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You must love the LORD
your God with all your
heart, all your soul, and
all your mind and
second to love your
neighbor as yourself."
Matthew 22:37-39

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Issue 2

August Greetings

Dear Friends

Recently we sent out an urgent request for more financial support. We want to thank everyone who responded to our request. We are now financially secure till the end of November.

The support you have all given us in prayer, finance and other donations will go a long way in building a brighter future for the children at Umndeni. We know you don't all get to see the seed grow like we do but believe you me they are growing and at times it is hard to keep up with them.

I must also say to all our Great Britain supporters well done to what looked like a very good Olympic Games. Sadly it was too late in the evening for our kids to watch but they did manage to see some of the action on the weekends and reruns in the mornings before going off to school. The one morning they will not forget was when they saw South Africa win the Gold in 100m breaststroke. All of us, and I mean all of us were jumping and shouting for joy. Sadly dad was so busy shouting he forgot to take a photo. I hope mom did manage something on the cellphone. The kids enjoyed the gymnastics and swimming the most.

Recently we had a team come out from Chicago, USA, and from Solid Ground church Empangeni, South Africa. Together they build a new jungle gym for the kids at Jacobs Ladder preprimary school. I want to thank Mark and the team at Solid Ground for putting this all together. They say the proof of the pudding is in the tasting. Well the kids love it so much the teacher is finding it hard to get them into the class room. It took us three days to dig the holes where the poles go into the ground and 6 hours of hard work to get everything assembled. The reason it took so long to dig the holes is because the ground is so hard. **Remember only the foolish man builds his house on the sand.**



The Kids are LOVING IT!

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*Fear not, for I am with
you, I will bring your
offspring from the east
and gather you from the
west*

Isaiah 43vs5

*Train up a child in the
way he should go, and
when he is old he will
not depart from it*

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Every day the kids come home filthy dirty from all the sand around the jungle gym. I guess at some point I am going to make a plan to put some river sand on the ground. In all everyone had a good time. For the guys who build the jungle gym it was a good team building exercise and the kids everyday get to have fun on it.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understandings, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

This time of the year it is very very dry. There are a lot of fires around. The locals burn the grass so that they can get new grazing grass for the cattle when the rains come in October. The problem is the fire's cause lots damage and there is always a smell of smoke in the air. It is also not a good time of the year for fires because of the strong winds. So far this year I have had over R1000.00 damage to my water pipes because of fire. We do build fire breaks around our property but this does not always keep the fire out. About a week ago we got 10mm of rain. The most we have had in 4 months. Sadly along with the rain we got hail. As we do not have shelters for our cars we were worried the hail would cause a lot of damage. Fortunately there was no damage just a lot of noise on our tin roof. I think our next project we will have to look at building undercover parking for our cars.



This picture is not so clear but it shows how dry the ground is. We are also in the process of building a new veggie garden. In the past this save us a lot of money but because of the poor rains we had to put things on hold. We are busy preparing the land for when the rains come. The area has been fenced off and cleared of all rocks and stones. We are about to start digging vegetable beds. This time we decided smaller is better and easy to manage. The area we fenced off is very much determined by the amount of rain we get.

At last we have our own web site and face book page. We want to thank Esther from Zumat for putting this together for us. There are still some corrections to be made but very few. Thanks to those who picked out the mistakes and over time we will sort it out. Please go on and have a look and let us know what you think. We are very excited about this and pray it will open new doors for us. Please go and have a look and let your friends know.

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On our website you can find out more about the projects that need support and more information about us and the kids.

*Wrath is cruel and anger
is an overwhelming
flood, but who is able to
stand before jealousy*



The last three months we have had 8 birthdays. We try to make each occasion very special for the kids whose birthday it is. On this occasion Lisa had her own plans and did not want mom to make the birthday cake and asked her aunty Lana make the cake. Well this was one of two cakes. I must say I am glad Lisa's birthday was the last one of the seven because I am not sure if Michelle is able to keep up with aunty Lana's standards. I do know that the kids will all want aunty Lana to make the cake.