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Greetings,

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We received a new pair of shoes this month for almost all of our children. The saturation team was given hundreds of pairs of shoes from "TOMS". What a blessing. The kids really loved their new shoes. The saturation team also brought a large group of people who work for a local ABSA bank. They brought blankets, sweets, school stationary and lunch. They also played games with the kids. It was a really great day for all.



The eye doctor told us that Teyani's retina has detached. There is no reversal at this point. He will have a check up every 6 months to keep an eye on him. We are still praying for a miracle.

We had a freak hail storm this month. It seems it only covered a few kilometers in our



area, and we were in the middle of it. Thankfully no damage to vehicles or buildings, but the garden was devastated. All the plants outside the tunnel were destroyed, however the spinach roots survived and are growing back already. The vegetable tunnel took a bad hit. The weight of the hail made the roof collapse. The plants are still good and we can get in and out. Although our insurance won't cover the cost, at some point we will take care of fixing it. Thankfully

the storm hit before Philip planted another 1500 seedlings.

Birthdays this month were Micky, Kamo turned 12, and Sello turned 10.



Our new (third) home has been staffed and filled with new young voices for five months now, and our new teacher (1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade) has been working her magic as well during that time. With these new changes come additional expenses; so we've taken a snapshot of donations for the 1st quarter 2016 and put that up against our current expenses. We've found at the current level of giving we're going to be about \$1,200 short each month. This situation is in part due to not finding a volunteer teacher for the new grades, and the loss of some donors while not gaining as many new ones.

We have planned for these circumstances through savings, so there's no danger of not meeting our current commitments. However, we had hoped to use those savings to move forward in building our infrastructure, including the expansion of our school grades and building projects. With that said we're back in fundraising mode. If you know of other individuals or churches who are looking for a good cause, please pass on our website/newsletters/Facebook link and share our work with them. No amount is too small, even \$10 a month will help us meet our goal. We are a registered 501(c)3 U.S. Non-profit so donations are tax deductible.

Our current efforts/contributions which help to reduce our costs include:

- 1) The chicken project will provide The Fold with both eggs and chickens. This effort will be self-sustaining by selling our surplus.
- 2) Phillip is publicizing our work in his previous town of residence to encourage monthly donations
- 3) Sasko bread company provides all of our bread needs
- 4) Participating in local Festivals to get the word out
- 5) Producing much of our vegetable needs through our garden
- 6) Donations of meat from local game reserves
- 7) Grant writing for special projects (if you are aware of any private foundations we can send an educational or building project grant request to, please let us know)

If we are able to close the gap on our current expenses through monthly donations, we will be able to use some of the savings (and any grants we are able to obtain) on our infrastructure which includes the following (#3 is a long term goal):

- 1) One year of Teacher's salary to cover 4th 5th and maybe 6th grade (needed starting Jan 2017) \$12,000
- 2) A small duplex to house up to 4 long term volunteers \$23,000
- 3) Large community Hall (to include Bunk area for short-term volunteers, small apartment for long-term visitors, community kitchen, workout area to keep everyone healthy, and a large meeting area for school and other activities) \$155,000

Prayer requests: More funding for The Fold. Teyani's eye lesion. Short and long term volunteers. Additional missionaries to meet current needs at The Fold, especially teachers. Long term funding for our school. Water source issues. (drought)

Praises: The local interests in The Fold continue to increase. All our new children. The saturation team which continues to help out once a week. Recent donations.

God bless, Paul and Micky Prince