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Greetings, Oct 2022

The first week of this month was a school break, followed by the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> and final term for the year. The children are all doing great with their studies.



Our children were blessed with a trip to Marakele National Park which is only about an hour from The Fold. Welgevonden Environmental Awareness Program, led by Moji, Moji visits our school at least once a week and teaches the children about their environment.



On a recent visit, Moji lined up the youngest children for a photo next to his vehicle and while they were waiting for the picture to be taken some one said "change style", and it was like a giant spider's egg sack, exploding. Children running all over the place. They really enjoy their time with Moji.



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The electrical supply company in South Africa has not kept up with the infrastructure maintenance. Over the years, it has continually gotten worse. Because of this, customers frequently have no power. The electric company calls it "load shedding". Recently they announced that they are instituting a permanent stage 3 load shedding. This means the power will be off at least two hours, three times a day. For The Fold, especially the school, this is a huge problem. Our school is using an online curriculum. We also use electricity to pump our water from our wells. We have a generator, so we use it frequently. Which has increased our diesel usage, which is currently running approximately \$5.60 per gallon. They are working on getting costs for solar. But fund raising would have to pay for that. The price for everything is going up, as it is, for the entire world.

Birthdays this month were Tshego (9) and Botlhale (8).



Praises: Our children and staff are all in good health. The future of the Fold and the school. Moji, the joy and knowledge he shares with our children.

Prayer requests: Massive power outages. Most evenings are spent by candle light. Fund raising for solar power.

God bless,

Paul and Micky Prince