

# Greetings from South Africa

The FIRST newsletter from Lisa Poll

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## Settling In & Starting the Work

I arrived in South Africa on April 7, 2010 and three weeks have flown by. I am already deeply in love with my new job!

Here are the highlights so far:

- Purchased the monthly supply of food for three orphan centers and delivered it to Shoshanguve, a township near Pretoria
- My first hugs and smiles from orphans
- The sound of their laughter and chanting
- Purchased food and packed it into 250 care packages for delivery to orphan families
- Working with Andre, the media guy, to create the AFnetAid web page - designing new graphics and writing text. Stay tuned, [www.afnetaid.org](http://www.afnetaid.org) will be launching soon!
- Learned how to drive on the left side of the road and shift manual stick with my left hand
- Have only driven on the wrong side of the road once. One casualty: flattened left front tire crashing into curb when parking
- Slowly learning Afrikaans, it hurts my throat
- Celebrated Freedom Day - first democratic election where whites & blacks voted together after apartheid ended 16 years ago
- Posted five blogs - follow me on Facebook and now on my own blog web page



My cozy brick cottage



My security system - bars on the windows & doors; and Jumbo, the Zimbabwean Ridgeback



Bicep builder - Loading the trailer with food



My alarm clock and evil nemesis



In addition to feeding AIDS orphans in three orphan centers and one orphanage, AFnetAid also has feeding programs in the schools of Shoshanguve. AFnetAid delivers 250 care packages to orphan families in the community for a total of **9,500** pounds of food delivered each month.

Here I am packing so fast my hands are a blurr! The packing model featured here is wearing fashion by Twin Lakes Church in Aptos, California.



Hmmm, the trailer is empty.  
Time to buy more food for the orphans!  
Anyone?

Send donations to:  
Afnet  
3630 Charter Park Drive  
San Jose, CA 95136



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