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Greetings,

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We spent the first week of July attending a seminar put on by Stu and Marilyn Cook. They had 10 of the young men from Lesiding attending. This is a seminar that he gives out about world view. It attempts to change people's world view from whatever their world view is, to a biblical world view. How to think for themselves, and make a future for themselves. It was very good, and the guys said they got a lot out of it. It was a long week, and especially tiring for Stu and Marilyn, along with their friends Dale and Huey who were visiting from the states. They are all in their 70's, and it was a lot of long days with a lot of work to put this seminar on.

6 July. There was a group of us out at Stu and Marilyn's house for lunch after church. After lunch we were going over our planners for the "winter" schedule here, with all our visitors that are coming the next few months. Right in the middle of that, Martha came in saying there was a fire. So we all ran out, saw the bush fire that had started, and some of us got our first experience at putting out a bush fire. There was one hose long enough to reach. Everyone else grabbed something to beat the fire out. I found a small trash can and kept filling it with water and dumping it on the fire. The neighbors saw smoke and came to see whose property it was on, and they helped. We finally got it out, and went back to our planners. Another exciting day in the bush.

Michael Calamia, who lives in the apartment next to us, 5 months out of the year has just arrived, and it is Christmas for us. He brought us a bunch of stuff we wanted from the states. He also installed deadbolt locks and peepholes on both of our front doors. He's got a full schedule with teams coming in for short term missions for the next 5 months. We will be working with them when we can.

We have "adopted" our first orphan. His name is Klaas and he is 11 years old. His mother recently died, and he now lives with his Aunt Katrina. Katrina is the woman who works with the tower garden project. She has had a rough life. She started by raising her brothers and sisters when her parents died, and then raised her brothers and sisters children when they died. So this is nothing new to her. She still has 3 other children at home who are school age. So we will be helping her out with school uniforms and food parcels for the family. Katrina is also helping us to learn the local language. She may become an integral part of our ministry at some point in the future. She can help us with translation, and to find those in her neighborhood who are also helping to raise orphans, and are in dire need. Klaas is in the front row, second from the left in the solid blue



shirt. Also pictured is Katrina's niece, who also lives with them, along with her mother, Katrina's sister(who is not in the picture). Katrina is on the right in the back row.

Last month I sent you a picture of a boy playing with a tire. This month is a picture of a young boy playing with a wire contraption in the mud. These children gather loose bits of wire and anything round that will make a wheel, and turn it into a car-like thing, that they push with a longer attached wire. Some of them are very elaborate. Recently we saw one boy that looked like his wires were supposed to be an eighteen wheeler. They are very inventive with their bits of junk. Behind the boy, is a man filling water containers from the tap that is out in the street.



It is only July, but we are planning ahead for Christmas now. Terri and Hamish like to give out small bags of treats to the children at the soup kitchen for Christmas. Small items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, washcloth, pencils, etc. In addition, sweets, a piece of fruit, etc. We need about 1,000 of each item that gets passed out. We plan on starting to purchase these items in smaller quantity now, to spread out the cost over the next five months. If you would like to help with the Christmas bags, please send your check to: Prince Ministry, 200 Solley Dr, Winchester, MO 63021 and put Christmas treats in the memo line.

God continues to bring new people and blessings into our lives. Micky recently had a follow up appointment in relation to the biopsy she had in the states. We won't know the test results until next week. The doctor did not charge us for the visit when he found out we were missionaries. He also gave us his church phone number and a name of a missionary from the states who works with his church. They have an orphanage in Pretoria. They are currently in the states, but we hope to meet them when they get back and find out the details of their operation, to get some ideas of how we should proceed.

Please pray for our ministry in general, our language learning, for God to open the hearts and minds of the people we are ministering to, and the health of the other missionaries here.

God bless,  
Paul and Micky Prince