

Although it's been a tough decision, we want to let you know Paul and I will be making the US our permanent residence again in April this year. With our mothers aging, and our health being an issue (Micky's heart issues after chemo and Paul's hospital visits for heat related issues), it was best to return. We always thought God had brought us to South Africa to stay but we now see God's timing in this journey. God only intended for us to start this project and then have it grow to include others who will help take it to the next level. We decided it would be best if we came back to the US and did the job we've been praying someone would do for us. Who best for the job of promoting the Fold other than the founders; we will be promoting and fund raising for The Fold.

We have hired trusted local people to handle the day to day operations for The Fold, and another American nonprofit (Christians) that will be overseeing the work (FASA - Fellowship Alliance Southern Africa). This nonprofit has access to corporate funds and they're an answer to our prayers. We have reached a level of growth that we are unable to move beyond with just our resources. This group has plans to grow The Fold to 100 children and hire additional qualified staff. We're so amazed with their plans, and have already started implementing some of their ideas.

Paul will continue as chairman of the board, and I will retain access to all banking information to ensure donations are spent wisely. If at any time we see an issue, we will take appropriate actions. We'll also be visiting The Fold once or twice a year. FASA will carry on our mandate and vision, but grow it to help even more children. We are so happy. We encourage you to learn more about FASA, by visiting their website: www.myfasa.org

Recently the head of FASA spent a week at The Fold, getting an in-depth view of how everything works. He and his wife were fully involved in the everyday life at The Fold and came away with the full picture of our operations. One of the changes already implemented is a larger presence on social media, with more to come. In addition, a curio shop has been installed in the office for our visitors to help support our effort and even local game farms are bringing their visitors to our curio shop. In the future (with training), the staff and children will provide handmade crafts for sale.

FASA will use their resources to create budgets, job descriptions, systems management, standard operating procedures, training manuals, etc. More buildings will be constructed, including the completion of the community hall, which is greatly needed. They're looking into more self-sufficient improvements, like expanding the garden and chicken project, adding a few pigs and sheep. Possibly installing an aquaponic vegetable farm as well as setting up waste recycling systems and trash recycling projects to create a self-sustaining village in challenging environments.

Another board member of FASA, a superintendent of a public school in the US, visited while we were in South Africa. He spent the week training our teachers, helping them with better time management and a new daily schedule. He went home with lots of ideas for future visits and the betterment of the education of our children.

Next month FASA is sending a children's ministry expert to train house moms and teachers. These visitors will also interact with the children using games and lessons to teach and demonstrate the principles of good leaders. In March FASA is sending a work team and in July a youth group from the US will be coming to visit with the children.

We want to thank everyone who has supported us from the beginning of this mission, and throughout, and ask that you continue to keep this work and these children in your prayers.

We'll need everyone's ongoing prayers and financial support to continue to make a difference for them. We also encourage anyone thinking of becoming a supporter, to join our efforts as we grow. If anyone would like to get a group together for a home or church visit, we would love the opportunity to talk about our kids.

As for us, we're very excited to see what God has in store. Fund raising will not take all of our time, so we're watching for God to show us where he needs us next. We have purchased a house in Broken Arrow, OK. We will miss not seeing our 32 children and staff on a daily basis; this will be a challenging adjustment for both of us. We welcome your continued prayers.

If you have any questions about The Fold and its future, please give us a call or e-mail us. We return to the US on 7 April. My cell will be 918-530-8173 and email is prince@princeministry.org