



## Prince Ministry In South Africa

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Greetings,

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It's a new year and already someone has stolen January. The time just flies when you're busy.



After a great school holiday with Christmas and New year's celebrations, the new year began with only 9 days to get 10 children ready for school. It was all about school uniforms, school supplies and getting the new children registered. The kids were able to meet their teachers and find their classrooms before the official first day of school. Mpho started the year in high school, which meant another new experience for me learning another school's expectations and schedules. We are actually in four schools this year. Zuma is attending a pre-school. They are all settled in now and getting used to the routine, as are Paul and I.



We were able to get the new well dug this month. We are waiting on supplies to arrive to put the pump in and get the pipes laid to get the water to our holding tanks. Hopefully that will happen the first few days of February. The timing of this was very fortunate. Our old well seems to be drying up on us. This last week of January we are using buckets of water from a mobile holding tank to tide us over until the new well is operational. One of our neighbors has supplied us with the tank, and another neighbor is filling the tank for us. We are certainly blessed with such good neighbors. Hopefully our garden doesn't dry up on us. We need rain desperately.

Our good friends at Kwalata, a local game farm, gave Paul and I a weekend at their farm. Since January 15<sup>th</sup> was our wedding anniversary, it seemed like the perfect time to use it. It was really great to have some quiet time to ourselves. We had a great time there. We went on walks, read books and played board games. Unfortunately it rained very heavy on the Saturday night. We ended up having to leave early on Sunday. The river was swollen and if the rain continued, we would not be able to get home. We had to cross the river in three different places. It was very scary. We lost our front license plate in the river. But with a few other vehicles leading and following us, we did get out okay. All in all, it was a very nice weekend.

This month we had some behavioral issues with big Lucky. The situation was discussed with the social worker and the decision was made that Lucky needed an environment where he could get more one on one attention to help him to deal with his emotional issues. We were very

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happy that Lucky was taken in by Bushveld mission. Lucky will have the help he needs and be mentored by older boys.

We have had to temporarily hire a new man to help with all the manual labor. The summer months always have more work than we can handle. Solomon is just out of school and is a very hard worker.

Our semiannual board meeting of The Fold is coming up the first weekend of February. So we are busy preparing for that.

The school where most of our children attend had a huge sports day recently. It was 7 hours of numerous activities. A very long day, and one of the hottest days on record this summer. But our children managed to bring home 6 medals. All the children at the school who placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> will attend another sports day on 1 February which will include all the surrounding schools and the winners of that day will go on to another sports day. We will find out this week how many of our children qualified to attend the next sports day. Gadibo and Piet each won 2 medals.



We have been in contact with a family who have 3 orphans that need our help. Their mother died in December. It is 3 boys, aged 9 months, 4 years and 6 years. We are hoping to make the final arrangements to receive them the first weekend of February.

Prayer requests: Rain. Lucky and his future. Short and long term volunteers. Adam and Jennifer Hayes; their fundraising and quick return.

Praises: Ability to help the new children in need. A new water well. Adam and Jennifer Hayes, our future helpers. Local interests in The Fold continue to increase.

God bless,  
Paul and Micky Prince