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Greetings,

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It's been a very busy month. We have decided to step out in faith in regards to our building program. We still don't have the deed to the property, and we have been waiting for 8 months. A week after we decided to step out in faith, we received word the deed had finally been released from the master's office, and a few days later it was filed in the deed's office. At this point it has gone through three levels in the deeds office and no questions have been raised. It is possible we could get the deed next week.

The reason we decided to step out in faith in regards to the building, was we received an offer we couldn't refuse, from a local builder. He is making a gap in his schedule to offer us a very good deal. We get him and four of his skilled workers for four weeks. Whatever he gets done in that time, is what we get. We provide the unskilled labor and the building materials. As long as we can keep them productive, we should be able to get the children's home built, plus some other portions of the two apartments and maybe an extension on the main kitchen. So we have been very busy sourcing materials and hauling them to the site. Plus we have been clearing the bush to be ready for fire season. The industrial weedeater we were blessed with last month, has been a great blessing. We've worked it so much, it's already been to the shop for a tune up. The builder also gave us some projects to do, that will save them time, and they can go to work immediately. We have been roughing up the cement floor, so they can refloor it, and digging two huge holes for the septic systems.



The social worker who we had an appointment with last month, came to visit the property. He had some concerns about our distance from the towns. Also concerned about wild animals and snakes. He was having a hard time understanding our concept of having a family style setting. He said he was going to tell his supervisor and others that they needed to come out and visit us. We were not too impressed with his visit. He kept telling us they didn't need another children's home, that we needed to set up a place of safety. We continually told him that was not what God had told us to do. Other ministries would have to cover that need. Our two director's, Salome and Rethi are going to get involved in this situation. They said we need to skip the social workers and go right to the top. They have taken on the task of figuring out who that is, and to explain in their own language exactly what we want to do, so there is no misunderstanding. In the meantime, a friend of ours who is a very well known and well respected black pastor in the next town, assures us that we can bypass government and go

straight to the tribal chiefs in his area, that they have lots of orphans who need help. The tribal chiefs have their own governing system. We would like to have that government certificate, no matter which way we go. A lot of organizations want to see that certificate before they help us, and working with the government gets us a small amount of financial help. Either way, we will have children on this property, and will be doing what God called us here for.

We have pretty much decided that Emmanuel and Vongai would be our first set of house parents. Details of that situation still need to be worked out. They only have a traditional marriage, and we require a legal marriage. That is a huge problem in South Africa. In order to get married, the bride price has to be negotiated and paid. Most people can't afford it, so they never complete the marriage process, and in most cases just live together. Emmanuel has still not paid all of his bride price. Emmanuel and Vongai are going to go to Zimbabwe to see their children over the Easter Holiday weekend, and try to renegotiate the bride price, so they can be legally married. We won't officially hire them as parents until we start receiving children on the property.

Our winter (your summer) will be busy. Our neighbor Michael Calamia, who is in charge of A World Aware, is going to use our property for a campout for about 50 teenagers this June for 3 or 4 days. Most of them come from the city. It will be a chance to get out of the city, get some spiritual input, and do a project for The Fold. At this point, we have some areas that we want surrounded with reeds, which will make them blend in with the bush, and look a little more attractive. Our neighbor next door to the Fold has a river, and he has lots of reeds he would love to get rid of. So we all win.

For those who don't have facebook, we have posted a video on the internet. The link to see it is:.... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unsjNbKHo60> We will be posting more video's when our internet starts working again.

Prayer needs: Safety for all the workers during this building process. Lots of work accomplished by the builder. The deed to the property. Favor with the social worker system.

God bless,

Paul and Micky Prince