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Greetings,

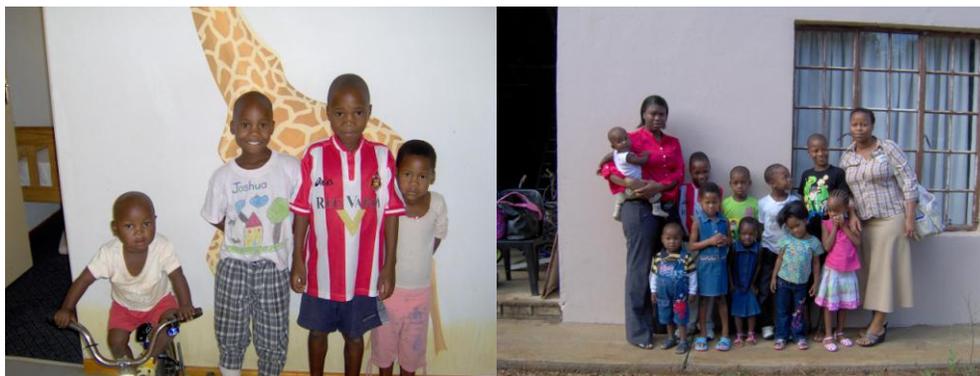
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As we've all learned, man makes plans, and God laughs. We had come to the decision and told God we would take any children in need which He brought us. We now have ten children, seven orphans/vulnerable children in need, plus our house mothers' three biological children.

Our original plan was to take in younger children, thinking our ability to help an older child with so much past experience to overcome would be limited, but God has shown us He has other plans. The local social worker called us early this month and said she had two children age 9 and 11 who needed a safe place to live. We agreed to take them in, and when we went with the social worker to collect them, it was discovered they had a smaller brother (3) and sister (6) who also needed help. We agreed to take them all. We learned these children had pretty much been taking care of themselves and were classified as street children. They were malnourished, had wounds that needed medical care, and one had scabies, which required special handling of clothes and bedding.

The first day was very hectic, but the second day was a challenge. The children had been fighting during the night and that day, one of them went through our fence and took off down the road. We had to go get him. Then God stepped in and sent the right people so we could help these children. Our friends, Daphne and Tony (who had worked with these particular children before) came out for about 6 hours and spent time with them and got them calmed down. They left Nicco, a teenage boy, with us for one night, to help interpret and help with their transition. A few days later, Terri and Hamish brought us more help. Sam had taken care of the two older boys the previous year. They knew him and trusted him. Sam was able to get them calmed down, and to see that we were here to help them. Sam was a huge blessing in getting the boys settled in and stayed with us for three weeks. He helped immensely with their adjustment to a new structured life style. Sam also convinced us to get the boys back into school, prior to the time period we thought they needed to adjust. Everything with the school went just fine. They are doing well, and slowly getting adjusted to living on a schedule.

We had to go to children's court, and we received 30 days temporary custody of the four children. Now the social workers must do all the reports to get permanent custody, which will be reviewed on a regular time frame. If the mother is deemed fit, she will get her children back. Our new children are (left to right): Tebogo (also known as Zuma), who is 3, Lucky who is 9, Piet who is 11 and sister Maria who is 6. We also have a picture of our new, complete family.



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Of course we do have a full house now and won't be able to help any other children until we are able to build our second family unit on an existing foundation. It will take time to raise the money and get the home built, but that will also give us time to build a great foundation for all of our current children. We love them and have the greatest hope for a promising future for all of them.



We are also happy to tell you our visa's have been approved, and we picked them up last week. The vegetable tunnel for the large garden has arrived. It was quite a process to get the thing erected, but there was lots of help. Our friend who is sponsoring the tunnel brought workers to help set it up. Next week, our friends will return with more helpers to put the shade net over the top of the tunnel. The tunnel will protect the seedlings and provide a shaded area for things to grow. It won't be long, until the planting will begin, and we will be able to harvest our own fresh produce.

As we mentioned in last months newsletter, we are looking for interns to come and work with us. This can be for work with the children or helping us with maintenance on the property. Paul and Micky will also be on furlough in November and December of this year, and it would be a blessing if we had extra help on the property while we were away.

Prayer requests: Continued safety for all working at The Fold. God to be blessed and glorified by all that happens at The Fold. All the children settling in to a new family dynamic.

Praises: We thank God for the additional blessings of Piet, Lucky, Maria and Tebogo (Zuma).

God bless,

Paul and Micky Prince