

GUS & BECKYS 3RD UPDATE

5th October 2009

To all our lovely friends back home,

We had rain last week! First proper rain since we've been here! They say it does happen here. Actually some of the people we've been speaking to were getting worried about when the rains would come. Out in the rural areas they are very dependant on the rain for their food supply.

For those who are wondering about Letsema's house:

The building work is going well but slowly. I've showed them how to lay the bricks and am overseeing that. The idea is that when the house is done they will have hands-on experience with bricklaying etc.

So far, the timber structure is complete. We've got poles in the ground holding the roof up. The sides that were going to be filled in with sticks and mud will now be in brick because you guys were so generous! We'll only do a single layer of brick and then the inside will be finished off with sticks and mud creating a cavity wall. The rest of the



stuff like windows and doors have all been bought and are just waiting to be fitted.

Last Sunday the church had a collection for the house and managed to raise another R1300! That means from the congregation we have received R3000! This in itself is a miracle considering how much they earn here. We have now gone and with the remainder of what you guys sent paid off the last R3000 on the plot of land. This means Letsema can now go and have the title deed etc. transferred into his name.

Last week I had to go clean Moeketsi's leg wounds to show the girls how it's done. As if I had any medical experience! I did follow the instructions of Dr Peter in Matlock. They still speak about how good it was to have him here for those 6 months. We need doctors here, man! Moeketsi has cancer in his leg and it's in the final stages now where the tumour has broken through the skin. He can't move about anymore. It was very painful for him and I take my hat off to all those nurses and doctors that have to deal with this sort of stuff all the time. Please pray that the Lord will ease his suffering.

This weekend past we had the regional student and twenties camp. I had to do a session, which took a lot of preparation! Man it's hard work. Becky helped me organise my jumbled ideas into something with bullet points and all! It went well I think.



Later that evening many of our lads we brought were baptised in the Holy Spirit and, just for that, all the hard work was worth it.

We arrived back on the Saturday evening to make the baptisms the next day at church. They like to do it quick here. No praying or anything afterwards. Just dunk and move on. I don't think they like the water idea. About 15 got baptized. (In record time!)

Gideon keeps growing as they do and we think that he now speaks more Sesotho than English... we're enjoying telling bible stories for the kids in Maseru East and Ha Makhwati.



Becky's parents are arriving soon and we are looking forward to their arrival and some time off.

So loads of love from us here in Maseru. Keep remembering us in your prayers as you are doing. The continued support from home is invaluable!

Again, love to all,

Gus, Becky and Gideon