

NYLSTROOM NEWS – Letter of Thanksgiving

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Our hearts have been greatly humbled by your response and we give praise to our loving God. The need has been met; indeed more than met, and the order for 8 tons of seed was placed this morning – 4 tons of an early-maturing open-pollinating seed (which means it will reproduce itself), and 4 tons of a special drought-resistant and even earlier-maturing hybrid for extra dry areas such as Gwanda South.

When we went to bed last night, the need was nearly met. When we woke up this morning, there was an abundance! It reminded us of how God cared for the Israelites, sending them manna while they slept!

To those of you who met the need, on behalf of ourselves and especially the brethren, we give humble thanks. Each person's contribution, no matter how small, has made a BIG difference to a struggling brother. By the grace of God, we hope to visit these rural areas in a few months and send back pictures of growing maize!

To those of you whose money is in excess of the need, we also give humble thanks. Many of you, anticipating the need would be met, asked about other areas of benevolence. We will correspond with each of you individually regarding that. Unfortunately, with Zimbabwe in the state that it is in, there are always needs arising. The UN has officially stated that it expects half the population of Zimbabwe to be "hungry" and in need of assistance by January.

If you have sent money to us and your name is not on the report below and you do not receive an email from us later on today, please contact us. We want to make sure that all money received is accounted for.

We now sincerely ask for your prayers that nothing will go wrong in the wiring of the money and the delivery of the seed. We also need to entreat God to bless the land with the proper rainfall, according to His will.

In the past two days we have repeatedly stopped and offered prayers of thanksgiving to God for you brethren, also praying that we will be faithful stewards of what has been entrusted to us. We also give thanks for the two brothers with small pickup trucks who freely sacrifice to get the seed from a central delivery point out to the rural areas.

May God bless us all to be His faithful servants, and to Him be the glory,

Les and Linda Maydell

The poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him ... - Psalm 34:6.

REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED FOR SEEDS:

Total, previously reported: \$11,177.

200 - Mrs. A, FL
500 - E family
100 - W family, AL
500 - D family, TX
1000 - M family, TN
500 - H family, TN
60 - B family, TN
1000 - A family, FL
700 - Church of Christ, Horizon Park, South Africa
150 - Anonymous, AL
200 - Anonymous, NJ
50 - M family
2500 - V family, TX
700 - Anonymous, TN
100 - E family, AL
300 - C family, TX
60 - W family, AL
400 - Miss M, TN
30 - R family, IN
1000 - S family, MO
500 - Church of Christ, East Atlanta

Subtotal: \$10,550

TOTAL: \$21,727

Amount needed, approximately: \$21,585