

Prince Ministry In South Africa

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Greetings, January 2012

We arrived safely back in South Africa after a wonderful furlough. It was very busy and very gratifying. We were amazed at the support and love we received during our time in the U.S. We had an uneventful flight back, but took about five days to get over the jetlag. Once home, we jumped back into the business of running The Fold. We had a lot to catch up on, and not much time to do it. Only two weeks after we arrived, Micky's mom Betty, and two youth pastors from our home church, Marcy and Jared, arrived. They have certainly been a blessing. Betty has jumped right in and has spent most of her time on the sewing machine. She's making panels to use on the open closets in the children's rooms. We had been using heavy curtains, which didn't hang very nicely. Jared has been busy with some manual labor and helping the children with homework. Marcy has also been doing some manual labor, including mowing the soccer field, and helping Micky sort through a lot of donated items. Jared and Marcy both have been spending a lot of time on the soccer field with the children.



We're in the process of getting estimates to finish our second children's house; there's not too much left to do. However. we still don't know if we've reached the required level of support necessary to open the house and bring more children into the Fold. Please be thinking about helping us with this important milestone. We did not receive many new pledges during our furlough, but we believe there may be individuals and families who still intend to become supporters. We need \$1500 in monthly commitments before we can hire staff and open the second house. We have been blessed with some new donors, as well as increased donations from current donors during this past month. We will need to confirm that some of our new donations will be ongoing each month, in order to know how close we are in meeting the required funding level. In addition, this might be a good time for anyone who has donated time or money in 2011 to check with your company for a corporate community donation program. In the past, we have received corporate donations that matched an employee's monetary donation, or gave for an employee's volunteered hours. In fact, we received a very generous check recently for time volunteered for one of the fund raising events for the van.

The new school year started just a few weeks ago. The farm school where the children attend has one less teacher now, which makes education even more of a challenge. The children's education has vastly improved while we were gone, thanks to Theko and Penny's efforts. We will have to stay diligent in our efforts with after school education. Unfortunately for us, but not for Theko, he has been accepted into the police academy here in South Africa. This is a great opportunity for him and his family. His educational efforts and mentoring of the children will be greatly missed. His wife Penny will continue on here with us. Theko has promised to come visit as often as he can.

At this point, the internet company has come out to our property, but was not able to get a signal from their tower. They have talked to our neighbor, who has a high point on his property. They will come back to see if they can get a signal from that point. If they can, then we can get the internet installed here. So at this point, it is still a waiting game.

We've been able to take the children out twice to a friend's house where there is a pool. We take a picnic and make a day of it. The children really enjoy themselves. Needless to say, they are totally worn out at the end of the day and end up going to bed before they are told to.



Prayer requests: Funding for operational expenses of our second children's house, after school tutoring, and purchase of a van. Short term and long term volunteers.

Praises: Our second children's house soon to be a reality. The interest we are having in regards to the Fold.

God bless, Paul and Micky Prince