

Prince Ministry In South Africa

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Greetings, December 2009

It has been another great month visiting churches, and spending time with friends and family, but soon we'll be back in South Africa. Our flight leaves Tulsa on 5 Jan at 10:00 a.m. on Delta flight 5328. We will check in at 8 a.m. and will then hang around the security gate until about 9 a.m. if you would like to come out and see us off.

It's been wonderful sharing information about The Fold with everyone and we're delighted to know so many of you are interested in keeping up with the progress to make a difference in the lives of these children. In fact, we've increased our monthly newsletter recipients by 70 during our visit. We still need more donors to meet our goal of 40 new families or individuals who will pledge \$25 a month to support the children's home. Please let all your friends and family know what we're doing, in case they would like to give. That's been our biggest help, our friends sharing what they know about this mission. We were able to visit 6 new churches this trip, with the assistance of friends. With everyone's help, we've raised enough funds these past two months, over and above our regular donations, to allow us to get the first children's home built once we receive the deed to the property. We're praying that God will grant favor, and we can start receiving children by March.

We're so glad to have the opportunity to share our message of hope for these children, and it amazes us when we hear how it affects others. A few days after showing our "children's" powerpoint to a group of children, I saw one of the mothers and she told me her 6 year old said he wants to save his piggy bank money for our orphans. How sweet and awesome is that? His name is Josue and is himself adopted by good friends who have recently returned to the States after serving at a children's home in Mexico. Another couple let their children decide who to donate money to, and they voted to give half to our children's home.

The reception/lunch/silent auction at Cedar Ridge (our home church) was an amazing success. We also had a tremendous turnout for the fund raiser at El Chico's. We are so amazed and blessed during this time we have spent in the States. Another blessing came in the form of savings on office supplies and postage, from a friend with a printing and direct mail business. He's volunteered to mail out our monthly newsletters that are sent to individuals who don't have e-mail capability.

Our friends, who have so graciously shared their home with us, have found another great way for supporters to save money on groceries themselves while generating funds for the Ministry. You just go to the following coupon website: www.commonkindness.com, sign up, chose us as your charity, print grocery coupons and use them when you shop. We have had a good response on goodsearch this month. Please continue to use it, and don't forget you can down load the toolbar from our website: www.princeministry.org.

As a reminder to everyone who has made donations this year, our Treasurer would like to let you know she loves filling out the matching donation request forms from companies whose

employees have sent in contributions. Please check with your human resources office, to see if your company has a matching program – it could double your donation.

We have purchased a video camera, and will be posting short clips on youtube when we get back to South Africa. Of course you are always welcome to visit in person, but if you can't, we hope this will be the next best thing.

Everything turned out well for Micky's melanoma. She didn't need a skin graph. The second tissue removal was clean with no sign of cancer. Just have to keep up with check ups every six months. We will have no problem finding a dermatologist in one of the big cities in South Africa.

Christmas this year was great, getting to be with family. We had a bad snow storm, but were able to be with two of Paul's children, and his two grandchildren. We were supposed to spend the day after Christmas with Paul's mother, brother and sister, but because of road conditions were not able to make it. We are hoping to get there before we leave, for one last visit. We were able to see Paul's other son in early November. Even though we won't be with family next year at Christmas, we look forward to having children at the children's home and establishing traditions at The Fold.

We have been told there's a hotel in a town near our South African property that is going to be doing a remodel soon on some of it's rooms. We have been promised the toilets, sinks and doors. This will be a great help in saving money with our upcoming construction efforts at The Fold.

Prayer requests: Please pray for good goodbyes. Pray for safe travel. Pray that God will lead us to the right house parents when we get back. Pray that the deed to the property comes through soon after we return to South Africa.

God Bless, Paul and Micky Prince