

Sorry to take so long with the next update. We returned last Wednesday from our trip to Colorado for language school and a side trip after that, and I have not taken the time to sit down and write this, and everyone wants to know how the school was. It was a very good class and we got a lot of good knowledge out of it. They taught us how to learn a language. It is a very involved process. We learned about American's and their 44 sound box. We only have 44 sounds in our language and we try and make other languages fit in our sound box, but that only makes you sound like a foreigner if you do that. So we spent 2 weeks getting our ears and mouths worked out making all kinds of weird noises. We kept hearing the babies in the group at the meal times making noises that sounded like some that we were making. That was pretty funny. We had to watch our mouths in a mirror while we made certain sounds to see how it was happening. It was very involved and sounds weird, but it was very much worth the time and money spent. We have tapes we are working with, but you really need to see the person's mouth to find out how they are making certain sounds. We plan on checking with the local universities to see if they have anyone attending who speaks Afrikaans that would be our "language helper" as they are called in the training we had. Since it is summer, we may not have any luck until fall, and will work with what we have for now. It was cool in Colorado and we even had a snow storm one day.

From there we drove to North Carolina (over 4500 miles on the car for the entire trip), we successfully sold the china that Micky had bought in Germany (mailed the payment to pay off the car today) (This way we don't have to mess with a lien on the car when we sell it). We got to visit with Paul's niece Ashley who just had a baby and her husband is currently deployed. We got to do 3 walks while we were passing through states, and had dinner with Micky's brother and family as we passed through Nashville on the way home.

Paul's son is in town visiting from Massachusetts this week, so he is busy with family.

We have an appointment this Sunday with a local church to talk to them, and we have a fund raiser in St Louis later this month (my family has been making neck coolers and will be selling them at the town fair and we will have our pictures and display at a booth) and will hopefully get to talk to a church there also. The fund raising has been a little slow so far, but hopefully will pick up soon. Our church has voted to start supporting us on 1 Sept, this year. We picked up another small church recently from a friend, and they have already started sending us a monthly donation. This will certainly help us to start accumulating money that will be needed for our start up funding for when we get to South Africa.

For those of you locally, we are hoping to have our first garage sale on 30 June. So come out and see what we have and we wouldn't mind a few bodies hanging around to help.

I'm sure I'm forgetting something important, but it will just have to go on the next update.

Thanks for all your interest, support and prayers. We couldn't do it without you all.

God Bless,

Paul and Micky Prince

P.S. I have pasted a letter from Stu and Marilyn who we will be working with. The drought there has become very bad. Please pray for rain in this area.

Dear Friends and Family in the Lord,

"The word of the Lord was rare in those days, visions were infrequent." (I Samuel 3:1) Probably you think this can apply to us as well. Newsletters from us have not been very frequent, I'll admit. I'll have to drive into Vaalwater, our nearest town, to send this to you. The communications tower of our e-mail server is malfunctioning and gives us only a weak and erratic signal. Only rarely can I send and collect from home. There are a lot of infrastructure functions that you perhaps assume will always be there when you want them; we accept malfunctions as a way of life!

We're sending separately a photo of a huge crowd of children at a recent "soup kitchen" day at the big tent in Lesideng. This was during the largest of three sessions, two in the tent and one across at a new squatter camp where many people were forced to go. It will be better for them over there - eventually . What a joy to Marilyn and her co-workers to be able every week to teach hundreds of children from the most terribly deprived situations about the love of Jesus, and to give these hungry little ones some food and milk for their bodies as well. The special offerings that have been sent to us for the children are much appreciated, because both numbers and costs have been increasing. We're beginning to discuss the idea of building a permanent structure to replace the big tent, which we could then move to another location.

Next Wednesday Michael Calamia, founder and head of A World Aware Inc., will be arriving in Johannesburg, and following him over the next few months will be four teams of short term AWA volunteers. Keep them, and all of us, in prayer for productive, safe and Christ-honoring ministries. Next month Dale and Huey Mason, and Al and Velma Corson will be arriving. Please remember them as well.

We're facing a terrible drought here. Our water is lower than we've ever seen it in the seventeen years we've owned the property up here in the Waterberg Mountains. That name is certainly a misnomer right now. The small stream going through Grace Place hasn't been flowing for many weeks. The dry winter season is just beginning and the situation is already bad. A couple months ago we had a geohydrologist come to locate the most likely spot for a well, and we drilled down over six hundred feet but only found a very small amount of water.

The greatest drought here however is for spiritual knowledge, faith

in Jesus Christ, and the holy lives that accompany this flowing of the vital Living Water.

Another aggravation: the new (used) car we bought, with your gracious contribution, had an engine break-down, although we had sent it in to be checked out when we bought it. It appears that in spite of our precautions, we "bought other people's problems". Fortunately there were still sufficient funds from the money designated to pay for the repairs. It's in a garage now, and when we get it back the engine will be repaired and guaranteed. So, praise the Lord - anyway!

The 5th of this month marked forty-one years since our arrival in South Africa. But our work is far from finished. Pray that the Lord will grant us the privilege of seeing many more of our hopes and dreams become realities.

Love, prayers and blessings,