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Greetings,

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We had our first stateside visitors the end of August. It was Marvin Phillips who is the individual we went with on our very first trip to South Africa. They were just passing through, and spent the night with us. It was only about 12 hours they were here, but it was good to see a familiar face. We got to show them briefly what we are doing here, and showed them through our little town.

Spring is here. Yay!! All the blankets are off the bed. But Spring was very short lived. It is hot, although we had a few cold spells this month. Had to dig the jackets back out of the closet. With Spring comes the giant humongous spiders in the house also. What fun.

Our friend Harry Parham had an accident with a chainsaw. His wife Peggy showed up on our doorstep saying she needed moral support, that she couldn't deal with blood. She had dropped him at the doctors and came to get us. Paul kept Harry occupied with story telling for over 1 ½ hours while the doctor stitched him up. I watched her stitch him up until I got bored with it, and went and kept Peggy company. God was looking over Harry for sure. He could have cut off his leg. He ended up with 84 stitches. It has been slow healing, and a little infection, but that's because Harry is hard to keep down, and he keeps aggravating it. The morning it happened, he was saying to God in his private time, that he didn't have anything exciting to write to his kids about. Just another example to watch out what you pray for.

It was only a week after the chainsaw accident that Peggy and Harry were hosting teenagers from Jo'berg for the weekend. It was an African bush experience for city kids who were put to work cutting down small trees to be used to build tower gardens. (We all dreaded the thought of sharp objects after what Harry did), but all the teenagers came through without injury. They had a great weekend, got to see another side of Africa. Went out into the poor part of town and saw tower gardens that were already built. Paul filled in for Harry in the work project, and slept in a tent between the male and female tents. But they worked them so hard, they were too tired to think of any hanky panky. Ivy, the children's guardian came home with me (Micky) to get some rest and get away from her constant responsibilities for the kids. Ivy is in her late 60's and has had one heck of a life. She was full of stories and is now running a house for street kids. So this was supposed to be a little bit of a break for her also. Ivy is doing a really good job with these kids, and it showed in their behavior.

The circus was recently in town. The picture I am attaching was taken from our back yard. The circus was held on the rugby field right next to our house. Not every day you have elephants in your backyard.



The price of diesel has been about \$6 a gallon, and recently dropped about \$1. Don't you wish you could get it to drop like that, instead of two cents at a time?

We are still waiting on progress about our use of the land behind us. South Africa time is very slow here. No one is in a hurry. We need to discuss it with the church elders, and just found out one of them is out of town for a few weeks. But we are still slowly clearing off the dead trees and brush on the lot. We figure the longer it takes, the more money we will have in the bank to start building. We are on South Africa time, but it is all God's timing. He has a purpose for everything.

We are currently working on getting non-profit status here and getting board members. We have one local who is praying about it and we need to find at least one more. Please be praying with us about our selection of the people who might be on our board.

Micky's mom arrived here on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It took 2 days for her luggage to catch up with her. She will be here until the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. Since she arrived, we visited an orphanage about 1 ½ hours from here. They have been here for about 7 years. We have a lot to learn from them. They only had a few hours to give us, but we plan on going back when we all have more time to sit down together. That visit has us really thinking about our future here and the property that we hope to use. We're not sure it's big enough now. So that's another prayer need, the correct property for the children's home and guidance with all the information that we got and will get. Just the little information we got already has our heads spinning.

Thank you for your prayer and support.

God bless,

Paul and Micky Prince