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Ministry Update

We Have Arrived

We have now been here in South Africa for two whirlwind weeks. Both families are staying at a complex built for Nazarene missionaries (700 sq ft) in one bedroom apartments. It is a blessing to have a place to lay our heads. Averys have been able to find a house to rent in a "gated" community. The Harrises are near to agreeing on a house very close to Gabriel's Christian school. The Harris house also has a two-bedroom apartment attached which would be used for the AOM office. Both families would be able to move in March 1st.



Gate to Avery's Rent House



Avery's Rent House

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First Truck

We have located the first of two Toyota Hilux twin cab diesel 4x4 pickups. It only has 24,000 miles on the odometer but cost \$35,000! The Harrises now have wheels! We are a two vehicle team!



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Networking

Today, Scott and Allen attended a meeting of the Church Planting Alliance of South Africa (CPA). We want to work with several ministries that have similar goals to ours (African Ministry Resources, AfNet and Topic) and these are some of the founding ministries within CPA. AOM will join them to help the Church of southern Africa in the areas of leadership training and envisioning for growth.



Allen and Scott at the CPA Meeting

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Angola Contact

We have already made contact with an Assemblies of God missionary who has invited us to Luanda to see the opportunities for church planting and leadership training.

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School For Gabriel

Gabriel is enjoying his new Christian school. At their first athletics sports day, he won a first and second place age.



Gabe on His First Day of School

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Leaving For Zimbabwe

Janelle and Allen leave for Zimbabwe tomorrow to pack up their house and hopefully finalize its sale. They plan to be there for two to three weeks.

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Pray For Bruce

Allen was able to speak to a mechanic while he serviced their 1995 Camry. Bruce is very worried about what will happen to him when he dies. He has promised to have Allen over for a "cuppa" tea and hear from a "mechanic soul" as soon as he returns from a 20-mile canoe race. Please pray that God will grant Bruce the opportunity to repent and receive Christ.

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