

from africa with love

The Ministry of De Wet & Marysol Blomerus in South Africa. June 2009



USA Trip

We had a wonderful time in Nashville, Miami, Ocala, and Lowell in the United States. We visited family, friends, partners, and churches. *(top left photo: with Marysol's grandmother on her 90th birthday!)* It was bittersweet to once again leave our families and count the cost of living so far away. However, we feel God is making South Africa home to us. For many of you that are getting this newsletter for the first time, it was great to meet you along the way!



Germany

On our way back home we had an extended layover in Germany for an international gathering of Biblical Studies and Titus leaders. This takes place once every 4 years. We had times of planning, training, and seeking God with representatives from 30 nations. We formed a formal partnership with Frontier Missions. We were also chosen as Africa's regional resource hub for Biblical Studies. A bonus: getting to see friends and co-workers from all over the globe!



Bible School

Our Bible School will be graduating this month. They have worked hard through all 66 books. Many of them are staying on for Titus Project which starts 5 days after graduation!

Titus Project

Titus Project is our teacher training ministry that we directly lead. We will be sending 2 teams to live in local townships, and 1 team to Tanzania. We are excited for the many opportunities to teach where it is greatly needed! Together, we will lead one of the Cape Town teams for two months. While Marysol holds down the fort locally, De Wet will briefly go to Tanzania in August to meet our team for pastoral care and teacher development.



Local Leaders

In addition to Titus Project, we are now the leaders of our local Bible ministry called the "mobile team". Our Titus teams will provide momentum for a more concentrated reach into our own community, where there is great need. From there we will work to bring year-round Bible teaching into schools, churches, prisons, refugee groups, etc. We will partner more closely with our urban ministry team and involve our Bible school students. Our long-term goal is to recruit and train more South Africans to be missionaries.



Sibongile Children's Home

At the home for handicapped children where Marysol volunteers, many children have made astounding progress in motor skills due to a physical therapist's involvement. She is now training the volunteers. They have a new website under construction. Public thanks to Dustin, Jenny, Rob, and Megan in the USA for answering our plea and taking this website on as their collaborative ministry!



WHAT IS A TOWNSHIP?

A vast majority of South Africans live in townships. They are key to reaching the nation. A township is an official community of an often underdeveloped urban area. They are densely populated. It is sometimes incorrectly referred to as a squatter camp, which is a bit different. Homes or shacks tend to be poorer and made of corrugated iron and all kinds of materials. It is uncommon for white people to live there. The cultural makeup varies from township to township.

Practical Partnership

One of our goals is to teach, equip, and mobilize African missionaries. However, we know firsthand that you can have all the training, but money is a reality. Part of our ministry is to financially partner with African missionaries on a monthly basis. We are now partnering with 6 families and hope to add more. For the next few newsletters we will be introducing you to 2 of these families at a time:

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Personal Update

- **HOME SWEET COLD HOME:** We are happy to be home and settling even though its the dead of winter here.
- **MACBOOK PRO:** As we were leaving America, one of our partners, who wishes to remain anonymous, blessed De Wet with a new laptop, a Macbook Pro! He is still grinning (see *photo right*). It was a testament to God's goodness even before we could ask.
- **LEARNING AFRIKAANS:** Marysol has embarked on learning Afrikaans this month. Lessons and flash cards are in her future for a while. Afrikaans is De Wet's mother tongue and the #1 spoken language in our part of South Africa. It's an important investment for family and ministry. Please pray God gives her this language as she studies.
- **NEW WEBSITE:** We finally rolled up our sleeves and overhauled our website. We hope this will be a way of sharing with you more directly. We are blogging several times a week hoping to a give slice of our lives here. Topics range from: dealing with homesickness, student profiles, cultural insights, book reviews, cycling in Africa's biggest bike race, and even one post showcasing De Wet's former mullet. Come check it out!



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What's the best way to give?

Through YWAM Montana. Or if you are a member of Community Christian Fellowship in Massachusetts, they process donations as well (specify it's for us). In both cases, 100% of the money gets to us overseas and is tax deductible!

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