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Greetings,

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It was a wonderful furlough, thank you to all who made it such a blessing to be back home. We had a safe and uneventful trip back to South Africa.

Of course we hit the ground running when we got back. Our annual board of directors' general meeting for 'The Fold' was only three days after our return. We managed to get 7 out of 11 directors at the meeting, which was a very productive meeting. Lots of discussion about the way forward, policies to be put in place, and how The Fold should be operated. One of our out of town directors (and their spouse) spent the weekend in the area, and came out to The Fold for lunch after the meeting, to finally see the property for themselves. They were suitably impressed, but a rain shower cut our afternoon visit with them short.

In regards to the deed to the property, we are discouraged and hopeful at the same time. We finally got an accounting of what has been going on, and what still needs to be done. Because of all the legalities of this being an estate sale and the fact the property in the will was split into three pieces, it has caused a lot more paperwork. We have complained about the lack of communication in regards to what has been going on, and will be getting more communication from the lawyer. But we are also making regular phone calls to inquire about the current status. We're still being told it will take another month to get the deed. With the most recent conversation with the lawyer, it might actually happen. In the meantime, we're earning interest on the money in escrow – approximately \$500 a month. It should cover the lawyers fees, plus maybe a little left over.

While we were gone, Peggy and Harry continued to work on the landscape and fund raising. There was some amazing changes to the landscape, including a small pond for the animals to drink, and lots more donations of linen, clothes, etc. There is also a small hotel that plans on doing renovation work, and as the work is done, we will be getting the toilets, sinks, baths, etc. What a blessing.



So far we have interviewed two couples for the house parent position. We plan on talking to a few others in the future. One of the couples is from Zimbabwe, very well educated and well spoken. Because they were in dire straits financially, we offered them temporary labor on the property, with no promise of the house parents job. This helps them financially, and we get to know them better. They have proven to be very hard workers. Here is a picture of Emmanuel and Vongi.

Our recent visit with the local social worker was not as favorable as we thought it would be. The social worker's supervisor wants all the local non-profits to work together, but I explained to her we all have different categories of children we're setup to support. We were also told there aren't very many children in the category we want to help in this town. In the meantime, we located a lady in the next closest town, who recently resigned from her social worker position. She said there are 5-6 children each year in that town that fall into our group. Well that's just the perfect

number for us, however, this other town is also under the leadership of the same supervisor, who is due back from vacation this week; hopefully she'll contact us soon. We hope to get her onboard with what we want to do. Another organization here has an appointment in early February with someone who can help them file the correct paperwork with the government for the help they're giving children. It's possible this organization can offer us help as well.

If you remember when we had a pump installed in our well, the water quality was not very good. The water was fine to drink, but didn't look very nice, so we were running it through a filter. We were told it may eventually clear up, and so it did while we were away. We don't have to waste time filtering water anymore.

For those who receive our newsletter by "snail mail", a friend of ours with a direct mailing business has begun sending out our monthly newsletter starting this month. He is donating his services and covering all costs. What a blessing.

We found another online fund raising opportunity. This is a website where you can buy magazines or renew your magazine subscription. Please do not feel obligated to buy, but if you were already thinking of buying a magazine or needed to renew one you already have, please consider using this website. This opportunity will be available to us as long as we choose, so please feel free to invite your friends and family to shop at our online magazine store. They can choose from over 650 magazine subscriptions at up to 85% savings, and our ministry will get up to 40% of each purchase amount! You can use this link, or go to our website and find the link there. <http://www.magfundraising.com/GroupPage.aspx?qredirection=1&e=1205864>

I also noticed that they sell cookie dough and restaurant e-certificates. Not real sure how the restaurant certificates work, but there are two face values available; the largest being \$100 for only \$35. There are a limited amount of restaurants in Tulsa, you'll have to check out the link to see where you can use the certificates – it's not valid at any of the chain restaurants. I have not heard of most of the restaurants, but one is the Incredible Pizza. If someone buys one, could they let us know how it works out?

Just this week our apartment was struck by lightning. I (Micky) was home alone and the breaker box in the kitchen had sparks and fire shooting out of it. Needless to say I was frantic. I called an electrician, who told me to turn off the power at the meter box. That took care of the fire. A friend who is an electrician came over later and was able to get everything back together. Amazingly none of our appliances were fried. God was watching over us. The storm was really strange. It was 80 degrees and hail was falling.

Prayer requests: continued prayer for the deed to the property, God's direction on choosing the best house parents, pray we have no difficulties with the local social worker. Pray for safety for everyone who is working on the property (Paul tends to come home scratched, but so far, nothing major)

God bless,

Paul and Micky Prince