

God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:25 (NIV)



## Winter Furlough Report

February 2008

### Anticipation Of Our Move And New Assignment

You might wonder at our choice of Bible verse above. Especially since the title above speaks of our new assignment. On page two you will find news about wild animals.

We feel a growing excitement about our next four-year assignment. Not many weeks remain until we pack up and move to Waxhaw, North Carolina. This is where the Wycliffe JAARS Center is located—about a 25 mile drive south of Charlotte, NC.



Lord willing, the first week of April will see us driving south from Connecticut in our minivan. To make the move, we'll also rent a small trailer.

Our initial destination is our house situated about a mile from the JAARS Center. All on one level, the three-bedroom house is surrounded in trees.



It is an immense blessing that this house has belonged to us since we were married in 1997. For the past 10 years it has been rented and well cared for by various Christian families. We never furnished the house so initially we'll focus on that task. Besides finding furniture, we need to set up phone and internet, etc. Sally is looking forward to making this house our home and a place of welcome for many years to come.

Now a little about our assignments. JAARS is Wycliffe's technical center for aviation, computers, communication, transportation, purchasing and shipping. Leon will be talking with his supervisor at JAARS to see where they need him most. This could be in the IT department doing something in the computer area. Since Leon also has a background in communication, they may ask him to work there. We are open to the Lord's best. We do ask everyone to make this a matter of prayer.

Sally is already putting out resumes to area Christian schools. She is hoping to continue teaching—the work that gives her so much joy. Her income will help toward the higher cost of living in the US and enable us to help Pastor Cuma more. Please pray that a position will open up for her in the coming school year.

Before we depart New England for North Carolina, we have two opportunities to share our work and hope to have more time with our family here.

#### Blaan news:

Some of you have sent gifts directly to the Blaan project account for Pastor Cuma. This turned out to be very timely as he has had urgent motorcycle repairs to do. In March he expects to visit over 100 Blaan churches that are interested in using Blaan Scriptures. This will involve a lot of motorcycle travel up into very rural areas. Please pray for his safety and the good reception of Scriptures. *Thank you for your prayers and gifts toward the Blaan project!*

There is still opportunity for anyone interested in helping with gifts toward Pastor Cuma's distribution work. Please see our last newsletter—December '07—for full details on how to accomplish sending gifts directly to the *Koronadal Blaan Project Account*. Or contact us via e-mail.



### Praise 'n Prayer

- Praise for the great time we had with Paul, Barb, Dominic, Michaela, and Isabelle in South Africa.
- Praise for the good time we've had here in New England. We have especially enjoyed being a part of Sally's home church in Connecticut.
- Pray for our safe move to North Carolina in early April. We have a lot of things to move with us. This trip will also be our first time ever to pull a trailer. We plan to rent a small enclosed type.
- Pray for our adjustment to a new place, for finding a church home, and adjustment to new assignments.
- Pray for Pastor Cuma and his many travels. He will be on the road for much of March.
- Please pray God will provide the perfect teaching position for Sally.
- Praise to our Father for the team of folks He has called to cover us with prayer and resources. We praise God for each faithful member who prays and gives so we can keep on keeping on.
- Pray with us that God will raise our support to keep up with the much higher cost of living in the US.

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## South Africa

Many people have asked about our trip to South Africa. We had a wonderful time from start to finish.



*(Read going down)*

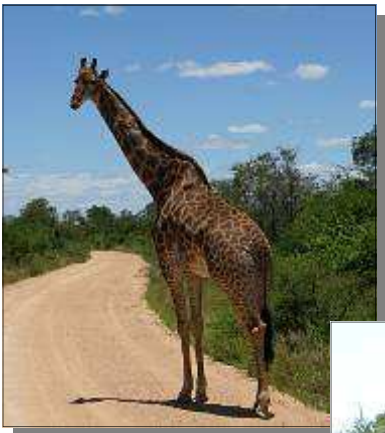
We arrived on the evening of December 11th. Our family was there waiting for us. Of course the kids are taller than we remembered.

The next morning we all piled into the car and headed south to Cape Town and the Cape of Good Hope, at the southern tip of Africa.



We saw lots of things in this beautiful country. Among other things, we visited an ostrich farm. Isabelle rode on an ostrich! We sampled ostrich meat at a food court. It's delicious, but not at all like chicken!

After our Cape Town trip we headed back to Johannesburg to celebrate Christmas. What a treat to enjoy the day with Paul and Barbara's family. We don't often see them. A few days later, we headed north to Kruger National Park. This amazing animal preserve is the size of the country of Israel.



We saw all sorts of animals, including many babies. Some of the animals were close enough to the car to be touched, if one was foolish enough to try it.

This elephant did not look happy with us being so close! We slowly retreated and went on our way.



We enjoyed picnics and played Pit and Uno together in the evenings. We stayed in a fenced-in campground, safe from hungry beasts.

Back in Johannesburg we visited the Lion Park. We tickled a two month old cub and fed other animals. Then we drove through the lion camps.



All too soon, it was time for the kids to head back to school and us to the US. We have carried home with us many wonderful memories of beautiful South Africa and the part of our family that makes its home there.



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 \* **The location of our next place of service.** \*  
 \* **This is very important—please write it down.** \*  
 \* **Our new address beginning April 3rd will be:** \*  
 \* **Leon & Sally Winter** \*  
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 \* **Waxhaw, NC 28173** \*  
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**Dear family and friends,**

A year ago we were bringing our time in the Philippines to a close. It meant saying good-bye and facing many unknowns. Now our loving Father is leading us on in His service. The goal is the same—God's Word for every people group—but the location is different. It's exciting to wait and see how He will lead us through this new phase in our lives.

Thank you for your love and partnership with us as we walk His path together.

With joy,

*Leon Sally*

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