

Our last week in Africa has been sentimental as we wind down our trip. Our responsibilities changed from the first half of our trip, so our schedule was different. We worked less with the second team and I worked more on the computers for the missionaries and the office staff. (Working on computers does not provide exciting pictures and stories, but it does make excited missionaries!) Saturday we enjoyed attending a Marriage Seminar with the house parents, and then I worked on some computers. Sunday we went to Central Baptist Church in Pretoria and spent the afternoon with the team. Monday I worked on computers at the Bethesda office all day while Mickey helped with meals. Tuesday we were able to take Nathan to a Lion Park where he was able to pet the lion cubs! He enjoyed it a lot. And last night we had our last dinner with the Mixon's and several missionaries and friends, and I worked on computers some more. (Do you see the common thread?)

Today is our last day in Africa. ☺ We are packing our bags in preparation for the long trip home. We will be going to the Bethesda Village to say our final goodbyes and then we will be off to the airport. We will be leaving for the Johannesburg airport at about 3:00 PM (9:00 AM EST), it takes about an hour to get there. Our flight leaves at 7:35 PM (1:35 PM EST). We are scheduled to arrive in Atlanta at about 8:00 Thursday morning after the 18 hour flight. We will then collect our luggage and make our way through US customs. Then we will be connecting to Cincinnati and on to South Bend. If all goes well, we will arrive in South Bend at about 3:00 PM EST, 30 hours after leaving the Mixon's house for the airport. Needless to say, we will be tired and ready for bed when we get home. However, the challenge will be to stay up as late as possible to get ourselves back on Indiana time. South Africa is 6 hours ahead, so our bodies will think it is time for bed when we arrive home, but it will only be the middle of the afternoon! We are praying that Nathan adjusts to the time change going home as well as he did when we came over to South Africa.

Please pray for the following as we travel home:

1. Safety as we travel
2. More opportunities to tell people about Bethesda as we travel
3. For Nathan to travel well (and to sleep well on the airplanes)
4. Praise for all that God has done on this trip
5. That we will be an encouragement to the missionaries as we leave

Thank you for all of your prayers and encouraging emails. I am sorry that I have not been able to post more pictures. I will send out an email this weekend after we arrive home so that you all know that we made it safely.

In the God Who Provides,
Andy for the family from South Africa