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REYMAN E MAIL REPORT – 22 SEPTEMBER 2008

Hello from Karen in dark and chilly Alberton, South Africa. Spring has come! But last weekend turned cold and we even had snow in the eastern part of South Africa. That matched the political mood as South African president, Thabo Mbeki, was asked by his party to resign, and he did so on Sunday afternoon. Interesting times ahead....

TRIP TO ZIMBABWE

We went to visit Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV) in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, from August 26th to September 5th. The main reason for our visit was to begin work on the Fulleton/Reyman Memorial Guest House. Memorial gifts were given in honor of my parents and Paul's mother and we decided to build a two bed-roomed guest house. Plans had been drawn up previously, so we employed a builder and went about the daunting task of getting the supplies to put in the foundation. The economic situation is still terrible and at that time the inflation was estimated at 12 million per cent. That means that products went up about 6000 Zimbabwe dollars a second! I haven't heard any recent figures, but by now the inflation is higher. Paul was able to find the sand, gravel and cement needed to begin, so the builders began digging the trenches for the foundations.



Foundations begun for the
Fulleton/Reyman Memorial Guest House

There are eleven new children in residence since our last visit in April, which brings the total in residence to eighty children. There are also 105 orphans in the Community Orphan Care Programme. I was able to spend some time in the storeroom giving out clothes for the children. From donated material I took in April, a seamstress had made several shorts and

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longer pants for the smaller children and I gave those out. But now there are no shorts, tops, or dresses left in the storeroom for most of the primary and pre-school age children. We were able to again bring some donated fabric from South Africa and that is being made into shorts and t-shirts by the same seamstress.

If you are interested in sponsoring a new child at KCV, please e-mail me. Thanks!

An agreement was finally signed on September 15th between the ruling party and the opposition party who won the election in March. But now there is a stalemate in the negotiations to decide which ministries will be headed by which parties. We are praying this will also be worked out soon so the people can have some relief from their terrible suffering.

TIGANE BUILDING PROJECT

The minister's house and the toilet block now have their roofs and work is slowly progressing.

UNDER HIS WINGS CHOIR

I direct a choir made up of people from about twelve different churches in the Alberton area. We have been practicing a "worship event" called How Great Is Our God since January. Our first time in singing the ten songs will be on the 11th of October. Our goal is to sing in different churches around Johannesburg once a month until the end of 2009. The songs are interwoven with scripture and testimonies and the program is very inspirational. It's also fun!



Minister's house at Tigane which is also used as the church



Leonora Nkomo, one of the new children

ELLERINE'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The week of September 7-14 was the South African National Quilting Festival held just down the street from us at the Alberton Civic Centre. The group I teach at Ellereine's Community Development Centre entered a quilt and we were very happy to win third prize in the "outreach division". A Singer sewing machine and subscriptions to two craft magazines were the prizes. Some of the ladies from Ellereine's were able to take classes and all were excited about their new skills and seeing the beautiful quilts on display.

FAMILY FOOTNOTES

Lonnie, our son, and Beth, his wife, will be visiting us starting in mid-November. Lonnie hasn't been back to Africa for ten years and Beth has never been here. We plan to go to Bulawayo where Lonnie spent his teenage years and also see some of Botswana and South Africa on the way.

Laurie, our daughter, is doing her master's degree at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. She is commuting three days a week to Atlanta where she is excited to be doing an internship in the Peace Program at the Carter Center. See www.cartercenter.org for more information on the Peace Program.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Praise for a safe and productive trip to Zimbabwe.

Praise for the new children at KCV.

Praise for the agreement signed by the political parties in Zimbabwe.

Praise for continued work on the buildings at Tigane.

Praise for the success of the outreach quilting class.

Pray for continued peace and progress on the agreement in Zimbabwe.

Pray for the children, Board of Directors and staff at KCV.

Pray for Patson Phiri, minister at the Tigane church.

Pray for the first “worship event” of Under His Wings choir.

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

