

# IN THE NAME OF JESUS

January 2014

**They shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations and they shall repair the ruined cities. The desolations of many generations. Isaiah 61:4**

In the last week of December I started to read 'The Broken Down House' by Paul Tripp, who likens our lives to a broken down house which needs restoration through God who created us. As I was reading I felt God say to me I am going to give you a house – it is going to need restoring, but through the restoration I am going to restore you.'

I have been praying for a while now for a house. Not just a house to live in but a special place of quiet and prayer, where people can be restored.

**My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations. Isaiah 56:7**

On 30<sup>th</sup> December a friend, Louise came to me and said she believed I had to meet a lady – she was my neighbour living on the next farm. We arranged to go on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. It turned out that the lady owned the giraffes which I often see when I go walking around the farm where I stay in the cabin. We had tea and conversation opened to what was happening on the farm. She was renovating a property and a second house she had was dilapidated and not fit for anyone to live in. She took us to see them, the first one didn't have a roof. The second one had animals living in the roof, it was in a terrible state, BUT it was in an amazing position, nestled quietly in a little forest. As we looked around (climbing through the broken window to get in.) The lady said 'if you want this place you can have it rent free for 2 years.' I knew God was giving me a gift – yes the broken down house needs lots of restoring but I knew I could trust God.

I knew we had a mountain to climb but I was full of joy and gratefulness and I wasn't alone.





**The little house in the forest**



**Louise with her team of people and Gladys came to clean and paint**



**Septic tank dug by hand took 3 days digging ( thru rock too)**



**Walls and floor on the verandah need rebuilding and plastering**



**Joseph is rebuilding the walls and plastering them, you can see his handiwork here with Gladys .**



**We have installed a tank for a water supply.  
Now we have a toilet and a sink with running water, but it is not drinkable water.**



**We have painted inside and out**



**We are currently researching solar power to have electricity.  
And restoring the windows and applying safety bars and shutters.**

**All this has been done in 3 weeks !**



Jabu loves his soon new to be home. Here he is in what will be the bathroom and storage space – leading to the back door.

He has chased off the dassies – the animals which were in the roof space.

**But we have a way to go yet and expect our first UK visitor, Dorothy on 10<sup>th</sup>February. So we are all working hard to get everything ready and moved in. Hopefully we will make it.**

**Meanwhile in the township, life goes on. But there is an excitement because 'pastor ' has got a house. Everyone wants to come and see it. When we have finished the restoring we will have a big celebration and it will be a place where people can come and be with God in a beautiful quiet place in the little house in the forest.**



**Part of the garden outside the house**

**PRAYER POINTS:**

**Thanks and praise for an answer to prayer for a house**

**Thanks for all the help and good friends**

**Thanks for God's faithfulness and leading**

**For Hilda – to get a grant and monetary provision**

**For installation of solar power**

**For safety and protection**

**For the ministry which will restore peoples lives in a quiet place**

**For completion of the work**

**For rest**

**For the people coming from the UK for a special blessing for them**

**: Dorothy on 10<sup>th</sup> February, Fiona 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Marie 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**For beds for the house**

**For cooking facilities**

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