

Building together with God  
I Corinthians 3:9

January 2011 Update

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*Ask of Me  
and I will give  
You the nations  
for Your  
inheritance.*

*Psalm 2:8*



New Transportation in South Africa  
Linda with her gator  
Dennis with the family bakkie

### Life in South Africa

In our last update, we shared with you that our decision to leave CFN Poland made us available to accept an invitation to work with an agricultural non for profit organization in South Africa. Our son Daniel was already employed by this foundation as a crop research specialist to coordinate the farm activities with the founders and alternate with the CEO as farm manager. They had need of experienced farmers to help with projects designed to develop seed and farming techniques to improve the agricultural environment for the small farmers in South Africa. So, August 2010 found us hired and settling down in our new home in the northern Limpopo region.

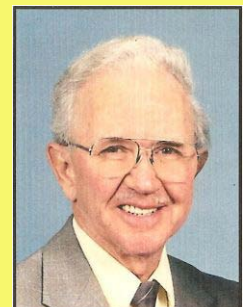
Dennis is employed as a research farm manager. He coordinates with different research partners from different universities and private foundations who conduct their projects on the farm here. A wide range of experiments on the farm include organic farming and genetically modified crops, including raising rice under irrigation!

Linda is employed part time in the office doing invoicing and record keeping. It's a great place to enjoy seeing Dennis and Daniel work together to organize the projects with the partners and, of course, watch them in the fields working together. This schedule allows time to spend with Daniel's wife Karen and grand children Olivia and Jude too. It has also given Linda time to write her first children's book! There's more detail about this book later in the newsletter.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF ED ALLSPACH

*It's difficult to even write, but my precious father, Edward Allspach, is now with the Lord. We arrived in the USA December 1, and Dad passed away December 6, the day before his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. We were able to visit him a couple of times before the battle with what appeared to be Alzheimer's ended. We are thankful we were able to be here, but even more thankful that Linda had some wonderful talks with him about Christ this past summer. God is faithful.*

*Thanks to all of you who have called, written, sent flowers and food, and kept our family covered with your prayers. We have felt your love and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.*



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## Life in South Africa...

Working in a secular job has been quite a different experience in many ways. It has emphasized the fact that we can each fulfill our God-given call outside of the church building. We are who we are in Christ no matter where we are, and the world is crying out to see the sons of God act like sons of God whether it's while farming, being a stay-at-home mom, working in the office doing payroll, writing, running a daycare, delivering mail, or directing a youth intervention program, etc., etc. Each arena provides us with an opportunity to put to practice biblical principles and exhibit humility and spiritual maturity in our choices and actions.

We want to encourage you to be happy on the job! A life lived with Christ in the driver's seat is an exciting and challenging experience which will be treasured for all eternity.

Live without regrets!

We had to buy our own transportation for traveling off the farm, so our "bakkie" on page 1 is our great blessing and key to freedom! With this double cab pickup we can take Daniel, Karen and family with us for town trips, game drives, and trips to other points of interest nearby.

## FIRES CLOSE TO HOME

The brush fires were another aspect of living in the Bushveld of South Africa that we were not expecting. Thanks to answered prayers raised to the Lord by those of you on our prayer list, along with many others, our property was spared many times as more fires erupted this year in our immediate area than in the years past.

Dennis, Daniel and other staff worked with other area firefighters into the wee hours of the night many days to preserve the homes and farms of many neighbors.

Of course, it is common to South Africans to fight fires during their very dry winters, but for us it was a new and rather alarming experience.

At 11 p.m. one night, my neighbor and I were forced to leave our house and go to Karen and Daniel's about a mile away. Mountain fires were burning literally in our backyard. Men were setting backfires to extinguish the approaching flames and keep the fire under control as it lit up the sky like an angry orange snake. It was quite a spectacular sight, and we were very thankful that it ended with no real destruction to our properties.

Of course, the animals have the worst of the situation since their homes are destroyed. The giraffes at a nearby reserve, along with the ostriches, porcupines, anteaters, zebras, baboons, and other unique animals that live around us all escaped to other areas or were escorted safely away. Strangely, within two weeks sprouts of green grass began to cover the charred areas! This occurred even without any rain. **Miracles in the Bushveld!**



Daniel, Karen, Olivia and Jude pet the white lion cub during a visit to a nearby animal reserve.



## WILD ANIMALS NEAR HOME

In addition to farming, we also live next to a cheetah reserve. Though the farming aspect of this foundation is only in its second year, the cheetah reserve is over 10 years in existence.

We see unique animals almost daily as we travel back and forth to the office, to town, and as we go from field to field working during the day. Living literally in the "bush" (bushveld), we do not enjoy city life any longer, nor do we have a store just around the corner! (Nor do we now have internet or TV at our house at the foot of the mountains.) The nearest town of any size is 30 minutes away, and the roads are TERRIBLE, bumpy, dry and dusty!



Dennis and Linda meet Peter the Cheetah



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## FIRST CHILDREN'S BOOK GRANDMA GOES TO SOUTH AFRICA Animals and More Animals



Daniel and a friend fighting one of the fires near our farm.

Because we were seeing so many amazing things when we moved to South Africa, I immediately wanted to share these experiences with our children and grandchildren. But how could I do this? I couldn't take pictures of the snake I ran over with my gator or the steenbok that ran right in front of me to hide in the bushes as I drove to work. It all happened too fast! So an idea began to grow as I talked to the Lord about how to share.

The result was a book titled Grandma Goes to South Africa Animals and More Animals. It is a children's picture book in color written at third grade level so our grandkids can soon read it by themselves. Letters to the grandkids open and end the book parts, and the teacher in me came out as I have included comprehension questions and answers and a list of new vocabulary words at the end of the two sections. ☺ Finished in November, it arrived just in time to give as a Christmas memento.



This is the book cover of Grandma Goes to South Africa. It is also the new icon we've chosen to represent us while we are positioned here in South Africa. You'll see this in our communications and on our website too which is even now under reconstruction.

Of course, we've totally enjoyed our children and grandchildren while we've been in the USA this time. Jani and Richie are a big support to us as Jani continues to faithfully handle all our business while we're gone. Laura and David also continue to be a blessing and encouragement to us in so many different ways. Having Daniel and Karen and family with us in South Africa has proven to be a very special time we will cherish. In short, we are greatly blessed by all our children and their families. We love being grandparents!



Giraffe picture snapped just before our return to USA

10% off coupon for  
**Grandma Goes to South Africa**  
[www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)

It is now available to the public online at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com). You can also put this internet address in the URL web address location to access the site. Then put "Grandma Goes to South Africa" in the search area that appears. You can even click "preview" under the picture of the book to see the whole book online! Of course you can also buy it if you like. I have inserted a 10% off coupon which you can use until January 31. Just type in the code: READ2011 when you check out.

The fires, the farming, and especially the animals have given me several ideas for other children's books. I plan to return to the writing when we go back to South Africa at the end of January. Hope your kids and grandkids- and you! - can enjoy the books too. God's creation is amazing!



This is our house (kitchen/living room area) and our farm friends who meet with us on Sundays to worship, share, and pray together.



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## CHANGES AT CFN POLAND

Perhaps several factors combined to call for some extreme changes at CFN Poland this past fall 2010. After some financial struggles and no new students registered for classes, CFN Poland has found it necessary to discontinue classes as normal. Instead, returning students have been given the option of completing their studies via pre-recorded classroom teachings and intern placement at area churches.

New directors, Josh and Iza Cagle, will be key players in helping to bring new vision to CFN Poland. Josh, a graduate of Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas and one of the founders of the Creative Arts in Drama ministry at CFN Poland some 9 years ago, has stepped forward to shoulder this responsibility. His wife Izabela, a graduate of CFN Poland and former worship dance instructor, joins her husband to form a great team. This special marriage of the USA and Poland promises to be a leadership team which has the vision and heart of God and strong connections with CFNI Dallas.

We have known both of these young people for many years and have witnessed their unfeigned love, devotion, sacrifice, and leadership in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in Poland and around the world. We highly recommend them for this position.

We want to encourage you to support them personally as they are a full time missionary family. They are "worth their salt". Of course, the school itself is also in desperate financial need at the moment. We expect that new students will register to attend this coming September 2011 and will breathe new life into the school this fall.

If the Lord is tugging at your heart, you can find more information about making a donation or supporting Josh and Iza or CFN on our website or by contacting us personally by phone or email. Our contact information is found in the left column.

Many of you have supported us and CFN Poland for years with your prayers and finances. We have been so very blessed by your faithfulness! Thank you! These new leaders are some of the fruit of your giving. We want more leaders raised up who willingly and joyfully make themselves available as God's vessel to reach the young and old for the Kingdom of God.

For those of you who have been on our CFN Prayer Team the last 9 years, you will soon be receiving an email communication from Josh and Iza in which they will introduce themselves. So be sure to look in your junk mail since setting up email communication sometimes is difficult. They plan to build this prayer support team as they launch into a new season for CFN Poland. If you were not a part of this team but would like to be added to the team list, please let us know. We will be happy to give Josh your email address at your request. As we already know, they certainly need your help! Thanks!



New directors of CFN Poland  
Joshua and Iza Cagle  
and Baby Maria

*For God so greatly loved and  
dearly prized the world that  
He [even] gave up His only  
begotten (unique) Son, so that  
whoever believes in (trusts in,  
clings to, relies on) Him shall  
not perish (come to  
destruction, be lost) but have  
eternal (everlasting) life.*

*John 3:16*

*Amplified Version*



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