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REYMAN E MAIL REPORT – 16 JULY 2008

Hello from sunny and cold Alberton, South Africa. There are plenty of “winter germs” making the rounds and I caught one. Not pleasant, but bearable. This is Karen reporting on what is happening here in southern Africa.

TIGANE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The minister’s house and toilet block continue to rise at the township of Tigane. Paul takes the two and a half hour drive each week to check on the construction, buy the materials needed, and pay the wages of the workers.



House at Tigane



Toilet Block at the
Tigane Church of Christ

ZIMBABWE

The economical situation in Zimbabwe continues to deteriorate with over 2 million per cent

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inflation. There was a run-off race for the president's office the 27th of June, but the opposition party candidate pulled out of the race citing violence against his supporters. Since then Zimbabwe has been the subject of debate at the G8 summit, the UN Security council, the African Union and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). But no solution has been worked out. Please pray for peace and justice in Zimbabwe.

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NEWS FROM KHAYELIHLE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE-EDITED

Warm greetings from Jabulani Xaba, Director, Khayelihle Children's Village.

We are in the winter season and it is very cold especially in the mornings and in the evening. The economic crisis is deepening and inflation rate is increasing at an alarming rate. Shortages of basic commodities has also worsened as goods are still unavailable in all the major shops and can only be found in a few places such as the black market where they are being sold at very exorbitant prices. KCV has tackled this challenge by procuring basic commodities for the children outside the country. The political situation is still not easy to define.

Children

All the children are in good health. Six new children have joined the KCV family increasing the number of children to 75. The children went back to school July 8th after taking a one-week break during the runoff elections. Those who joined the family and are of school going age have already secured places in formal schools and have started schooling. All school going children are preparing for their midyear exams. The month of May was a sad month as we lost one of our children, Caroline, who passed on after a short illness. We pray that she is resting in God's hands. On a happy note, Tendai Mhere got married and moved out of the Village to start her own family.

Second Australian House

The total number of children residing at the second Australian House is now eleven. Seven children have joined the 2nd Australian House. These children come from different backgrounds. Among these children, some are orphaned; some are abandoned; while some are destitute children.

Worship

The KCV Church is growing both in number and spiritually. Our children are actively involved in all programs of the Church. Some are ushers while some are in the praise and worship team.

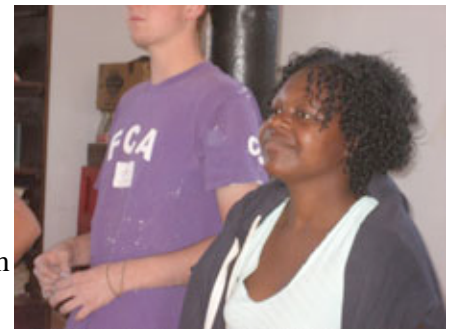
Community Orphan Care Programme

The program is going on very well and we still have 105 children. We continue to meet and fellowship with them every Friday at Makokoba Church Of Christ. Eight of the children registered for their Ordinary Level Examinations which is the end of 4 year High School education and one registered for her Advanced Level Examinations to be held in November. Advanced level is comparable to the end of two years of junior college. Our prayers are with them so that they can excel in their examinations. Two of our children registered for a course in cutting and designing.

Farming Activities



Quilt made recently by the Ellerine's Community Development Centre Quilt class



Nyarai Moyo, KCV's oldest girl who is attending university

Our garden is doing fairly well. We have choumollier, spinach and garlic. To add to this, carrots, rape, sweet cabbage and beetroot have been planted. We are using fifty percent of the garden because of depleted ground water levels. Our water reservoir is not pumping enough water. We have received an additional 6 dairy cows and this has increased our herd of cattle to 38.

May God bless you all.

FAMILY FOOTNOTES



We enjoyed having Laurie, our daughter, visit us on her way home from Tanzania where she worked with a woman's project on one of the islands in Lake Victoria for a month. She rode the bus up to Bulawayo for a few days to visit friends and see the city that she called home for ten years. In August she will start her second year of her master's degree program in Social work.

The first week in August we will be traveling to Port Shepstone to attend the annual South African missionary retreat.

We are excited that Laurie has been accepted at the Carter Center in Atlanta for the Peace Program internship in the office of the assistant executive director.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Praise for safety and a good visit with Laurie.

Praise for progress on the Tigane buildings.

Praise for KCV caring for more children.

Pray for the people and the country of Zimbabwe.

Pray for the children and staff at KCV.

Pray for the Tigane building project and church.

Pray for the upcoming missionary retreat.

Whoa, we can't go any farther so we will have to stop right here.

