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A TIME TO TRANSPLANT...

"Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in."

Psalm 68:5-6a

Life during the Corona virus..we have been quarantining, only grocery shopping and to the Dr. In August we have Level 2 started, so many more places opened and travel ban has lightened. We were finally able to take our long awaited trip to Hluhluwe/Imfilozi game park that was first planned in March just before lock down. It was wonderful to be out in the warm fresh air, the weather was perfect for our 5 days away. We had a bit of excitement with elephants again and stopping at a picnic ground, before we even got out of the van, a monkey jumped in the window and took our bananas!

PRAISE & PRAYER

- * The Lord is forever faithful!
- * For Londani & Lindo
- * our visa extensions
- * Police clearance has come through
- *For God's faithfulness and the protection of His angels
- * Permanent Residence
- * A house, a place to call home - funding
- * That we will not have to fly back to the US during the Corona virus
- *Sthembiso's surgery

Join us in welcoming

Londani and Lindo Mtshali

To Place of Hope Africa.

The Lord has answered our prayers for a younger couple to come alongside us.

Londani manages the construction for Ithemba and Lindo has already worked for us for some time.

They have 3 children.

We are so grateful for such a Wonderful and Godly couple.



Our VISA extensions have come in and are in our passports, they gave everyone the same date, Oct 31, 2020. Please keep praying with that our permanent residence comes in and we will not have to fly back for VISAs.

We have exciting news... see left. Lindo has been working for and with us for

some time. She has also been working with the community health worker and knows what is going on in her community with babies. She will be full time with us and Londani part time.

In August our first baby came to us, she is 18 months old, her mother is sick and has gone blind so is unable to take care of her. She is settling in nicely. Sthembiso is torn, somedays he likes having her here and at times he has had enough of the crying and screaming that comes in the beginning.

Our Police Clearance came through in May and we were just now able to pick it up at the police station...ooops! They lost them, finally found the end of August. They will only be good until October 5th, so if we do need to go back for VISAs we will have to find out if they will accept it under the circumstances.

Marv's has gotten a new "toy", we were able to find a like new scooter for him for a really good price. Walking a lot has become a struggle as he will need a hip replacement in the future.

We would also appreciate prayers for Sthembiso as he will have a day surgery procedure on September 10th. He is very nervous and scared.

Marv continues to mentor and finds much joy and satisfaction in doing that. In July, the month of Nelson Mandela's birthday we decided to give 67 children a gift. This started a number of years ago, asking people to give 67 minutes in doing something in memory of Nelson Mandela, 1 minute for each of his 67 years in public life. It has grown into 67 of all kinds of things, so we decided for the children on the other side of the fence from us, who do not get gifts to put some joy in their day. Sthembiso went with Londani and Lindo to deliver the gifts. It was a great lesson for him to realize once again that there are many children who do not have many or any toys.

For Marie, the final decision was to keep her on the blood thinner indefinitely. The Dr said he could not in good conscious take her off and then if she had another clot he would be negligent. The upside is that she has finally gotten used to the med and is no longer sick from it.

The time has come to get serious about raising funds for a house. We need \$250,000.00 for a house ready to move in, with the space needed for cribs, a large lawn, 2 other houses on the property. This house has been on the market and people have been interested, and yet here it still is, waiting for us. We know without a doubt this is the house the Lord has for us, and who he has planned to fund it. We need to transplant

to a permanent place, both for the ministry and for Marv to slow down. Thank you for listening to the Lord!

In His Service,

Mary & Marie



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