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Greetings,

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This month was beyond busy. We now have three children who have regular visits with various doctors, all involving long drives and long waits. With all the other running around, we hardly had any time at home. With the 3 week school break this month, we usually have a fair amount of down time. On a good note for the children, almost all of them had some type of family visit. We even had to send one of the mother's on leave, as she had no children for a week.

Our two teachers from Georgia have returned home. We wanted to keep them, but schools in the US will be starting back up soon. We are positive they'll be back again, but we're still looking for long term teachers to join us. Our teachers experienced two game drives while they were here. The children got lots of computer time, work sheets, and even a basketball game that involved math. They also gave us a going away present. They made a family tree for us with all the children's faces on it. It is a beautiful thing.



The Annual General Meeting of the Fold was held this month. There were discussions about the future of the Fold, including how we'll operate when we're approved as a private hostel, and the need to follow up on the recommendation of finding suitable foster parents and apply for cluster foster care, in addition to being a private hostel. Minimum wage has been going up quickly and the cost of living has risen quite a bit. It was decided to give our staff a substantial raise, to ensure we keep good staff happy. We are also going to hire another staff member to operate our own private crèche (preschool). This will be for our children only.

This month brought lots of visitors, including a crowd from New Jersey, (could be a lot of new contacts with another church), and we had a large group of local people who brought their birthday party to us to share with the children. Some of the people had been here before and wanted to come see us again. This event also resulted in more contacts made, future visits planned, and possible help with projects at The Fold.



Our birthdays this month were Mpho (9), Ronny (6) and house mom Magdaline.



We currently have a few individuals who may come and help keep an eye on things for our furlough. But nothing has been finalized yet. If it works out, we may be able to go together, but only for about a month. It will allow us to see family, attend the missionary convention (try to find new coworkers), and we have two fund raisers scheduled.

Prayer requests: Final approval of our registration with the social welfare Department. Teyani's eye lesion. Short and long term volunteers. Additional missionaries to meet current needs at The Fold, especially teachers. Protection and stability for The Fold children. Volunteer relief so we can go on furlough later this year.

Praises: Our two teachers from Georgia, and all our other visitors. The local interests in The Fold continue to increase. Donations.

God bless, Paul and Micky Prince