

# AFRICAN ANECDOTES

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Actually this letter should be AMERICAN Anecdotes, since that is where we have been for a very long time. I've never seen Les so happy as when he dived back into his own bed!

Because we only have 2 weeks to sort out all the little (and not so little) things that went wrong/unattended for the last three months, plus get ready for a 2-week trip to Zimbabwe, I really do not have time to write a proper letter. However, I just HAVE to say my own VERY HEARTFELT thanks for all the love, the support, the encouragement, the meals, the good times, and all the other good things. And I also HAVE to apologize for all the phone calls and visits we wanted to make but didn't/couldn't, and the appointments we couldn't keep when Les was ill (it is SO hard to stay on his diet when travelling – and his stomach rebelled). He also had the flu once and a flare-up of his shingles – all the stress of trying to sort out problems in Africa. The only sad part about our trip was that we were often with people and couldn't just relax and enjoy being with them, but instead had to go to the bank to try to sort out Zimbabwe drought relief problems, or phone Africa, or bury ourselves in a back room and try to figure out what to write to people, etc. Our children really bore the brunt of this, and we are so thankful for their help and understanding. In the end, we were just numbly went through each day, hoping we didn't do or say anything TOO strange!

Below are the latest family photos (minus Melody and Jeremy – we were concentrating so much on the grandchildren, we forgot the children!) We just thank God that all is well with them. When they are doing well, we are able to concentrate fully on the work that needs doing over here. What a blessing! And what a blessing to have friends like you!

May God be with you all and bless you in all your good efforts to serve Him.

With love, Linda Maydell