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Greetings,

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For those who haven't heard, we both passed our driving test!! What a relief. This whole process was a real drain on time and finances. We can put this behind us and get on with more important things. We really need to find the time to get back to our language learning.

We made another trip to the children's home, in order to join them at a first aid/CPR class. We rode with them into town for the class. It was an all day class. Lots of good information, and a new contact for us. The ladies who teach the class are all nurses, who do this on the side. They said they would come to our children's home, once we're up and running, and give our parents and workers the class for free. We sure do meet some nice people in this country.



It rained for two days, early this month. This is not normal for this time of year, and not good for the poor people. It's winter here, and cold and wet do not go together. This last week it has been extremely cold here. Not sure what the outside temperature is, but it's been 59 degrees in the bedroom when we wake up. We have company this week and have purchased hot water bottles to try and keep everyone warm at night. We are all wearing lots of layers and drinking lots of hot tea and coffee.

Our company this week involves an organization we work with called A World Aware. You can find their link on our website. This week we are working with them at some farm schools doing VBS for 6 days. Two people are staying at our house, and a whole van load of teenagers is staying out on a farm with another organization we also work with called Bushveld Missions. One of these days, we will get their link on our website also.

We continue to meet nice people. A couple who have recently moved to our town, Brian and Anne have donated their time to draw up blue prints and given us costs on what it will take to convert the building that is already on the property we are buying. They don't do the building themselves, they only give costs. It helps their customers know about how much they'll have to pay a builder. At the current exchange rate, it will take about \$60,000 to totally rehabilitate the building. They are currently working on breaking down the cost of each individual room. As we get the funds, the family home will be done first, with an apartment for us second, and the other rooms done later. The apartment will allow us to be on site, and at a later date, we will use our

own funds to build a small house on the property, and the apartment will then be used for visitors and interns.

We have recently submitted a lot of documentation and written a lot of policy letters in order to get top billing with Guidestar, a non-profit company that rates all the non-profits. This lets you know who is in good standing, according to their standards. You can check us out at: <http://www2.guidestar.org/> You can search for Prince Ministry in South Africa and see most of our documents. Some of the documents, you have to pay Guidestar to see them. You can also donate money through Guidestar, but they keep a small portion of the money.

The non-profit in England is still being set up, but there is already a big fundraising event set up in England for September. It will have food, a band, a live auction and raffles. It sounds like a great event they have planned.

We had a meeting with the property seller and his attorney recently, and now have an agreed upon contract. The contract for the property was signed on 30 June 2009. Now we'll be looking for the remainder of the balance which we hope to have by the end of July, God willing.

After a weekend sewing marathon in St. Louis (that included supporters from Ohio and Wisconsin as well), our St. Louis supporters were stocked and ready for their third annual neck cooler sale this past weekend at the local community fair. This was their best year yet, raising \$1,075. They said much of their success this year was due to the hot weather God sent their way (98 degrees on Saturday) and the additional advertising from everyone wearing them and talking about how wonderful they were. As is the case every year, they do expect additional sales to be generated from their presence at the event and other off-shoot sales opportunities. Thank you again to all who helped for your time and effort on this event.

Just got word from a friend who lives on the main road through town. He was in his garden and saw a rhino run by. It had escaped from a game capture vehicle. They finally caught it by darting it and got it back in the transport truck before it passed out. Wish we had a picture of that. You never know what you might see in this town.

Prayer requests: All goes well with the contract signing. The remaining money we need comes in quickly (approximately \$50,000). God to help us find the right house parents for our first home. The last portions of our South African non-profit to come through in a timely manner. God to help us find South Africans who have a heart for orphans, that are willing to help support The Fold. Preparations for our first furlough.

God bless,

Paul and Micky Prince