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Greetings,

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We signed a contract for the property for the children's home on 30 June. Peter seen here with Paul, is the gentleman who has sold the property to The Fold.



Michael Calamia from A World Aware (and our neighbor in the next apartment) was here for two weeks. He brought a whole van load of teenagers with him, along with their Caretaker Ivy, and Esther who runs a preschool in Sowetto, which is in Johannesburg. Esther stayed with us in our spare bedroom. I think she's either late 60's or early 70's. She is a very funny lady, but she also can tell you some horror stories about the apartheid era. She is a very strong Christian lady and teaches all the kids at her school about God and Jesus. The whole group was here to offer a VBS in four of the farm schools in our area. Farm schools are out in the country and tend to be very neglected. The children have to walk a very long distance to get to school. (For those of you with the stories of how far you walked uphill in the snow to get to school, you've got nothing on these kids) They provided VBS in two schools at a time for 3 days each; running the VBS for 6 days total. The kids had a blast. It was school holidays at that time and the children wouldn't normally be in the area. But since the VBS was being offered, the parents kept the children at home so they could attend. Normally farm kids go away to visit other relatives during school holidays.

We have another video link that shows the work currently going on over here. It was made for some coworkers "Stu and Marilyn Cook". They had taken it to the States on their recent fundraising trip. Get your tissues handy. The Link is <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSIHuJWD5cQ>

We received a huge gift from a friend who runs another children's home "Tekna House". She gave us a list of names and addresses for corporate sponsor's of different charities. As soon as we can get the fundraising expertise we need, we will be contacting these prospective donors to tell them about the children and their needs.

Micky recently signed us up for face book. So if we haven't already found you, please find us and "be our friend". It's registered as "Micky Prince", using the mickyc@hotmail.com e-mail. There is also a "cause" registered for Prince Ministry in South Africa. Please join up. Facebook will allow us to post many more pictures on-line to share with you, instead of the one or two we send with the newsletter.

Last week, we spent most of the week on the property getting the tall grass cut back, trees trimmed, parts of the building cleaned (it's been years since the last cleaning). We hired a few men to help out. Paul and our good friend Harry did a lot of work. Paul and I definitely overdid it. We're not used to that kind of work. Paul ended up with a sprained knee and tons of scratches and bruises. He also went up a tree with a circular saw and I was doing a lot of praying while he was up there. The electricity has been turned on and the electrician has repaired all the baboon damage. One of our directors arranged to have a man come out and inspect our borehole (well). It wasn't the best news. It only pulls 1800 liters an hour, so they would normally only pump 1,000 liters an hour. That's enough for a few people if you don't water your grass. So now

we are checking into our options. This hole is actually not deep enough, but we don't know if we can find someone to drill an existing hole deeper. So we will be checking out our options on getting access to the water we need.

This past weekend we had four unwitting volunteers to work on the property for a few hours. Michael Calamia of A World Aware, is teaching a business course to some of the poor people. In exchange, they have to complete a work project to be able to attend part 2 of the class. These people are the ones who missed the original work project (building tower gardens), but we were able to put them to work clearing out some of the tall grass on our property. They definitely worked hard and earned their next business class, which is coming up on the first of August.

We received another great gift. We had 1,000 bricks donated to us. Not sure how many we need, but it's a start.

Now that we have a place to put the children's home, we are definitely ready for all of you to come and volunteer your time. We have tons of work. No children to play with yet, but lots of labor needed.

Just this week we attended another parents training class at our "mentor's", Bethesda House. We sure appreciate all the help they give us. It's also the time of year for bush fires, and last Saturday a fire started on their property. Luckily it did not damage any of the buildings.

Just today we were out at the property again, getting some friends moved in. They will be taking care of the property and keeping an eye on things. They will be "roughing it", as there is no proper house. They have a roof over their heads, but have to walk through the woods to get to the bathroom. A lot of monkeys were seen on the property today. They may be cute, but they cause a lot of damage.

We took out a loan this week to have the remaining money needed to purchase the property.

Please pray that everything goes smoothly with the financial and legal endeavors concerning the property. Pray that we make good contacts with South African people who have a heart for the orphans. Pray for us that we don't get stressed out.

God bless,

Paul and Micky Prince