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Greetings,

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Church was very interesting on the 3rd of May. We have been two months without rain, so I guess they assumed it was safe to pull the roof off the church, to rebuild it. Guess what! It rained off and on Saturday (mildly) and we woke up to a steady rain on Sunday. The entire back half of the church roof was totally gone. They had all the chairs moved right up to the stage to get out of the rain. Everyone wanted a front row seat for a change. We actually had a great crowd. They did not get out the PA system because of the holiday and the rain, but had to get it out because there were so many people. The Sunday after that (mother's day), it had rained most of the day Saturday, and looked like rain on Sunday. They had taken off more of the roof, and with the rain, it had a huge puddle in the floor. So they moved church outside on the lawn, the sun came out, and the rain held out until that evening. Paul was preaching that day and ended up using multiple stacked plastic chairs for his pulpit.

One of our South African board members, Tessa, introduced us to a friend of hers from England, by the name of Nigel. Tessa had told him about what we are trying to do in this country, and he is very much interested in helping out however he can. He is going to check out the process of setting up a non-profit for us in England, that way, any visitors we get from England who like what we are doing and want to help, will be able to give a donation through their own country and be able to get a tax receipt for their donation. Nigel needs us to write a business plan with costs, so we are working on that. We have met another nice couple in our town, Ann and Brian, and they actually do quotes for people on getting building work done. So they were nice enough to volunteer their time and come out to the property with us. The next day we went to their house and they had already drawn up plans for the work to be done on the existing building. They had some great ideas. Now they are working out the costs of the plans. Tessa told us that there is already a fund raiser set up in England sometime in September. Nigel and Tessa are both involved in the tourist business, and this fund raiser is in conjunction with a travel convention that is going on in England. The fund raiser will be for multiple charities, but we will be one of them.

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We finally got a test date for our driving license test. It will be in the afternoon of the 2nd of June. So please mark your calendars. Just as soon as you get up on the 2nd, please be in prayer about us passing this test. We won't go into details here, but when we get home, ask us about driving procedures over here. You would be amazed at what you have to go through to pass a driving test in this country.

The owner of the property we want to buy has finally agreed to sign a sensible contract. His deceased wife's estate attorney is supposed to be drawing up the contract now, and we gave her our lawyer's contact details, so she can send it to him, and he can recommend to us if it is

okay to sign it. We are required to have a bank guarantee by 31 July 2009, that says we have the money in our bank account. As of this date, we still need 500,000 Rand. A few months ago, this was about \$50,000, but the exchange rate has drastically changed, so now it's almost \$60,000. We know God can take care of this, it is His project. If you can help in any way, we need the money in Missouri by 15 July, so it can be shipped over here in time.

We are currently 1 ½ hours from home, at another children's home, Bethesda House. They have a new set of house parents, and all new house parents undergo a two week training course. We are being allowed to sit in on this training. We are learning some great stuff, and will have tons of resource materials to help us in the running of The Fold. There is just so many

things that you don't even think about in the raising of children, a lot of common sense things like nutrition and hygiene that needs to be taught to a higher degree. They even teach the American way of making a bed, because it's less of a laundry hassle than the way South Africans normally make a bed. Just a whole pile of tips and hints. We also never realized how important accountability and responsibility are a part of it. How structured and planned everything needs to be in each house to raise the children well and prevent chaos in general in the daily living process. I think our military background will come in handy to some extent, not that we'll be having room



inspections with the kids standing to attention and marching drills, but they keep records on each child, that shows the growth and needed training for each child. Kind of a reminder of our training records from our military days. That's the nice thing about Bethesda House. They are here to provide support and training to other homes. It's a whole lot easier following their lead, than having to reinvent the wheel and start from scratch on our own. We have been given a great road map to follow, in the establishment of our home.

The next step in our non-profit process has come through. We are now an official Section 21 Company, which gives us credibility within the Country of South Africa. We still have two more steps in the process to go. Our auditor will be working on getting the process finished.

Prayer requests: Pray that the exchange rate is in our favor in July. Pray that we are able to come up with all the funds we need by the end of July. Pray that we pass our driver's exam on 2 June. Pray that the final two steps of our non-profit process go quicker than the last two steps have gone.

God Bless,

Paul and Micky Prince