

It's taken me awhile to finally sit down and do this, but here is our most recent update on how things have been going.

We went to St Louis late last month for the Ballwin Days (local festival). My sister had rented a booth for us to sell neck coolers as a fund raiser for our ministry. When we got there, I couldn't believe the massive amounts of neck coolers that my sister and my mother had sewn. It was unbelievable. They must have spent most of their time at the sewing machine. We sold more than \$700 worth that weekend, and my mother, sister and other family members have continued to sell them, and we even brought some back with us. These neck coolers have brought in well over \$1,000. They were able to get the beads that swell up inside the coolers donated, and got a lot of the material as remnants at Walmart. My mother recently ran into a woman at the post office who told my mother that she could probably get donated material from another non-profit organization. They are still hard at work sewing more neck coolers. Even my chiropractor has taken a box of them to sell in his office, and I heard my nephew is going door to door selling them also.

We had our first garage sale the end of last month. God blessed us with the rain stopping just that morning. We sold quite a bit, but still have a lot more to sell. We will probably have another one 28 July. The house is starting to look empty. We actually borrowed a little bit of furniture from a friend at work, who had extra furniture she needed to store for a little while.

Due to a friend coming to check us out at our garage sale, she fell in love with our 10 year old basset hound. So he went home with her, and he is in hog heaven. He was an outdoor dog with little human contact. Now he is an indoor dog, gets to go on frequent car trips and she teaches piano in her home, so he also has lots of kids petting him. That was an answer to prayer, and a really good answer for the dog.

We also had another recent answer to prayer. We had some volunteers to take over the divorce recovery class we taught at church. They are running with it and are passionate about it, so we are really grateful for that. Our next big request is to find someone who is also passionate about taking on Paul's preaching position at Woodland Terrace retirement center. Someone who will love on those people as much as we do.

We also are pleased to announce that our website has had some activity on it. It's still not finished, but there is more to look at now.

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Paul's Uncle is currently on his deathbed. Paul has been spending as much time as he can visiting (they live 1 1/2 hours from here). Also, a dear man who retired a few years ago from where I work at, is also on his death bed. Please keep them in your prayers.

I have also attached the latest news from Stu and Marilyn in South Africa. They have been very busy, and very cold.

God Bless,

Paul and Micky Prince

From Stu and Marilyn Cook at Grace Place, South Africa

Dear Friends and Family in the Lord,

"Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ".

Many things have been happening in our lives since our last Update: Marilyn tells me there have been thirty-two different people staying with us over the past month. This includes four with A World Aware (keep Michael Calamia in prayer), seven from Campus Outreach in Georgia, two missionary couples (Masons and Corsons) returning from Mozambique, and a crowd from Johannesburg. The end is not in sight. However, we are certainly not complaining because we have been blessed, both by the fellowship and by the contributions that each one has made to various aspects of the Lord's work. Phil and June Landrum from Austin spent three weeks with us (previous to the thirty-four). As a result a set of five VBS lessons on CD have gone out to several churches, a short video about the children's work in Lesideng set to the very suitable accompaniment of "The Prayers of the Children", and a longer video interview starring those noted long-term (over-the-hill?) missionaries Stu and Marilyn Cook. Dozens of high-quality pictures have been accumulated as resources for illustrating the hoped-for book of Insights. Thank you, Phil and June, for such pains-taking and high quality work. All these productions, by the way, are available to anyone who can make use of them.

We conducted a week-long "Insights Seminar" with a small group of young men. The venue, "Kudu Lodge" is out in the bush and was donated by one of the Christian families. Since then I've had a lengthy discussion with the headmaster of the local high school about the possibility of seminars for students. The main hold-up is funds to cover costs.

Our new-to-us (1999) Chrysler Voyager is running beautifully after a difficult beginning, and its seven-seat capacity has been in regular use. It wasn't build for the bush, for sure, but is great on the longer runs, such as picking up four adults and much luggage at the Johannesburg airport and driving them north to Grace Place. May it's life be long and productive.

An outdoor evangelistic outreach for July 12-15 is being organized for the new squatter settlement where many people from Lesideng were forced to go. Numbers at the soup kitchens now average about 700 children. The Gospel is still free, but the milk and sandwiches for the kids cost more all the time. Praise God for the special money that has been given by some of you for that purpose.

Construction work at the Aletheia retreat center, the property across the stream from Grace Place, proceeds, but slowly. The primarily use presently is as a guest house and for city people needing R&R.

Our friend Karen Toet, dying of cancer, has been declared (at least almost)

cancer -free. The medical people said that "It is a miracle"! Of course. Every answer to prayer is a miracle, supernatural intervention into the affairs of this natural realm.

Marian Peek, our lo-o-o-ng time forwarding agent and my beloved aunt, is going in the day after tomorrow for shoulder replacement surgery. Her FA duties will be carried on, we know ably, by Jim and Leanne Fuhrer of Casper. South Africa has been experiencing very cold weather. Snow has fallen over most of the southern and central parts of the country. Where is Al Gore when we need him? Our hearts have gone out to the many living in makeshift tin shanties with few if any warm clothes and blankets. Take time to thank God for the many blessings you take for granted.

We know you keep us in prayer. May HE bless you many times over. We love and appreciate you.

Blessings,

Stu and Marilyn Cook