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Dear Saints,

Greetings in the name of our Savior and Redeemer. To God be the glory for reconciling us to Him through Jesus Christ and the blessing of fellowship with Him and the church. It has been two weeks today since our arrival in Cape Town, South Africa and thought it would be good just to give you an update of us until now. We were welcomed by many brethren and family at the airport upon our arrival.

The first week we stayed in a one bedroom flatlet (Holiday apartment) which we were able to get through someone we have known for several years. Upon arrival we also rented a car for a week to allow to get around as all car dealerships were closed for the new year holidays. During this week our search started for a rental house and a car. We bought a little Honda Ballade (same as the Honda Civic) which was a used car (1997 model) but in a reasonable condition. On January 8th we had to move out of the apartment as it was rented to someone else. We still had not found anything suitable but were prayerful knowing that God knows what we need. At about noon on that day after we moved out, a rental agent we spoke to called to tell us that one of the houses she showed us which we told them was out of our reach, the owner was willing to negotiate. She asked me to make an offer which I did and twenty minutes later she called back that the owner accepted our offer. We were so surprised but immediately went into prayer and thanked God as a family. Beloved the amount I offered was about 30 % less than he wanted. We were so overjoyed and really like the house.

The next challenge was to get Nicole into a school; she was accepted at one of the academic all girls school which we were very happy with. Her report card really impressed the principal for the work she did in the US. We will send some pictures later of her first day at High School.

Lynnsay's transition to a local university was also very challenging but once again the Lord opened doors for her as there were about 300 people on a waiting list but she was accepted. We truly serve a living God who hears the prayers of His people.

I have met with several local preachers so far and will have a meeting with them and other on a weekly basis so that we can see how we can work together to help congregations that do not have a fulltime preacher. Tomorrow I get to teach a Bible class and preach at the Athlone congregation. I will also be studying with a visitor that attended service last week. Another brother and I went and visited with him as he indicated that he would like to know more about the Bible. We visited with him in his home and set up a study for this coming week. Today, Sandra and I will be attending a Teachers Retreat to help set up a teaching curriculum for the both adult and children's classes.

We thank you for your prayers and ask that you continue to remember each of us as we do you and will give a more detailed report once we have a telephone line to be able to access the internet. I am currently using a wireless modem that I borrowed from Sandra's younger sister but it is very expensive to operate. Till next time.

Rohan, Sandra, Lynnsay & Nicole Jones