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Who is tlc?

This newsletter provides an introduction to Travis and Lorna Curry and our call to serve as missionaries at the Children of Zion Village Orphanage in Namibia, Africa by the fall of 2010.

- tlc is Travis and Lorna Curry

- Met about 10 years ago through Travis's youngest son, Terrell, who had Cerebral Palsy. Terrell passed away in January 2009. We also have 2 adult sons and a one year old granddaughter.

- November 12, 2009, we celebrated our 5th wedding anniversary

- Known as tennis fanatics

- Members of Norcross First United Methodist Church, a missions focused church, (sometimes called "that missions church")

- Our church involvement includes being members of an adult Sunday School Class, we are active in the choir (Lorna plays the flute and Travis sings baritone), Lorna currently teaches a second grade Sunday school class, Travis facilitates a disciple 1 class, and we are actively serving on many different committees.

The call to missions

- In 2003 Lorna felt the call to go on a short term mission trip.

After that trip, Lorna felt the call to be a missionary.

- After Lorna's return and the year of unending stories about Nicaragua, Travis felt the call to go and see for himself what mission work was all about. Travis was also very blessed by God's work in Nicaragua.

- Because of our church's commitment to that Nicaraguan community, we returned to the same area for several years.

- It was wonderful to experience and witness what God was doing through a few short term mission trips a year.

- Every now and then Lorna would say, "Travis don't you want to be a missionary?"

- On April 17, 2009 we were invited to The Mission Society to share about the work God was doing in Nicaragua and how blessed we were from being a part of it.

- After the visit, we received a call from the director of mobilization to see if we would like to explore opportunities in long term missions ministry.

- This time when Lorna said, do you want to go and talk about being full time missionaries? Travis said, "Sure!"

- **On October 12, 2009** we began candidate orientation at The Mission Society.

- **On October 15 2009** we learned that we were **accepted** by The Mission Society. **So, in faith and obedience, we were putting our "Yes" on the table, knowing that, in God's time, He would our "Yes" on the map.**

- **In August of 2009, in Katima Mulilo, Namibia, Gary and Rebecca Mink, the directors at the Children of Zion Village orphanage, decided to end their long term field ministry.**

- Around the time of our candidate training in October, the board of directors for the Children of Zion Village asked The Mission Society to consider a ministry partnership and assistance with identifying, and placing new, long term directors. Upon reviewing the request, two members of The Mission Society independently decided that we would be a perfect fit for the vacancy.

- We were very excited about the news of the Children of Zion Village opportunity and were overwhelmed by how God was moving in our lives.

God Winks at Us



On November 9, 2009 while on a tennis vacation in Destin, Florida with 12 of our friends, Travis picked up a wine bottle that a friend brought to dinner. Noticing it was from South Africa Travis decided to read the label:

Goats in Village – a wine by the Goats do Roam Wine Company.

Keep in mind the names of Gary and Rebecca Mink and the Children of Zion Village orphanage.

The label reads:

"Africa has a way of bringing out the best in people. With its magnitude and raw beauty, and the intensity of day to day

living, Africa draws on one's deepest spiritual resources. Rebecca and Gary Mink moved from the US to the wilds of the Caprivi in Northern Namibia, where they founded the Children of Zion Village to care for children orphaned by AIDS. Their immense courage and spirit however, could not fully offset their limited financial resources, and they were soon overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problem. An urgent call was sent for goats – and immediately a group of young does and bucks from our Goats do Roam herd volunteered, rushing north to supply our nutritious milk and gentle company."

It was like a message from God right on that wine label!! We just knew that God was telling us that we would be going to the Children of Zion Village in Namibia, Africa!! Now, we were even more excited!



Connecting with the Children of Zion Village

Upon returning from our tennis vacation, we were informed that a member of the board of the Children of Zion Village was in Atlanta and would like to meet with us.

On November 18 2009 we had a 2 hour meeting with the board member. At the end of the meeting we asked what the next steps would be. The board member offered to buy our plane tickets to fly to Namibia the next day. Needless to say, we felt the interview went pretty well! On November 25 (Travis' birthday) we learned we were unanimously approved by the board of directors to be the new directors of the orphanage. WOW!!! In six weeks we went from a yes on the table to a home and family from God, on the map! God is Good!!

We have been invited to join in a relationship with Jesus Christ in ministry at the Children of Zion Village Orphanage.

We will be parents to 57 children!

Based on discussions with the board of directors of COZV, The Mission Society, and ourselves, it was agreed that our initial ministry objectives should include:

- **Discipling the orphanage, community and government.**
- **Transitioning orphans back into their communities**
- **Utilizing The Mission Society's Global Resource Team to expand the farming activities of the orphanage (making the garden a viable food source for the orphanage and nearby feeding center)**
- **The vision of our children growing up to be Christian leaders in the country**

The Children of Zion Village orphanage is nestled under a grove of shade trees on 17 acres along the Zambezi River near the town of Katima Mulilo.

- This is a Christian children's home for AIDS orphans, opened in 2003
- Located on the Caprivi Strip of Namibia in southern Africa
- Home to 57 children, infants to 18 years of age
- Place of employment for 22 Namibian nationals
- Schooling is provided at the orphanage
- Children are taught agricultural and animal care skills on the Children of Zion Village farm
- Trade skill training has begun in sewing and auto mechanics, and will eventually include woodworking, weaving and beautician training
- Daily prayer and Christian teaching keep the home Christ-centered





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In service with Christ

We are responsible for raising 100% of our support.

We are trusting that God will provide the support needed, and asking our family, friends and others to respond to His call to help the children, orphaned by AIDS, in the Caprivi Strip in Namibia, Africa.

With your help, we will go as the hands and feet of Christ, to minister in this orphanage and this country.

**Philippians 4:19
"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."**

A tax deductible donation can be made online at www.themissionsociety.org/people/curry.

Checks (tax deductible) can be mailed to:

**The Mission Society
6234 Crooked Creek Road
Norcross, GA 30092
Phone: 800.478.9863 or
770.446.1381**

Please be sure to put "Travis and Lorna Curry - Account # 538" in the memo field.

Our long term viability depends on recurring, monthly pledge donations.

Any and all donations are appreciated. You will be blessed, the kids will be blessed, and we will be blessed!

What's Next?

- Continuing to pray

- Support raising

- Studying and learning about the orphanage, the culture in Namibia and the language

- A field visit to the orphanage early in March, 2010

- Norcross First United Methodist Church consecration on Sunday January 31, 2010 during the Mission Impact Celebration

- The Mission Society commissioning in May 2010

- Attending a 3 week Cross Cultural Training in Brazil in July 2010

- A 5 week training at the Missionary Training Institute in Colorado Springs where we will learn more about culture and also how to learn another language

We hope to be at the orphanage by the Fall 2010.

It is in response to this call to action that we invite you to partner with us by praying about how you fit in

Is it through

- **prayer?**
- **encouragement?**
- **a monthly pledge?**
- **a onetime donation?**

The children need us to be the hands and feet of Christ.

In order for us to go, we need you.

Thank you for your time and your commitment!