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WELCOME HOME!

I just returned to Swaziland after a few weeks with our own children and grandchildren in the USA. I was greeted with many big warm hugs, smiles and signs! It was nice to be missed and I was excited to see all the beautiful children of New Life Homes and our beloved colleagues and housemothers. Returning home is a lovely experience!!

The joy of being reunited with our loved ones in Swaziland doesn't diminish the pain of saying goodbye to our children and grandchildren, – it hurts each time we part! I felt so blessed to be able to be a part of the birth of our fourth grandson and enjoy time with our kids and their little boys. Being a grandmother is great!



Some of our girls and their sign made with Teacher Mandi



I was able to visit with Aaron and Amanda, as well as be with Lora and Vuyani when baby Cohen arrived. Earlier I had visited my mother in California, and then Andrea and her family in Idaho.

I so appreciate Peter's willingness to let me go for several weeks. It greatly added to the workload he carries here in Swaziland. He coped with many of my responsibilities as well as his own and I appreciate his sacrifice. It is good to be together again, - - and see the peanut butter lasting a bit longer!

I ended my trip with Sakheni's graduation in Boston where she received her MBA. We continue to be so proud of her and her accomplishments. My entire time in the USA was a wonderful family time!

I've only been back for a couple of weeks and it seems like I never left. There are joys and challenges, - - every day. I have been impressed once again with the importance of the work here at New Life Homes. The children are happy, very active, and growing physically, emotionally and spiritually. We are blessed to be a part of their lives.

- Please be praying that we will have wisdom in some important decisions we face concerning our school.
- Pray for us, as well as our colleagues, Tom, Mandi and Tiersa as we will receive many visitors during the next few months. Hosting visitors is fun and exhausting, but important for the visitors as well as the project here.
- Thank the Lord for a "new to us" delivery vehicle, farm expansion, adequate financial support, and happy, growing people.

We treasure your partnership.

Mary Jean and Peter Kopp

