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REYMAN E MAIL REPORT – 21 JANUARY 2009

Warm greetings from partly sunny Alberton, South Africa. This is Karen writing with sadness and gladness at the changes in our lives. Please read about our plans to leave South Africa.

I was encouraged the other day by this sentence written by Oswald Chambers in his devotional, My Utmost for His Highest:

Spiritually, we cannot measure our life by success, but only by what God pours through us, and we cannot measure that at all.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to you for your continued prayer and financial support of our ministry, recognizing that many may be sharing with us while experiencing tighter personal budgets. Your commitments and steadfast support has not gone unnoticed.

A SUMMARY OF 2008

2008 began with the death of Karen's mother, and, a second unplanned trip to the States in two years for our mother's funerals. After our return to South Africa in March, our normal activities commenced culminating in another busy year, capped off by a visit by our son, Lonnie and wife, Beth, in mid-November and mid-December. The months in between these two events were busy and full.

TIGANE

Paul has acted as contractor for the building of the minister's house and toilet block at the Tigane Church of Christ. The building is near completion, enough so, that Patson and his

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family moved in the middle of December. It was designed so that the lounge, kitchen and dining room is open and will be used as a meeting room for church services as well as other group meetings. Being regularly on site has given ample opportunity to mentor Patson in his ministry of this new church.

GOSPEL RESOURCE CENTRE

Paul continues to manage the Gospel Resource Centre. Literature and printing sales have been decreasing. There are several factors for this, but we will not take space here to go into it. The chapel continues to be used for funerals and a local church. Specific plans for GRC can be requested through our contact options at the end of this letter or at our web site www.reymanfamily.net and click on the Gospel Resource Centre page.

ANGELS' REST

We are kept very busy with the hospitality ministry of Gospel Resource Centre, Angels' Rest. This is a guesthouse incorporated within the Gospel Resource Centre building. The guests are mostly mission teams or people involved in missions and ministry in South Africa as well as neighboring countries.

CHOIR

Karen directs Under His Wings, an interdenominational choir, which is singing the worship event How Great is Our God. The choir has practiced since January and sang the first worship event on the 11th of October. They will sing it once a month at area churches through 2009.

ELLERINE'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Karen continued teaching a quilting class once a week at Ellerine's Community Development Centre as well as a weekly ladies' Bible Study.

KHAYELIHLE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

We made three trips to Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV) in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, to visit with the staff and children and to do projects. Karen sorted and distributed clothes to the children, which seems to be her regular job. We began laying out, and digging holes for the trees in the orchard, which we have been planning for several years. With money donated in memory of Karen's parents and Paul's mother, we completed the foundation and slab of the Fulleton/Reyman Memorial guesthouse for visitors and volunteers to KCV.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS

2009 completes twenty years of ministry in Southern Africa. We have been fortunate and blessed to live, learn and work in cultures foreign to us. We have been involved in a variety of work, from Khayelihle Children's Village to Pastoral/Administrative ministries in Zimbabwe and South Africa. Since 2005 three of our four parents have passed away. These events, and feeling the need to be near my (Paul) father (at least closer than ten thousand miles), as well as having a stronger desire to be closer to our own children and future grandchildren (thinking positive here), we have made the decision to settle back in the States.

Our last furlough in the USA to report to supporters was in 2006. So, on our arrival in the States we will begin visiting churches and individuals to give reports of ministry in which we have been involved and to personally say thank you for your faithfulness to us over the



Kitchen in house at Tigane



Paul and Reyman Paul at KCV



Patson and Family in Tigane



Lonnie and Beth at KCV

Pre-school



Karen with Karen at KCV

Paul in the Gospel
Resource CentreGuests at Angels' Rest
Guest House

years.

We will begin our reporting itinerary in late May and will move from East to West. Our visits to churches in the West will be throughout the late summer and fall. By winter we hope to have established where we will live and begin looking for employment. We would ask that your support for us be maintained through the end of this year. The expense involved in travel to report to supporters is not insignificant. This time we will have the added expense of shipping, resettling in a new home, and looking for employment.

After pouring twenty years of our lives into this part of the world, it will not be possible to move away and not think about what we have been involved in. We hope to be able to continue to have some connection with people and ministry. We are considering options that would allow us to return each year to encourage, teach and build on what we have been a part of. KCV continues to prove itself as a vital ministry in southwest Zimbabwe and will continue to need support. We hope to continue a close relationship with the KCV Board, staff and children, despite our distance from them.

If you have special events planned in the summer and fall of this year, and you would like our participation with you, please let us know. We will be planning our itinerary in the next couple of weeks and will be informing supporters of dates that we will be in certain geographical areas in hopes that we can visit our friends across the country. Our contact details are included. Please use one or more of them to communicate with us.

As we move through the transition process, we will keep you updated via our regular email reports and occasional mailings. We will also post updates on our website, www.reymanfamily.net.

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