pair of shoes each, which were now soaking wet, and no way to dry them. Luckily Cathie and her husband Richard are fairly close to our size, so we were able to borrow clothes and shoes for the rest of the weekend. Our chat with the ladies was very productive. Two of the women have decided to join our board, the third opted out, because she wants to start her own non-profit for an orphanage, and thought it might be a conflict of interest. But she has agreed to still help us, as she is an architect and we can certainly use her skills, and we can help her with the

process of starting a non-profit. We have another handful of people in this area who are currently praying about being on our board. We hope to have the board put together soon.

Check out the new website for The Fold: [www.thefold-sa.org](http://www.thefold-sa.org) It's still under construction, but you can see our new logo for the non-profit we will be running from here. The Fold will be under the management of Prince Ministry in South Africa.

Also, Micky's mom has posted her 431 pictures on the internet from her visit with us. So for those who keep saying you want more pictures, her web site is: <http://picasaweb.google.com/bettycaz5>

We have contacted a man in the social services of this province. He says there is only one housing set-up like what we want to do, in this province. He gave us the number and we have a date of 3 December to go check it out. They call this set-up "cluster homes", which is a home with parents and 6-8 children, with multiple homes on the property. So now that we know one exists, it's just a matter of time before we figure out all the red tape and get started down that road. In the meantime, we have been checking out other types of homes and getting lots of good information and training ideas. We got the phone number of the government printing agency and contacted them for copies of the child care act and the children's act. Those just arrived a few days ago. We got four copies, because when we told others about what we were getting, they said they wanted a copy also.

I think I mentioned last month that we got a little rain the end of the month. Well I think it has rained every day this month. Either just a few drips or a flood. But when you go 6 months with no rain, you don't pray for it to clear up. Of course the dirt roads around here are a mess, some of them pretty unusable. The worst ones they have sent a grader to fix. But the damage is so much, that it will take a long while to get it all fixed. Our road has a small gully at the end going into town, and a huge ditch of a gully going in the other direction, which is into the township. We have to go around the block, to go up that direction.

Just today, we went to visit another house that takes care of children. This is another house that takes in children that the courts have removed from the home. This is also the only house in our province that takes in infants, so they are over their max capacity. I tell you what, we get such a blessing from these visits. We never go away empty handed. Once again, we left with more phone numbers of new contacts, and more examples of paperwork that will help us in getting our own house set up. We are looking forward to the home we will visit next week on the third.

This will be another full week for us. I know you'll all be having a short week and some really good food on Thursday. It's just another day here. We have a meeting that day. We joined a local organization here that is attended by the game lodge owners and local business men. We have been given five minutes of their time, and will let them know why we are here, and that we are looking for land. So when you say that prayer over your Thanksgiving dinner, please shoot one up for us, that the right pair of ears will hear our request.

We will be spending the last two weeks of December in Johannesburg. We will be housesitting for some friends. So it will be a little break for us, plus time to contact people in that area that we have talked to on the phone, along with some of our new board members who live in that area.

Please pray that our potential board members will be moved by God, to agree to be on our board. That they would be the right people for the job, and have a heart for the children (which we think they all do).

God bless, hope you all have a great Thanksgiving, and eat some turkey for us.

Paul and Micky Prince