



Prince Ministry In South Africa

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Greetings,

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What an incredibly productive month. We had the help of three visitors, Micky's mom Betty, Micky's sister's sister-in-law Betty, and her friend Mary, for three weeks. Our visitors are all quilters, so they were able to use the old sheets donated by the Rotary, from hotels, and make sheets for the children's beds as well as make some pillow cases with the leftover scraps. They also helped with other odd jobs around the place. We called them the granny brigade. Betty and Mary retired from teaching science this year, so we took them to see quite a few of the local schools. They even taught a science lesson at our local farm school, just down the road from The Fold. They even found time for sightseeing, and although they didn't go on an official game drive, they saw tons of animals from the road, as we were constantly on the go.



When we purchased the property, only 3 of the 11 toilets were working. Paul has managed to fix all but one, which is in a room that has been turned into temporary storage. So you can't even see the toilet, much less fix it. He's also fixed the showers that weren't working. Next, Harry and Paul sorted out the water problem. With the new borehole (well) being accessed, the water

wasn't going from the main tank back to the shower room tower. With much digging, they finally got that up and running (literally) also. The roof has been painted with the donated paint. Most of the leaks in the roof had been patched but after we got our first rains this month, we discovered one very small leak in the roof, and of course it is right over our bed. ☺ We won't know until the next rain if it's been fixed. But with the rains, come the green grass, and all the leaves sprouting on the trees, and the flowers in bloom. This time of year is very pretty.



For our Tulsa friends, our home church Cedar Ridge is having a reception/lunch for us on the 6th of December. We will be having a silent auction during the lunch, of items we will bring from South Africa. Our granny

brigade also bought African fabric and will be donating quilted items from that fabric for the auction. Proceeds from the auction will go towards building the first children's home. For those interested in attending, please call Vickie Dodd at 918-455-5641. Leave a message with the number of people attending and your name, so the church knows how much food will be needed.

We just received some more good news. The third piece of our nonprofit South African puzzle has been approved. We are now a Public Benefit Organization. Just one more piece and then we'll be totally up and running, paperwork wise. The last item is the tax exemption status for The Fold. Just a few days ago, we made the two hour drive to the South African tax office. Our application was accepted and now we wait for them to come inspect what we're doing. They have to verify we're doing what we say we're doing. Once the inspection has been done, we have no idea how long it will take for the final approval. Once approved we will be able to claim back all the taxes on our purchases.

The money has been received from the fundraiser in England. It works out to be about \$8500. We are currently calculating the cost of just the family home portion of the remodel, we believe their donation may cover about 1/3 or more of the cost. We're hoping by the time we return to South Africa in January, that we'll have the full amount needed. But in the mean time, we and our friends/directors will be researching our options for the building materials, as well as trying to get donations and discounts to cut down on the total cost.

We leave for the states in just a few days, and are trying to get all the last minute details worked out.

We arrive at the Tulsa airport on 30 Oct at 12:14 pm on Delta flight #4841, in case you want to meet us. We will be hitting the ground running. Paul's driver's license expired a few months ago, so we need to go immediately to get that taken care of – if we don't, it will be at least a week before it will fit in our schedule again. Just think, 20 hours on a plane, and then getting your picture taken. I'm sure it will be a license picture he will treasure. ☺

Prayer needs: safe travel during our furlough. Enough funds raised to cover the cost of the first home for the children. All goes well here in South Africa during our absence. God's guidance on the selection of our first set of house parents. Effective presentations at all the churches we will visit.

God bless,
Paul and Micky Prince