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Ministry Update

Moving Complete

Both the Averys and Harris' are in their rental homes. The Harris container arrived two weeks ago and the Ave belongings came on March 30. We are thrilled to at least be able to get settled (the Averys still have scores of to unpack upon their return from the Zimbabwe).

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Easter Schedule

Both families leave Joburg on Tuesday and will travel to Bulawayo to spend the Easter weekend with the Zimb Christian Fellowship churches. Janelle, Lisa, and the children will return to Johannesburg on Monday the 12th. Allen and Scott will travel up to Mongu, Zambia. They will be teaching one of the theological courses, Personal Spiritual Life, to twenty pastors and leaders in Mongu. They will return to Johannesburg on the 23rd. Please pray that God will protect us all as we travel to Zimbabwe and Zambia and that we will be fruitful in our teaching and with our efforts.

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Successful Crusade

Martin Mulyata reports that at their last crusade in the Mongu area, an estimated crowd of 5,000 attended the I of the Jesus Film and a total of 447 people made commitments to Christ. We can all rejoice that some of those decisions will be sincere and that they will become faithful disciples. Pray for the church's efforts to follow-up with these people. The Sugar Creek Church has donated the funds to build a metal superstructure and roof for a new church conference center. That structure will be built, Lord willing, in June or July and a short-term missions team from Sugar Creek will come during the first week of August to lay the slab and work on the bathrooms. Praise God for the success in Mongu and the partnership of all the AOM supporters with the churches in Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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The team here has experienced an unusual number of problems, from health difficulties to delays, from broken appliances to banking problems. Almost at every turn, we have faced problems in getting settled. Thankfully, God has blessed both families to "get a handle" on the frustrations and keep their eyes on the important things. Pray for God's protection for the team and that God will both draw us closer to Him and reveal His love and plans.

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