

Dear Friend,

I was sent these words of wisdom from a faithful Acres of Love supporter and they capture succinctly what I know in my heart. It is truly my reward to share with you a few highlights of recent developments at Acres of Love. Your compassion and your generosity has contributed significantly to the success and joy we are experiencing at Acres of Love as we accelerate the roll out of our model program.

I had a revelation that we are not only strategic partners, but de facto parents for the abandoned infants and children we have the privilege of rescuing and serving at Acres of Love. It takes a community to raise a child, a global community. Your involvement and support will enable us to nurture each child's dream and we will ensure that our children know who you are and what you have done to carry them this far. A positive self image begins with the knowledge that you are loved and that you have a family that is standing behind you to see your dreams fulfilled.

Here is a brief overview and synopsis of how we are expanding Acres of love:

1. On February 5th, I left for South Africa. I am in the process of purchasing two new Forever Homes: The Sue Bergman Foundation and Friends Forever Home and The Bridges Forever Home. It is such a privilege for me to able to report these exciting developments both to our Board and Acres of Love team in South Africa.

2. In April, Ryan and I will be hosting a delegation from Life Church in Mission Viejo, led by Paul and Toni Danchik to dedicate the Albertyn Life Church Forever Home. I would like to highlight the arrival of Bill and Susan Weibel as house parents for the Albertyn home. They live in the home and are doing a fantastic job of nurturing and caring for the children. Bill is a wonderful

force in the organization. His enthusiasm and creativity is a blessing to Acres of Love.

3. Ryan and I feel that we really need to get our eyes and ears into the communities where the poorest of the poor reside in order to identify and rescue abandoned infants. We quickly realized that the needs in these communities are staggering. The basic needs for food and clothing, shelter and medication are overwhelming. We approached one of the largest high end food chains, similar to Marks and Spenser's in London or Bristol Farms in California, to supply us with unsold items. Woolworths has come through for us in a big way. We literally get truck loads of food! So much so, we had to establish a separate food distribution center. Bill Weibel ensures that this food is supplied to the children in Diepsloot Township and to Orange farm. The Orange farm feeding program is a joint venture with Fazel and Cheryl Naidoo who have a church in Lenasia on the outskirts of Soweto. Fazel and Cheryl Naidoo initiated this program for the children in Orange farm when they saw the desperate plight of these young AIDS victims as a result of their distribution efforts for Billy Graham's Samaritan's Purse

4. I wanted also to relay to you a typical story of how a child comes to Acres of Love. On the 10th January 2005, we received a call from a shelter downtown to ask if we could accommodate a 3 week old baby. Joshua's mother had left him with 2 ladies from her neighborhood promising to return. After a few days the ladies realized the mother would not be returning for her precious son and they were concerned about his health as he was coughing badly. They made the decision to drop him in the "bin" at this particular shelter downtown (a little opening in the door of the shelter where desperate adults leave babies) as they knew that they would not be able to care for this child. Joshua, who is now much stronger, is our youngest child at Acres of Love.

5. Ryan and I will also be hosting our dear friends and partners from Santa Barbara, John and Kim Schuck. We have arranged for the Laskin family and friends to join us in July to dedicate the Santa Barbara Forever Home. I was so pleased to acquire this home and the sellers who have lived in this home for 25 years are moving into a frail care facility. Although it was a sad day for them to move out of their dream home, when they heard that

this home will be a haven for abandoned children they perked up and I saw the joy in the faces knowing that there home will be used to bring so much hope.

I hope you enjoyed this news letter. I want to thank Richard Stack, Richard Adams and the folks at Turner New Zealand for bearing with me and encouraging me to advance and use new technology to enhance our communication with you.

I look forward to updating you in late February upon my return from Johannesburg.

Warm regards and God's richest blessings to you and your family.

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