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Greetings,

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We're excited! Not a big deal to most people, but after five months, we finally have a key to our post office box. Yeah!!! Now we don't have to waste time standing in long lines to find out if we have any mail, plus we can check mail after the post office closes.



We have "found" another 3 orphans. They range in age from 2 to 14. The five year old starts school in January, so we will buy her first school uniform, and the 14 year old only needed a few uniform items. They are living with their two Aunts. One aunt is a school teacher at the elementary school. She told us how bad things are at school in regard to school supplies. So we helped her out there also with some pencils and paper. She was very happy about that. Then we got her to introduce us to her principal. We asked Michael Calamia who was in Jo'berg at the

time to get us a few hundred rand worth of pencils and paper. He showed up with a major pile of stuff. You should have seen the looks on the faces of the students and teachers when we showed up with all that stuff. School is run year round and starts in January. They get the years worth of supplies in January, so at this time of year, things are running out, and students have no paper or pencils to work with. Pictured here are some of the students with supplies that were delivered.



The water situation this month has been lots of fun. Winter is the dry season, so water levels go down. We never know when we will have water. So when it is on, we take immediate advantage of it. We can't wait until morning or evening to take a shower, we have to make time right then, because you don't know if the water will be on when you want to use it. So far, it is usually on at least part of the day. We went for over 24 hours once with no water. This month is also the windy month. So you can imagine with no water for months and high winds, we have constant dirt flying through the air. At times the sand storms are just awful. Paul's allergies are loving this weather. We are told that September is the rainy month, and that after a few weeks of rain, all this dead dry vegetation will be replaced with beautiful greenery. We look forward to that.

There was a walking fund raiser here in town this month. Brought back memories of the walking club. It was to raise money for the local AIDS hospice in town. The turnout wasn't huge, but they want to make it an annual event, and hope to have a bigger turnout in the future. We met another interesting contact on the walk, that could be of potential use in the future. We are constantly meeting new people.

I (Micky)had another doctor's visit this month. The test results were clear, so he said that I should come back again in 6 months, and if it's still clear, I can go back to yearly visits. So that was good news.

We also have huge news and really need your prayers on this one. We may have found property that we can build on. We are waiting for approval to use this land, but it could be months before we get the go ahead. We want to start off with a large hall that can be used for church services, different meetings like bible studies and youth gatherings, plus a place for our visiting guests to sleep. When that is done, we want to start building cottages around it that would house family style groups. At that time, the large hall will also become the kitchen, dining room, recreation room, home work room, etc for the orphans. We will call it a safe house, because the word orphanages don't sit well with the government. We figured we should start building before there is a need to house an orphan, instead of being requested to help house someone, and having no place to put them. "Build it and they will come", as was said in a movie. We are moving out in faith that God is going to give us the land we want to use. Since we are not that creative, we are asking you to think about a name for our future front gate. It could be just a name, or a name with a scripture that goes well with it. The local daycare here for orphans is called "Timothy house", and I can't think of the scripture they have associated with it. All the farms here have names also, such as Grace Place, Shalom, etc. Let us know what your ideas are, and maybe together we can come up with a great name for our front gate.

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Today we saw an interesting sight. On the way to soup kitchen, we passed two large tall trucks, and they were both carrying two giraffe's each. Not everyday you get to see something like that.

Thanks and God bless,

Paul and Micky Prince