



Prince Ministry In South Africa

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Greetings,

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April began with ten days off from school. While the children did enjoy their time off, we also took advantage of the extra time for learning activities. Then it was back to school for one week, followed by another week at home because their teacher was out. But no wasted learning opportunities for these kids – we held school at home that week. We also had a teacher visit this month, who conducted an educational assessment of the school age kids. She said she was surprised they were as far along as they were, but we were disappointed they were not further along. The assessment is all in anticipation of a change in educational opportunities for our kids. We're hoping we have good news soon in this regard.

Easter weekend was to be filled with lots of outings for the children, which began on Thursday with a game drive. But after the drive, one of the children was complaining about not feeling well and had a lot of bumps. So we stopped at the clinic on the way home and discovered she had a



really bad case of chicken pox, and discovered another child had pink eye. So all the activities for the weekend were canceled. But we made our own fun at home. They had a hunt for chocolate bunnies, and colored eggs; we had cookouts both days; had our own Easter service; and over all had an enjoyable time together. We have another long weekend the end of this month – April is notorious for its holidays and inability to get anything done.

As for health concerns, we ended up at the clinic again a week later when the same child with chicken pox had stuffed paper in her ear. We thought there was still more in there, but instead found she had perforated her ear drum. When we went back to have her ear checked the hole was gone, just a sore with an infection – so more antibiotics. And then we had another 3 children come down with really bad cases of chicken pox. I had to take one to the emergency room. Her tonsils were so swollen, there was hardly any space in her throat. The kids are all slowly getting better, but they have been miserable. Poor Leya, who was house mom at the time, wasn't getting much sleep. We are still waiting for signs of the pox on the remaining three children.



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This month has seen some great progress at The Fold, courtesy of two of our board members, Tessa and Judith. They sent their own staff to finish off the second house and to take care of some other maintenance items that we were unable to do ourselves. The bathrooms in Michael house are looking fantastic. The house is almost finished. We are still working out the details with the social workers to learn when we will be able to fill the home with children.

Our huge garden is really coming along, although some vegetables seem to do better than others. Those that are growing in abundance are taken to a local shop and sold. We've gotten really good advice from some locals about the growing seasons, mulch, watering and composting. We're excited to put all of this knowledge to work for us.

We've been blessed with lots of gifts this month. Easter weekend brought three cars filled with donations. The children received a large Easter basket, we started receiving a regular bread donation, and 50 kg's of sugar were donated with a promise of more every other month. We've also had a lot of visitors come by to see what we're doing.

Still no solution for our internet/skype problem. They called and said the quickest solution would be for us to buy our own tower. After some time, we finally received the quote. We are now in a holding pattern, waiting for the internet company to run a few tests to make sure it can be done and determine the best location for the tower. Ugh!!

This year we've had a lot of snake sightings on the property. We came back to our apartment after the evening bible story and found a fairly large puff adder on our front step. Paul said I jumped backwards about two feet. It disappeared into the night. The weather here is definitely changing. I am hoping we are not going to have a bad winter. It seems the temp is getting cold earlier this year than normal.

For those who know Harry and Peggy Parham, they have recently departed the Fold to seek other ministry opportunities. Harry and Peggy were instrumental in helping get The Fold up and running. We wish them great success in their new ventures.

Do you sell items on ebay? If so, you can donate some or all of your proceeds to a charity of your choice. Prince Ministry in South Africa is among those charities. We recently had someone chose us for a donation.

Prayer requests: Internet installation. Improved educational opportunities. Purchase of a van. Short and long term volunteers.

Praises: Our second children's house soon to be completed. All the donations received this month. Good people who share advice with us in the areas we need assistance. The interest we are having in regards to the Fold.

God bless,
Paul and Micky Prince