



# Place of Hope



# Africa

“For I know the plans I have for you...to give you hope and a future” Jeremiah 29:11

September 2013

Well...spring is here and it is feeling like summer!!! Nice 80-90 degree days and 60 degree nights, can't beat that, except with the warm weather comes.....the invasion of the ants!!!!!!

## The Lord's never ending provision

It never ceases to amaze us how the Lord will provide, even for those seemingly insignificant things in our lives!

We have for a number of months been looking for a dog, here in South Africa it is almost essential for security, but have not found the right fit for us.

A couple weeks back the ladies were out having lunch and started calling me about something at the gate, thinking it was a person I go ask them about it and they reply, "There is a dog at the gate and it is trying to get in"! Africans are quite afraid of dogs, particularly black dogs. After assuring them it was fine we went about our day....a couple hours later here the dog comes running through the yard to the far back with her tail up between her legs and looking half starved to death. Not knowing how friendly she was, I (Marie—of course Marv was not here) fed her some milk and bread, she ate two helpings and began to relax a bit.

She spent the rest of the day getting used to all of us, even being gentle with the children. She has remained with us and we have called her Gracie. She needed a home and we were in need of a dog—we will take in strays that need a place to go!!

The verse once again comes to mind, "I will answer them before they even call to Me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayer." Isaiah 62:25

## New Additions

A number of days in the past month have been spent with a social worker, filling out paperwork, and getting affidavits signed in preparation for three more children to come live with us.

They include a four year old girl and her six and a half month old twin siblings (a boy & a girl).

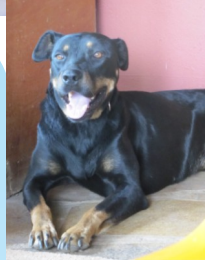
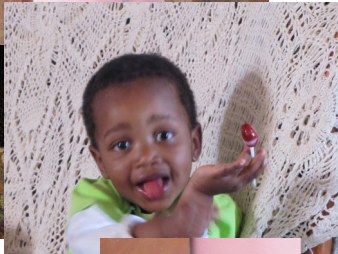


### PRAISE & PRAYER

- The new refrigerator is wonderful!
- Having a dryer for the rainy days is a blessing!
- The children have all been healthy
- We have found a 2nd vehicle that will be available soon
- Providing the right dog for us
- The process for the 3 new children does not drag out too long
- Smooth transition for the new children
- Funds for additional costs that comes with more children
- Continued strength and good health
- Safety in travel
- Funds needed to purchase the property
- Our continued witness and involvement in our community showing God's love
- The rental or sale of the house in MN!

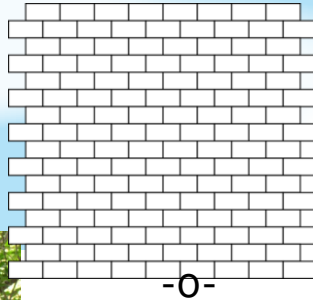


They are growing and happy!!! SThembiso will turn 1 in October, it is hard to believe he has been with us for almost a year already!



## BUILDING FUND

100%



This will be a new addition to our newsletters to let you know how our building fund is coming along. The original amount was \$100,000, if the exchange rate remains as it is the total will be closer to \$80,000

## Other Involvements

Marv is still busy with the iThemba building project 1-2 days a week. There was an accident and Marv's drill was dropped from a ladder and broke into pieces! A huge THANK YOU to one of our generous supporters who shipped a new one to SA!!!

UBI also has continuing projects to be involved in, nothing major at the moment.

Our local church is without a pastor, so Marv enjoys preaching periodically.

Marie stays quite busy at home most of the time, but enjoys the opportunity to get out and was able to teach a cake decorating class for the ladies at UBI.

We try to help as much as we are able for some needy families in our community.

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## Ministry Opportunity!

In the future we will be needing someone—college students, a family, or a couple with a passion for children to spend time at Place of Hope Africa while we need to be in the states. If you think this is you...contact us and we will give more details.



Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!

**There will be a brief spot featuring us at the Regeneration Center's annual banquet. If you are there, watch for us!**

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