



CARMICHAEL UPDATE

GREETINGS FROM WELKOM, SOUTH AFRICA

WHERE COLD TEMPERATURES ARE GIVING WAY TO WARMER DAYS



We departed Detroit on August 21st arriving the evening of the 22nd of August having had a good trip over and now have been at The Pines for just shy of 2 weeks.

Where to begin with the many changes we have seen? I think seeing all the new children that have come into care over the past year and a half has been the biggest change. We now have on site 11 toddlers and a total of 37 children on site. We have 14 children in grades Kindergarten through grade 10 and 12 young people in our transition flats. Life at The Pines these days is anything but dull.



Our little ones all go to an english speaking pre-school, Trinity, associated with Welkom Baptist Church. We have noticed how much their english skills have improved and are grateful for Trinity pre-school and the input they have in our little ones lives.

SCHOOL NEWS

Our School age children are scattered between 6 different schools in the Welkom area and it can be very challenging to keep all the schedules straight and then add to the mix sports events and field trips. Life can get a little bit crazy at times. We are always reminded that one of the key things to remember is to be flexible. Our transition young people are doing very well. Some will be finishing their schooling this year and several have jobs outside of The Pines as well as working for The Pines. We are blessed as we see our young men and women grow and mature and have a relationship with Christ.

Additions To The Pines



Hatched baby chicks

Though animals are not necessarily new to The Pines, Randy Teachout envisioned an assortment of farm animals that could be used to teach the children responsible care of farm animals and provide meat and eggs for The Pines. This new endeavor has proven to be very popular with children and adults alike. Currently we have 2 pigs, 3 goats, 2 babies goats, an assortment of chickens and over 100 eggs in the incubator waiting to hatch.

David, one of our house parents and pictured to the left, and Jackson Spencer are doing a great job in developing this initiative as a growing part of The Pines.



FAMILY NEWS

Our family is growing and we were blessed with a new grandson back in December 2023. We have been enjoying some time this summer being with Kimmy and Jake and grandson Atticus.

During our many visits to West Michigan we have also been able to see Richard and family. It's hard to believe Ava is already 6 years old. Christie and David were in Florida for vacation and we were able to join them in August to attend a baby shower for Jonathan & Tiffany who are expecting our 5th grandchild. We also had the privilege this summer of attending our grandson Camron's graduation from University in North Carolina. We are blessed to be able to see our children more often than when we resided overseas.



Skills Training

Tshidiso has taken an 8 week class in welding and needs practice. The soccer goal post are now almost 20 years old and in need of rebuilding so what better project to work on?

Under supervision, Tshidiso and his brother Tumi have done a fantastic job of revitalizing our goal posts.



ITEMS OF PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayer:

Salvation and spiritual growth of children in care
Need for additional staffing at The Pines
Resolution to current banking issues

Praise:

Many miles of safe travel this year for Alana and I
God's blessing in His ministry as we serve together

Thank you to all who continually give and pray for The Pines



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