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Greetings,

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The beginning of the month found us in Johannesburg helping out with a big vegetable tower project. We are finding that helping out other's with their projects always turns out to be a blessing to us. Usually in the networking department, and this time was no different. We met a woman who had come just to find out what the vegetable towers were all about. She's involved with an organization that helps cut the red tape between the people and the government. She knows what department or organization can help for any problem you may be having. We thought she wouldn't be able to help us because it's a different province, but it's a country wide program and she knows the person in our district. So this was another God appointment, putting us with another person we needed to know.

Where else but in Africa, can you go to a meeting, and when you come out to where you left your vehicle, there are three rhino hanging around?



In the last 6-8 months, our phone has been off more than on. It seems like they fix it, and a few days later it's broken again. I guess other's in town have been having the same problem, and I think they contacted a local TV show that covers stuff like that. It may have solved the problem. Our phone has been working since the last time they fixed it a few weeks ago. Not having a working phone was adding to our cell phone bill, but we were grateful that it didn't affect our internet connection.

We attended a biblically based business training class that was being given by our neighbor (an American who spends about 6 months a year here). The class was attended by some of the locals, including seniors in high school and other young adults who were interested in business. It was very interesting and again will prove to help us with our work here.

Still working to get government approval for the non-profit setup. Although our paperwork matched their example word for word, it was returned for corrections. Go figure. It was returned on a Friday, we made the changes they requested on the weekend, and made the trip to Pretoria on Monday to get it back into the system as quickly as possible. The upside is, they told us we can still function as a non-profit prior to getting our official approval. So we took that advice and went to the next town over to see about opening the bank account we needed for the non-profit. It took about two hours, but we now have a bank account for The Fold. The money in the states has been transferred over here, and until we purchase the property, it's getting a 10% return on interest. Much better than anything we could get in the States. We were also able to get a special deal for non-profits which reduced banking fees.

We recently received four checks in memory of recently deceased friends. A reminder of what we are missing back home. We have lost quite a few dear friends since we have been here.

Another aspect of getting The Fold setup has been set back a few months as well. People here really like to help, but the outcome is not always what you hoped for. Turns out the man we hired to set up our section 21 company, wasn't as knowledgeable in that area as he thought. After taking his completed paperwork to our lawyer, the lawyer had no idea what he was looking at. Our lawyer said it wasn't correct and probably won't even be legal. So, although we lost the \$150 we paid (we used personal money – not ministry funds for this), it's the two months wasted that is most unfortunate. But God does provide and we know that events play out as he has planned; when telling our accountant about the situation we discovered he sets up section 21 company paperwork regularly for \$300 (which is still a reasonable price – some quotes we received were as much as \$1,000). So now we're starting again, but at least we know we have someone who can complete the job accurately for us. He said it will take about three months for the whole process. So we're looking at this as God giving us more time to raise the funds for the property.

As for the property, I think we already told you our lawyer said the title was not clear and therefore could be an issue for us. And unfortunately the older gentleman selling the property appears to be having problems reasoning with these issues. We will be visiting with his deceased wife's attorney again soon, to see if some of the issues surrounding the property can be resolved. Rest assured we will not do anything foolish in regards to the money you have entrusted to us. We really believe this property would be perfect for our needs, but if it's not meant to be, we will be open to any direction God leads us. We will start looking around the area for other options soon. But we do have time on our side as we wait for the section 21 company to be established.

I know Spring has started for most of you. Fall has started here for us. We can definitely tell the difference in the temperature. It's much cooler in the evening and early morning. Won't be long before we have to pull the blankets out. They say that last winter was very mild. We are praying that it will be mild again. The summer was definitely different. When we arrived a year ago, it had been a very dry summer and the area wasn't that green. We have had a very wet summer this year, and everything is so beautiful and green. Wish you could all be here to see it.

This weekend was quite busy. The Friday Night Youth (FNY) group that we help with, had their spirit filled weekend this weekend. We had already made plans for the Saturday, but we helped out with the Friday evening portion. I think there was about 23 youth. They got to spend the weekend at a camp out in the country. It was a great place, and they all had a great weekend. Eight of them were baptized. We already had plans to attend an evangelistic meeting on Saturday, about two hours from here. It was a long day, but the meeting was great. In fact, Angus Buchan will be coming to a TV/video store near you. He announced that his movie "Faith like potatoes" will be released in the states on 7 April, and that his program "Grassroots" will be aired internationally on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). We watch his program all the time. He's a simple farmer over here, but has a great, simple message.

Prayer concerns: We need prayer continually for the red tape process to set up our non-profit. We need God's guidance on the purchase of the property. Angus Buchan will be having a huge campaign with anticipated participation of about 200,000 men. Paul, along with a lot of men from this town will be going. They need prayer for travel and open hearts for the message. Micky's mother is having spinal surgery on her neck tomorrow (30 March) and one of Micky's sisters is having spinal surgery on her lower back on 7 April.

God Bless,

Paul and Micky Prince