



Spokie, (picture below) also contracted that same virus and nearly died too, but we got her to the vet just in time and after a few very painful jabs, she started recovering although she still would not eat for two days after that!

On that same day we went to see William, the pharmacist at the local hospital, to arrange for a malaria smear. Unbelievable... it was positive! We could not believe it so we went to see private GP. He confirmed the diagnosis and I started taking the Coartem (see, no coincidence that we had some Coartem handy!) I have to add, that the only symptoms I had was some bouts of fever, although not that severe, and Lourie was saying, that I would surely feel the heat when the temperature is 38 degrees outside in the shade, and a stabbing pain behind my left eye. Last Friday afternoon we decided to leave for South Africa and after a fairly rough ride in one of the local buses, we arrived in Livingston, three hours later. All I could do to try and control the fever was to wet my hair with drinking water all the time. Can you imagine the looks from our fellow passengers? Needless to say, we managed to get the last two tickets on a British Airways flight to S.A.! How is that for divine provision?



Some days ago we decided to start a feeding program at the local school because of the terrible need and hunger amongst the children. We thought to start with maybe one meal of maize (which is the staple diet) and relish and vegetables and to take it from there. The children are really suffering because of drought and poor harvests. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to please visit our web site.....even if you only donate just enough for us to buy a bag of maize meal every month..... That would make a huge difference, and remember, you would be sowing a seed in very fertile soil that would bear much fruit, I can guarantee you!



The picture shows a few of the children having a feast of bread, which I baked the day before, and scrambled eggs since the chickens are laying around 17 eggs per day now.

I had a follow up test for malaria today and glory to our God, the results were negative. I want to thank all of you for your constant prayers. Next week we will go back

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Hallo to you all!

You will not believe me but we are in South Africa at the moment. Quite unexpectedly too, I have to add. Let me explain.

We started having problems with less and less water from the bore hole, so we decided to drill a new one and lots of things have been going wrong since then. The same day we were drilling the new hole, a couple, we have not met before, reverend J. Bosman and his wife, arrived at the farm, all the way from Lusaka. He turned out to be a minister from the Dutch Reformed Church in Lusaka and he and his wife were travelling to Livingston, for a church meeting there. We had tea together and we shared a lot of their knowledge of the country, since they had been there for more than a year. When they left, they gave us some Coartem (treatment for malaria) and we did not think too much of it at the time, although we know there is no such thing as coincidence in God's plan for our lives.

The rest of the week was terrible. First Spokie's little brother, died of some unknown viral infection, and then the whirlwind tore off part of the roof and on top of that, the generator died. You could ask: "What else could go wrong?" Well yes ...MALARIA...!

“home”. We don’t really know where home is nowadays!
I suppose the children’s village is our home now since everyone was really heartbroken, and they looked so hopeless when we left, the other day.

I have to say it was a very welcome break from all the trouble but we are keen to go back and continue what we have started. The people and especially the children, have become such integral parts of our lives now, and Africa, no matter how untamed or wild, is just part of us and in our blood...!

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Lots of love and blessings!

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