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Glory to the Lord Only

The McReynolds Family

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Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!

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Safe Arrival

We escaped the 17 hour plane ride, and began making the tiring track to baggage claim, onto customs and finally into a large arena of hundreds of South Africans searching for those they intend to unite with. Shortly, we discovered a group of people holding up a sign that said "McReynolds" and we had safely built the bridge across the ocean. Tired and delirious from being 8 hours ahead of Central Standard Time, we continued on our journey driving from Jo'burg to Pretoria and finally to our home in the township of KwaMhlanga (kwam-shlan-ga). Jo'burg is a city bustling with people, buses, buildings, markets, wealthy communities next to impoverished townships and new faces. The day was dreary but warm, we drove on the left side of the road, and the driver's seat was on the right, people walked so closely to the busy roads and often are hit and killed. As we passed through Pretoria on R573 to KwaMhlanga we began to see how rural a culture the LORD had placed us in. The reality of what we faced became a way of life and our FAITH had to increase....

Partnering Together

It was good to finally meet the faces behind the scenes and we are grateful for the kind welcome that we have received. Our home is on Mukhanyo Theological College, and the offices of MCDC are also located here. The result is that we have the fortunate opportunity to be centrally located between the ministry of the college as well as MCDC. Immediately, we were given a presentation covering the many projects of MCDC, followed by a tour of the different projects in the townships. In addition to the work as caretakers, I will also be the construction project manager; overseeing 10 employees and the various construction sites. Rebe will be focusing on the day care centers and the children, while also coordinating accommodations and work for volunteers and short-term mission trips. We are excited about the surprises that God has waiting for us over the course of this next year. As expected, the need is enormous, the work is plentiful and the fact is the need far outweighs the workers, transportation and funding. Greater still is the Sovereignty of the LORD and his blessings on the work of MCDC.

Quick Hits

- We are in a rural township, closely situated among 400,000 Ndebele and Zulu speaking Africans.
- Water here is scarce and often we see people coming into the college with buckets to fill and take home.
- Currently, MCDC has 3 daycare centers with 3 more scheduled to be built this year. 80-90 vulnerable children occupy each center.
- We are renovating a farm that will be used for accommodation of short-term teams and volunteers.
- Included in the vision are plans for an income generation project that incorporates building a lodge and marketplace.
- We saw a pack of baboons on Christmas Day, about 20 km. from our house.

Prayer Requests

- Culture Shock Adjustments
- Safety & Protection
- Clear vision for the ministry and Christ's effective use of our family
- For the Church to have an increasing hunger for missions

Praise the Lord

- For the offering given at our send-off service that brought us to our budget
- For the tying up of ends, goodbyes and safe travels