



UPDATE from MUTARE



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*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for
which God has called me heavenward in Christ
Jesus.*

Philippians 3:14

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Greetings from Africa University!

Larry: Growing up in rural Iowa, I looked forward to summer events such as county and state fairs and Farmers' Day. The Zimbabwe equivalents are Agricultural Shows. It was exciting to be involved in Africa University's display that won best-of-class in the recent local Agricultural Show.



At the same Ag Show, the Farm Manager, Mr Mupofu, and his staff were proud to receive first prizes for some of their livestock at the local Agricultural Show. They have worked hard to cultivate the market for pig breeding stock. In a win-win situation, local farmers are happy to be able to be to jump-start or rejuvenate their pig projects by buying pregnant females, while the AU Farm gets more income from each pig. The

award for Best Pig Producer has already increased the demand.

AU News

The new academic year is well underway, with most of the new Agriculture students in the picture above taken in the wheat field near the Old Campus. Jane is also enjoying her new 'crop' of Intensive English students.

The June graduation celebration is fast becoming



a distant memory. This year, as in many years past, the top Agriculture student was a scholarship recipient. Patrick was on study leave from his job as an Extension agent in Zambia, and is now back using his newly acquired skills to make a bigger impact. Thanks to those who, through gifts to the scholarship fund, help allow Patrick and many others to be here.

More AU Farm news

In June we had the official dedication of two recent developments- the worker's house started by the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, and the Center Pivot, now irrigating a crop of wheat due to be harvested in October (soon!!!).



Thanks to all who have helped the Farm continue to develop!! The present focus is on expanding the area under crops.

Family News

Michael has begun his Software Engineering degree program at Iowa State.

Freshly-minted Emory University grad (in Chemistry) Carly has now begun her internship with campus ministry, Bread, on the Emory campus while preparing to go to Brisbane, Australia in January.



Pule and Christine's wedding in June was full of joy- we could better understand why Jesus chose a wedding to perform His first miracle. After the excitement of the 'buddymoon' (both sets of in-laws accompanied them to Victoria Falls), and their honeymoon in Malawi, they returned to their jobs in Colorado.

Ben (and his girlfriend, Ada), returned to New York where he continues to work for Flatiron.

Please pray

- *For Pule and Christine in their lives as newlyweds*
- *For staff and students at Africa University who continue their work and studies despite the struggling economy with cash shortages*
- *For wisdom for Zimbabwe's government, in place after the elections held in July.*

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

Yours and His,
Larry and Jane Kies

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