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Greetings,

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Paul had the pleasure of baptizing six of the local teenagers the end of September. The entire teenage bible study group was taken out to Stu and Marilyn's farm and the six teenagers were baptized in their creek. The day before had been really hot, and then we got a cold front, and it was pretty chilly in the creek. But it was a great day, and the kids got to play out in the bush and got to enjoy a meal before they went home. Please pray for these six new believers, that they would grow in their relationship with Christ.

We are currently tracking down people that we want to talk to about being on our South African non-profit board. We also think we have decided on the name of the non-profit organization and children's home. "The Fold". Jesus always talks about his sheep and taking care of them. We will be keeping his lambs in the fold. Nothing has been set in stone yet, but a good friend is already working on the logo for us. Please pray that God directs us in the correct direction and to find the right people with a heart for orphans.

Micky's mom was here for three weeks. We got her involved in all aspects of what we are currently doing. Because of the heat, she wasn't able to stick with us for the entire day of soup kitchen. She also got us out of our usual routine. We have been here 8 months already, and have not done the "tourist" thing. So because of her, we have seen some of the local sites. So now we know where to take you when you come visit us.

The weather this month has been mostly hot, with the occasional cold spell. We finally had rain late this month. I think it was May when it rained last. But this is supposed to be normal this time of year. The water situation is getting continually worse. We usually get water in the house a few hours a day, but have gone three days with no water. The poor people in the village go weeks without water. We are clearing off an area behind our house for a garden to grow seedlings for the vegetable towers and had a



large water storage tank donated. In the process of running the water lines to the tower, we also had them run a line from the tower back to the house. This way, we can also use the stored water in the house when we get desperate. Because of the recent rain, the water tower settled into the dirt crooked, so we had to empty it, move it to the side and put down a concrete pad. The

winds this time of year are really bad, and because of the lack of rain, the wind brings huge dust storms. The picture here shows children in the village playing soccer in the middle of a dust storm. They are out in the middle of that dust cloud.

We had visitors from Colorado the middle of the month. They did a lot of bible studies with the teenagers. They got to see a lot of the area and visit with the locals. They were impressed with what they saw and hope to come back again.

We made a second visit to the children's home 1 ½ hours from here. We got a lot of good information and hopefully will be able to attend some of the monthly training they do with their staff and house parents. We also had our meeting the end of this month with our local church elders about the land behind our rental property, and also to tell them why we are here. (We thought they knew, but they didn't) They were very glad to know that we are here to help the orphans. As for the property behind us that belongs to the church, we have decided that the property is too small (after visiting the other children's home). Our vision is a lot smaller than what God has in mind. Also having been here almost 8 months, we have discovered that the water here in town is a major problem. It's one thing for us to go a few days without water, but having a children's home with no water for days at a time, would be impossible. Plus with all the networking we have been doing, getting to know people, other organizations, and getting to know the area, in all the different seasons of the year, we are learning a lot. We were told that you need to take 2 years for people to know that you are here for good, and don't plan on leaving anytime soon. Another 2 years to earn their trust, and after that you can really get started. We are starting to see the reality of that. We will continue to network with the locals in our area, and hopefully find a local landowner with a heart for the orphans that would be willing to donate land, or sell at a reasonable cost. We still have a long way to go on discovering all the legalities of what we want to do, and we are finding out that we should not rush things. We keep finding new things along the way, all in God's timing. If we had jumped in quickly on the land behind us, we never would have known until too late, about the water problems. We had heard things, but had not experienced how bad it was for ourselves. Each season brings us new experiences.

Some of those experiences we could do without. The warmer weather has brought out the huge spiders which are all over the house. Snakes are becoming more active. The recent rains have caused a lot of lizards to appear all of a sudden. I don't mind those so much. In fact, we now have a few really cool looking lizards in the yard. The head and front body and the tip of the tail are bright blue. Really pretty.

Please check out our website for new pictures in the gallery, and send us an e-mail and let us know how you are doing. Please remember to keep our work in your prayers. Bless you all for your support and prayers.

In His service,

Paul and Micky Prince