

Prince Ministry In South Africa

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Greetings,

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Lots of good news to report; we had two visitors from our home church, Jim and Michele. They only stayed a week, so we crammed as much as we could into the visit. As they left, they wished they could have stayed longer and done more work at the Fold. We tried to give them a taste of Africa while they were here, and shared other ministries with them, that are currently



going on in our area. When they left, they said they wanted to come back and just stay and work at the Fold. During their time at the Fold, they sanded and painted a donated bed frame, pulled weeds, and Jim got two electrical problems fixed for us. One of our director's who owns a game farm was able to give Jim and Michele a game drive, and they were able to experience true Africa, including up close and personal with rhinos. On a lighter side, this being the end of summer over here, Michele very much enjoyed eating the watermelon that is just going out of season. Part of the reason for Jim and Michele's visit, was to bring items to us, that had been left

behind, including quilts and afghans for the children. When they arrived the two main bags with those items did not show up. They had not been put on the plane. Due to the shortness of their trip (one week), Atlanta decided they would not send the bags on. With some last minute begging and Michele's daughter who works for the airlines calling in favors, the bags showed up the same day Jim and Michele left. We were very much overjoyed to see those bags.

On our way to the airport to drop off Jim and Michele, we stopped at a store and Jim bought the Fold an industrial strength weedeater. He had seen all the work that needs to be done, and had seen our workers manually slashing grass. This is so great, and will get more work done quicker. We have been working on pushing back the bush, from around the main building. Clearing and leveling the ground just behind the building where the first children's home will be, to make space for a playground, and to clear out all the thorn bushes before barefoot children will be running around in the area.

Our October visitors from last year have been busy since they arrived back home as well. They've made up power point presentations and are showing them to anyone who will let them. Even visiting friends' churches, and have successfully raised additional funds for the ministry. We expect Jim and Michele will probably be doing the same for us. They were really excited when they left, and will be a great testimony back at our home church, with what they witnessed here. Just this week we received an e-mail from another friend who wanted 200 of our brochures, because she's going to a women's conference and visiting two churches. She's going to share our ministry, and another couple's ministry who live in our area at this event.

In May of last year, we had a visitor from England. He was also impressed with what he saw, and donated a game drive vehicle to be sold, with the funds being used for the Fold. This month, a buyer was finally found for the vehicle and the proceeds were about \$4600. Not only do we have enough to build that family home now, but we may have enough to get the two

apartments done also. Time will tell, as our cost estimates are over 6 months old now, and prices continue to rise in the building industry.

In addition to the other things Jim and Michele brought, we also asked them to bring study



bibles. They were able to bring six with them, of which we've already passed out five; most to local pastors who don't have the availability of good study materials. In this picture is Ezekiel with his infant son. Ezekiel is also on our board of directors.

The animals we have at the Fold are getting used to having people around. Most evenings, just at dusk, we have a parade of kudu and impala passing along the front of the building, near the fence line. It is amazing to watch.

It's been another month of ups and downs in regards to the deed to the property. We have pretty much been calling twice a week for updates, and every week this month, we get what sounds like good news in the early part of the week, and it turns into bad news the later part of the week. Last week, the master's office lost two more documents from the package, so those had to be searched out and recreated. Those have been submitted and we are waiting again.

We contacted a social worker in the next town over from us. She said they needed more homes for children, but after she contacted the head social worker we told you about last month. She said they didn't need any new homes. Now we have been contacted by another social worker who wants to talk to us about our plans. We have a tentative appointment for next Tuesday.

Our friends at Goodsearch have sent out another reminder to get people to use their search engine, and use the online shopping portion of it. This time it's a reminder to tell everyone we know, who works as an office manager (or has a friend who is an office manager) to buy their office supplies through the goodsearch website. All of the big office supply stores are on-board including Staples, Office Depot, and OfficeMax. Maybe you can down load the goodsearch toolbar located on our website (www.princeministry.org) on the office manager's computer. This way, even if they forget to go through the website, the purchase still gets captured, and Prince Ministry earns more money.

We were blessed with a game drive at one of the expensive game farms here. Our friend Hamish needed to test an applicant on his knowledge for his level two game driving abilities, so we got to go along as customers and ask a lot of questions. It was a great trip and we learned a lot of new things.

Prayer concerns: Please continue to pray about the deed to the property. Pray for us to find the house parents that God would want us to have. Pray that we find favor with the social worker.

God bless,

Paul and Micky Prince