



UPDATE from MUTARE



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I bring you tidings of great joy. Today in the
town of David a Saviour has been born to you.
Luke 2:10-11

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Dear friends and family,

"Tasvika" is the word Shona people use to say 'we have arrived'! It felt so good when we finally got back last week to be welcomed with smiles and hugs and questions - and we are happy to be 'home'. We are so grateful for safe travels, loving family and friends and the opportunity to visit so many places.



We stayed in the United States for 5 months with Iowa as our base. We appreciated a home with Larry's sister and our brother-in-law on their farm near Waterloo, and enjoyed family time, family fun and many Iowa sunrises and sunsets against the green and then golden corn fields.

We left Michael in the wonderful care of our nephew's family. He is attending high school, learning about American government and literature (all new for him!), playing band and piano and hopefully helping out with family chores! Our home here does feel empty without him.

We would both like to thank everyone who welcomed us on our 112 church and other

visits. For spoiling us with hospitality, comfortable beds, great food and friendship. It was such an encouragement for us to experience this day after day. Thank you too for organizing meetings where you came to listen and hear about what God is doing at Africa University, and how young people are being equipped to become leaders throughout the continent of Africa. We saw how busy life can be for you, but you gave us your time, and we are so grateful.

We want to thank the Lord above all- For the 'treats' along the journey- the refreshing swims in a lake, for being able to dip our toes in both the Atlantic and the Pacific (and Lake Tahoe the Magnificent), bike rides and walks, glimpses of small town (and city) life in so many places, special times with family and friends, and a chance to spend a week in the Badlands, SD with our four children and Ben and Pule's girlfriends.



We travelled thousands of miles (27,000 by air, 15,000 by road), and were kept in safety.

We are approaching *Christmas*, so we wish each of you great **bleSSing!!!**

AU Farm News



The new John Deere tractor arrived while we were away and has been 'healthy' and very busy.

Many improvements have been made at the dairy, including bringing in new heifers from SA.

Current focus on fundraising is for a center pivot irrigation system- to improve productivity and efficiency of water use, reduce costs... and to expose our students to this technology.

Africa University News

We look forward to AU's 25th Anniversary celebrations in late March. So do Albert and Precious (below) and many others who are only able to be here with the help of scholarships.



Please pray

- As you pray for America, please remember to pray for Zimbabwe- for Zimbabweans to experience the joy of Christ and family this Christmas in present challenging circumstances.
- For a good rainy season. So far the rainfall has not been very good, and we pray that we don't have a repeat of last year's very poor season.

As always, thank you for your support, love, cards prayers, thoughts, and emails!

Yours and His,
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