

# The Perants to South Africa



Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles  
- James 1:27

## "I am with you always..."

Isn't it great to know that whether you are in Tonga, Bangladesh, South Africa, or The United States, God's promise to His disciples in Matthew 28:20 is still true today. Jesus knew everything that was going to happen to His disciples when he made this promise and He knows everything that you are going through. This is our hope brothers and sisters..... We have an awesome God who desires to meet with us every day and promises to return and redeem us from this fallen world..... I hope you are blown away by God's love for you!

So what's going on in South Africa? Our children are starting to settle into a routine with school, gymnastics and horse back riding, and Amy and I have started the process of becoming foster parents. Every day brings more familiarity and we are so thankful for every one who has been praying for us!

We have had our first house guest, Keanon, who is Ruth's Fiancé, and we enjoyed several weeks of extra help around the Onthatile property. He did everything from digging up roots to fixing roofs, and we are very thankful for his help. We also have our first group from one of our newest supporting churches (Faith Community in Loudon, NH) coming next week to do some work. We are hoping to get a shed roof put on the side of my office to increase storage capacity and also some painting done in the orphans bed rooms. A big thank you to Faith and Orchard for partnering with us and bringing our support to 100%!

Right now, the only thing holding up approval to build the village is the electric company. We have problems with the supply of electricity and experience what they call "load shedding" every once in a while. The electric company is saying that they will not be able to provide enough electricity for the village. There is much controversy surrounding this and many people are fed up with the corruption and misuse of resources. Please pray that we can gain approval from them quickly so we can begin to move forward.

There are still many repairs to be done around the property until then, so I will continue to repair motors, fix roofs, trouble shoot water issues and finish my office while we wait. Thank you to every one who is making this possible by supporting us..... We truly could not do this without you!

## A Few Pictures

There is much to do around the village and there is no shortage of helpers! Personally I prefer the little guys in the first two pictures, but a big thank you to Ruth's fiancé, Keanon, for all the help while he was in town. On the bottom right, Keanon is repairing a roof that had a leak, and bottom left is Jerry working on the roof to my office.





### Below

The Van has been getting a lot of use..... everything from being a taxi to delivering construction materials, and Amy has been busy with taking children to hospital visits. We are so glad that Ruth knows when to show up to avoid the long lines pictured. Summer brings lots of heat and sun here in SA, but it also brings the occasional crazy thunderstorm. We had one storm that had so much hail, it almost looked like it had snowed! Ethan and Charis wanted to show you.





### **SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST**

Many of you know that my 6 year plan includes me turning my job over to a local South African. This is Jerry, and I am going to start praying that he will be that person. Please print this so you can cut this picture out and put it on your fridge. First, pray for his salvation, and second, that he would want to help at Onthatile. What a blessing it would be if I was able to work with and train my replacement right from the start!

## Bakkie

Big repairs around the village have started and a pick up truck (bakkie) is needed. We should be able to purchase one like this for only \$10,000. If you would like to help with purchasing this Bakkie, just click on this link..... Thank You! [Click here to donate.](#) We are almost at 50%!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray:

- For continued adjustment to life in SA.
- For ministry opportunities as we interact with our neighbors and community.
- For the funds to buy a pick up truck for Dan's use at the village.
- For wisdom and unity as God grows our team here. 2 more families are joining the team!
- For approval from the electric company so we can start building.
- For salvation for the children we interact with: Thando, Angel, Junior, Yolanda, Amkelani, Kam, Karabo, Zack, and Lelo.
- For salvation for Jerry.

## PRAISES

Praise God with us:

- For being FULLY supported!
- For time to marvel at God's creation at Kruger Park.
- For opportunities to share our home with others.
- For opportunities to care for and share Jesus' love with Onthatile children.
- For our faithful friends and supporters!
- For safety. Elections are coming up and riots are becoming regular.
- For access to quality doctors and hospitals here.
- For miraculous healing of Charis' dysentery on Christmas Day.
- For the Kirbys' safe return from the States.



"The special ones in God's Kingdom are the 'weak ones'. What you do to 'the least of these' is ultimately how you're treating the God of heaven." E. Ludy



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