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#### TAPERAS' UPDATE

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Dear Friends,

#### ***Safe Travels***

We had safe travels back to Zimbabwe. We left Denver on October 11<sup>th</sup> and arrived in Frankfurt the following morning. We had layover of 10 hours and we spent the whole time hanging around in the airport. We were so tired that we took turns sleeping. Onias slept most of the hours. We left Frankfurt at 10:30 pm on Tuesday and arrived in Johannesburg on Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. When we came out of the plane, we all agreed together we did not want to be in a plane again. We just wanted to rest. We spent three days in Johannesburg, resting, having our vehicle fixed and purchasing some groceries. We left South Africa at 6:00 pm on Friday and arrived home at 4:00 am on Saturday, having driven for over 20 hours. We decided to stop en route so that we could rest once. The next three days we spent sleeping, but the kids had to go to school the following Monday. We want to thank you for your prayers as we traveled.

#### ***Thank you all***

An African saying goes: "the gratefulness of the cat is in the heart". Our family cannot say "thank you" enough for your love, care and encouragement during our stay in the U.S. You truly took care of us and our needs were met. Although our schedule was hectic, we had an opportunity to refresh and rejuvenate. At the end of our visit, we felt we were ready to go back to the "trenches". We truly felt your partnership in many tangible ways. Thank you for making our stay restful. We are ready to end the year and begin the New Year, and to meet the challenges, with new energy.

#### ***Since our arrival...***

It is only three weeks since we arrived back in Zimbabwe. We are trying to get into the routine of the slower life and expect the numerous unexpected. When we arrived we spent 3 days without power. And for the last three weeks, we have had power for a maximum of 5 half days.

All aspects of the ministry were going on fine, save for a few things that needed our immediate attention.

#### ***Looking ahead to end of the year***

We have scheduled two children's camp, one in November and one in December. Two leadership seminars have been scheduled, one in Mpumalanga and the other in Mutare. We have scheduled December 14-15 and 17-18 to distribute Christmas gifts to the children in Manicaland and Mashonaland provinces respectively.

Onias is planning to visit the 12 centers/villages during the month of November, to meet with the children, the caregivers and school officials. Please pray for these events.

#### ***The Container***

The container has not arrived yet. I called our office in Littleton, and we were informed that the container is still in the sea, and should be on land in a few weeks' time. Continue to pray that it will arrive safe and that the clearing process will go smoothly without major hiccups.

#### ***Update on the Situation***

The coming together of the two major political parties has seen an improvement on general political outlook in the country. The reports of political violence have been very sporadic. The introduction of the U.S. dollar as the working currency in Zimbabwe has helped to stabilize prices of basic commodities and inflation. However, what has happened is that all people who had their monies in the bank in Zimbabwean currency lost it all. Some basic foodstuffs are now available in the shops, with most of the stuff being imported from South Africa and some eastern countries. Children are attending school. There is some general political stability.



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