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Another school term has come to an end. For the next three weeks our kids will be on school holidays. As parents all know it is not always easy keeping children entertained during the holidays. Fortunately they have all got some school work to do. Lisa and Aidan both received the Principals award for work well done. Nathan and Luke both made Honor roll. Lisa has been working very hard this term. Yes Miss Hood (Lisa's grade R teacher now living in England) your little girl is doing very well. If she carries on at the pace she is she will start grade 3 work in the 4th term.



Lisa

Luke

We took some of our teenage boys to a Jesus Culture concert. Jesus Culture is a band from America who was on tour in South Africa recently. Our young boys enjoy their music and spend a lot of time practicing playing their music instruments.



Nathan, Koti and Bheneza and Vee have started a band called Last Minute and they lead the worship in our church. We were just given a set of drums for the church. We will only let them use the drums in the church once they know how to play them. So every day the noise level in our house hold has reached new heights. It is a good thing we live in the bush. Koti plays the acoustic guitar, Bheneza Drums and guitar, Vee guitar and bass, Nathan lead vocals and plays bass when needed. They also have a girl (Chilombo or Chillie) who is on backup vocals and piano.

In February Michelle and I celebrated being married 20 years. We went away to a local game reserve for two nights we had a very good time and spent time reflecting on the past and what God is doing in our lives. I could not travel this journey without the help and support of my wife. She is the only one who will put up with all my nonsense. It is amazing to think that God thought of us before we met and he knows all the plans he has for us. Plans to prosper, and we are also very thankful for all those friends who walk this road with us. May God Bless you all. Some of you we have been very fortunate to meet and spend time with, others we have not met but we do have a goal in common and that is to make a better future for all our children. We would not be able to educate our kids, provide for their need without your help and support.

This year Michelle started another school for 4 year old kids called Jacobs Ladder. It is going well and the kids are all enjoying it. In July a group of volunteers are coming out from America to build a jungle gym for the school.

We have also put in 10 more rain tanks to help us through those long dry months. I do not think we have enough tanks especially if we want to keep the veggie garden going. I have had to make a decision to stop growing vegies till we can get on top of our water problem. It has been a bit frustrating at time but I hope we will sort this out soon. Land for a vegetable garden is not an issue but water is. This year I lost a lot of veggies because of the shortage of water. I think smaller is better.

We also made contact with the two organizations our kids have come from. Both of them have informed us that we would most likely not be given any more children because we have adopted far too many. The best route for us to go is to register with the welfare as a foster home. Our fear of fostering has always been if the kids are taken away from us. We have been assured that as of this year a lot of the laws are changing. The Laws are now more in favour of foster homes, whereas in the past this was not the case, hence our decision to adopt all our children.



Thank You for your ongoing support.
God Bless
Neil, Michelle and Kids