



Place of Hope



Africa

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

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to not understand that we are their boss, and children who have issues from the situations they have come out of.

We set up an appointment with a realtor and the prayer we had was that we would find the right place quickly due to time constraints in spending a lot of time looking at properties. We viewed three places—the first seemed to fit our needs very well (but we were hoping for 5 bedrooms), the second place had too many stairs, and the third had no yard space for little ones.

Having to be in town another day for a clinic visit (that went amazingly quick), we decided to chat with the realtor to tell her our story about how we came to Africa and the ministry that we are now involved in. She immediately said, "Let us phone Helen and see if she has time for us to come out". Next thing we knew we were sitting at the table in the kitchen (photo at the left) and sharing our story with Helen. Helen is the owner of the first property we had viewed and was very interested in what we are doing—her father was a Baptist missionary and said that she shared the same views that we do on life.

Next thing we know we are signing an agreement with her and we had no money. She agreed to wait for our fund raising to get going, giving us 60 days to see how it progresses. We all knew that it was the Lord that brought us together and this has to be the house/property for us!!

It comes with all the appliances (including a dishwasher!), a riding lawn mower, and even the housekeeper will continue on!

"And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart"
Galatians 6:9

We have to admit that at times we wonder what are we doing!!!! But the next thought is always that we are doing what the Lord called us to do and in the midst of all else that goes on around us...we must NOT lose sight of that.

There has been a bit of frustration lately...what with a house that is too small, finances too low, help who seem

"Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor will not be in vain" I Corinthians 15:58

Thank you Kevin & Nevin for coming and being such an encouragement to us!!!



It is in “move in” condition, so all that is needed is \$210,000.00! Nothing to the Lord right, after all He owns the cattle on a thousand hills!

The municipality has already given the go ahead for future building of 2 more dwellings. The location is on the edge of one of Pietermaritzburg’s suburbs so we have no “hand-waving” neighbors, but an Ag farm (cows) on one side, wild life (zebra, wildebeest, bucks, etc) across the road on another side, vacant municipal land on the two remaining sides (which we hear they would be happy to lease). We do not know where the Lord is going with all this but there are a number of possibilities.



Now it is over to you and how the Lord would have you be involved in raising these funds. Please go to <http://fundraise.com/Place-of-hope-africa/place-of-hope-africa>, do what you can and pass on to everyone you know to help us meet our goal! There is a pastor here who has volunteered to set up a website—soon to come your way!! Isn’t the Lord good?

FINANCES

The good, the bad, and the ugly

We have a friend on this side who keeps telling us that our newsletters do not convey to you all the real state of affairs here. We have personally been subsidizing the ministry because children need to be fed, nappies changed, and clothes to wear. Presently we are about \$4000 in the red, our support base NEEDS to be expanded or increased.

We are in need of a couple or 2 singles to come fill in while we go to the states the end of the year. If 3 months is not a possibility for you...it can be split between more than one person/group.

Please pray for a young lady named Hope who is considering coming and spending 2 years to help out.

Praise and Prayer

- House in MN rented!
- The Lord’s guidance in finding a place here
- Continued health and strength
- Visitors to see first hand what we do
- Finances to purchase property for a timely move by August
- Our support to be up where it needs to be
- The Lord going before and finding the caregivers we will need after the move
- Someone to come along side us and help
- Hope’s decision

Remembering my beautiful niece Laura as the first year of her death is upon us.



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