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When I was a pre-teen growing up in Zion, IL our city built a beautiful recreational building that included an ice rink. I, along with many of the other girls my age, signed up for lessons, skated in recitals and dreamed of Peggy Fleming. Over my High School and University years I occasionally would get opportunities to skate and loved it. Then, we moved to Africa and ice rinks weren't part of our lifestyle. UNTIL, a few weeks ago ... Rachel and I went off to a school outing at an ice rink (one of only a few on the continent). Besides the ice turning to soup by the session's end, I learned a few lessons:

1. I still have the skills to ice skate quite competently.
2. My ankles are not as strong as they used to be and so at times I had to hobble to the side and rest.
3. You can make a lot of people smile by walking to your car with hat, scarf and gloves in 90 degree heat.

As I reflected on my morning where I spent about half my time sitting on the side lines, I couldn't help but think about missionary service. God has given the missionary the skills necessary to do his/her work quite successfully. However, without the support of the home front they don't have the opportunity and strength needed to do the work. We want to thank you for your support through prayer and finances over this past year. We know that the economy has made that a real challenge for many of you but we are grateful for your faithfulness. Without you we'd just be sitting on the sidelines.

Ministry news:

ZEBS Graduation late last month saw a record number of 1st and 2nd year students receive certificates in Gauteng. A number of students gave very encouraging testimonies of how God has used ZEBS in their lives. One said she used to be like blind Bartimaeus, crying out for help because of her great desire to study and understand the Bible, but praise the Lord in ZEBS she has found what she was looking for.

Death doesn't take a holiday. Last week we heard about another young woman passing from AIDS and even on Christmas weekend we could hear the singing from the cemetery down the road from us. 17% of the World's population living with HIV/AIDS live within the borders of South Africa (if you counted the countries of southern Africa it would be significantly higher than that). ZEMA is growing by leaps and bounds, PTL, but the cry of our heart is that we just need to do MORE ...

Family news:

Christmas was extra wonderful this year as we enjoyed a week plus visit from our daughter, Marie, and her husband, Jonathan, from London. They enjoyed our sunny weather. And we just enjoyed them. Jonathan is now manager of his shop and Marie has been teaching a Grade 2 class at a private English school. Matthew spent the holiday stateside but he was "with" us on the day via the computer camera. It reminded me of the old Star Trek TV show! He continues to work, almost full-time, and take night classes at Moody Bible Institute. Rachel has been hobbling around the house since the last day of school on crutches due to her badly sprained ankle. It has been an added blessing to have Jonathan, a sport's therapist, ministering to her needs. Although I don't think she has enjoyed freezing her foot in the ice bucket! The Morrisons leave on the 1st of January and we leave for Sunbury and our Annual Missionary Conference on the 3rd. Just after our return school starts again for 2010. Rachel will be in her final year of High School.

January Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for our ZEMA Annual Missionary Meetings, January 4-7, 2010. The Field Director position is up for election this year and we are asking God for clear direction.
2. Pray for safety on the roads during this most dangerous time of year as all of our missionaries are traveling long distances, including us.
3. Pray for the funds for the Mission. The combination of the economic downturn, very poor exchange rates and high inflation has hit all of the missionary families, including us.
4. Pray for ZEMA's 36 ZEBS and specifically for where new ones should begin.
5. Pray for Mrs. Maseko, the wife of one of our ZEBS instructors, who has been struggling with an undiagnosed illness since September.
6. Pray for God's healing hand on Rachel's ankle.

Your co-laborers in Christ,

Tim and Luann Kuehl