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Greetings, January 2018

In spite of a slow start to the month, it soon ramped back up to our usual level of activity. All the house moms returned on the 11th to get ready for the children on the 12th. In addition to our usual 24 children, there were 8 new faces joining us in our newly opened fourth house. The looks of confusion and concern on their little faces was very sad. But by the next morning, they were all smiles and very happy. The teachers arrived on the 15th, including our new headmaster Charles, and school started on the 17th. The teachers worked very hard those first two days to organize an opening ceremony for the new school year. Charles didn't waste any time. School started on a Wednesday, but he had some of the older boys in the school doing math on the Tuesday.



With 32 children now, it has become evident we needed to switch to monthly birthday



parties and celebrate everyone's birthday as a group. So, beginning this month, we came together to wish Khutso, Hendrick, Markus, Raisibe, Retha, Maria, Hepzibah, Rosinah, Tebogo and Lerato a big happy birthday. With only one celebration each month, we'll now be able to add ice cream and sweets to the party.

We welcomed Mary Lou Henegar, an 83-year-young friend of Micky's to the Fold to volunteer for seven weeks. She has been reading in the school with the small children who are currently learning to read, and to those who haven't started reading yet. They love the attention and sure need the extra help with their reading. No more excuses about not having a skill or feeling like you have nothing to contribute. Start booking those plane tickets now and come join us in our journey to make life changes for our children!



On the 23rd of January just before midnight, Philip and Retha's son Dawid was bitten by



a Mozambican spitting cobra, Retha also got spit in her eye. Retha recovered quickly with medical attention. We were praying for a "dry" bite from the snake, but unfortunately Dawid did get venom. What has been going on for the last week has been nothing short of amazing. God has made sure all the right people were in all the right places at the right time. Dawid spent some time in the medical clinic in Lephalale, about 45 minutes from us, and got treatment from

the expert snake doctor in the area. Then Dawid was sent to a hospital in Pretoria (about 2 ½ hours in the other direction) where the surgeons went to work on him to save his arm and his hand. He's currently doing well and we expect a very good outcome. He's had at least two surgeries by the time you receive this letter. He has a long road to full recovery and lots of physical therapy in his future. But he is a strong little boy and is expected to recover fully. The family has no medical insurance, but the donations that have come in for Dawid's care has been most amazing. We and the family are so deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, and financial support. We can't thank you enough.

It has been brought to our attention that people would love to have the opportunity to make a donation in Recognition of a special occasion for someone through the year. So we are offering an "In Honor of Program" year round. If you'd like to make a donation in someone's name, please forward the Name and address for that person or family to our Forwarding agent with your check. She will then put a note in the mail to let them know you made a donation in their name. All costs associated with this service are being donated, so there's no cost to Prince Ministry. Send Requests and Checks to: Prince Ministry, 200 Solley Dr., Winchester, MO 63021

Prayer requests: Dawid's recovery from snake bite. Micky's cancer treatment. More funding for The Fold. Short and long-term volunteers, additional missionaries to meet current needs at The Fold, especially teachers. Long term funding for our school.

Praises: Dawid's care from the medical community and all the fund raising and prayer support. All of our children from last year have returned, along with an additional 8 children. Micky's fourth chemo done and 2 more to go, with little side effects. Amazing donations and volunteers throughout 2017.

God bless, Paul and Micky Prince