Alan and Sheena Gaston work with children in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

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Don't you see?

Since having contact with 'A', we have realised just how many phrases and expressions there are in English that deal with sight. It has been a good, if challenging, experience to have 'A' stay with us. With the help of Muriel and a volunteer from Rehoboth, Melanie, we have been able to manage much better. 'A' seems to be a very bright boy and is more settled of late. He is very motivated to learn, loves school and has started to learn Braille. Thank you for your prayers for this situation. Please continue to pray for 'A' and his future.



All change

It's autumn here in South Africa. Gone are the clammy hot summer days and nights and now we are experiencing cooler mornings and evenings. The end of the first term is nearly upon us and we are going to parent interviews and waiting for school reports.



Paper chase.

We want to ask for prayer as we tackle the paperwork required to take our odd little family out of South Africa into the UK in June/July. We need all sorts of pieces of paper. Some of us will be on South African passports and therefore need UK visas (which requires taking Henhry and Nzuzo down to Durban), some will need Irish and British passports renewed, we need official authorization to take Nzuzo out as his adoption is not through, we need an affidavit from Henhry's mother giving her permission for him to leave. This is not all straightforward due to the uncertain nature of the bureaucracy here - one thing that is certain is the time-consuming nature of all this and the frustration involved. Please pray!

Looking to improve



We are very glad to have Muriel Martin with us for a return visit. As you may remember, Muriel was here in November and we are very glad she has returned. Her background in special needs teaching has been very helpful with 'A', the visually impaired boy, and her experience as principal in managing a team is really helping us in Zanini Bantwana, the hospital ministry. Our goal is to improve our team's skills and Muriel has been working especially closely with Sethembile, the team leader. She is also working to reinforce the recent training the team has had on how to present Bible stories in creative ways. We are really thankful for Muriel's input.









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Please continue to pray for Sihle Duma as he finishes off his time with Zanini Bantwana at the end of March. Pray for this bold step of starting a work in his community. He has already established a children's club, a midweek Bible study and prayer meeting as well as a Sunday service.

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