

CARMICHAEL UPDATE

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Greetings from South Africa,

Many of you are aware that we are spending two and a half months in South Africa at The Pines filling in for the Teachout family. They returned to the states for a short but busy furlough and to see about renewing their visas. The visa process for South Africa seems to always be a headache and what is the best method to follow. Please pray for them as they make decisions as to whether to renew in the states or back here in South Africa.

Since our arrival on June 25th we have kept very busy with the day to day operations at a very busy time of the year. The children were on school break for 3 weeks so life at The Pines was a buzz of activity. All but one of the students have returned to school this past Tuesday. Lerato is going to school for cosmology and she starts back on Monday.

It is Winter here in South Africa and the day times temps have been in the mid-60's and nights near or just above freezing. We are thankful that most days the sun shines. We have had a couple of winter rains and so it can feel colder than it actually is.

Phil seems to have no end of maintenance issues, I guess that comes with older buildings. We have a large sewer pond that has been a problem since before our arrival and we have been waiting on an excavator for about 2 weeks. They promise to come yet we still wait. We have 5 heat pumps for our hot water on the property that have been troublesome and need constant attention. We've had people out to fix them and the next day they are not functioning again. Not real great to not have hot water in the Winter.

Our team area has been vacant for about 7 months so Alana decided it would be a good time for some serious "Spring cleaning". She has been working on it for 2 weeks and just about finished. We have 20 beds so there is plenty of bedding that was either washed or hung out to air out. The linen closet had a large fault line crack so all that dirt and dust had covered some of the bedding. The crack is fixed and the linens packed away in plastic to prevent further issues.

We recently had an online blanket and pillow fund raiser. Most of the blankets we had on hand were pretty worn out. We are happy with the response and want to thank all who have given. If you would still like to be a part of this endeavor you still have time to check it out on our Facebook page and there will be instructions leading you to our website, thepines.faith, where you can donate.

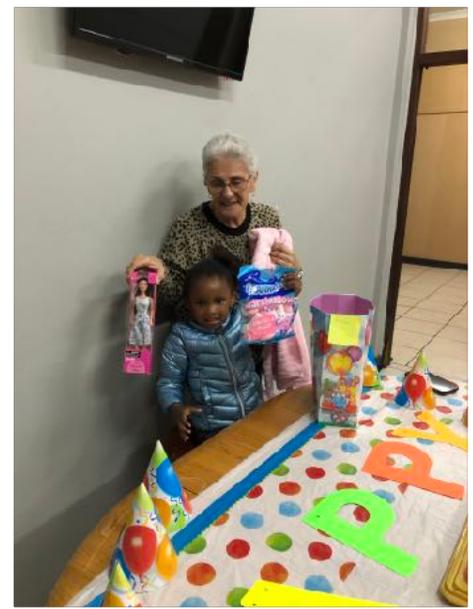
There seems to be no end of things that need attention. Our child sponsorship program seems to be harder to keep current when we are stateside. Since being here we are personally involved in each of the children's lives and can better report to their sponsors. We do have a few children in need of sponsors. We have two different types of sponsorship. We have a [living sponsorship](#) which helps cover the costs of the child in care and we have an [educational sponsorship](#) which helps to cover costs associated with school, such as uniforms, school supplies and in some cases monthly school fees. If you are interested in sponsoring a child the cost for either sponsorship is \$40 a month or \$80 for a full sponsorship.

Donate at: www.thepines.faith



Birthday Parties

Ofentse turning 4 years old and Miso turning 5



Work projects

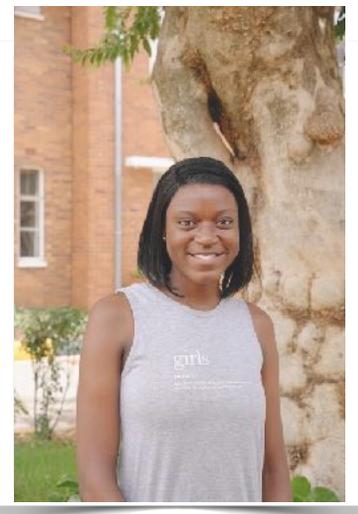
Urgent repairs to sewage evaporation pond. Been waiting 2 weeks for an excavator.

Thabo is in training to be a welder. Here he is repairing a section of our security fence.



New pillows and blankets for the cold Winter months. Thank you to so many for giving generously.





Wandile is back at university after having spent a three week break with us at The Pines. It was a great opportunity to reconnect and witness the maturity and spiritual level he has achieved being on his own at school. He has found a good church and friends that help him stay on track. Just a few more months and he will be finishing his third year.

Anna has also returned to University to continue her journey in education. She is pursuing a degree in Business Management and understands the challenges ahead of her. Both she and Wandile are schooling in a University town approximately 3 hours from The Pines but at separate schools.

Please pray for our young adults as they strive for achievement in a challenging environment and yet able to maintain a clear testimony of their faith in Christ.



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