

# AMERICAN ACCENT

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## Impetigo

*Poor little Katelyn somehow managed to contract a bacterial / fungal skin infection, possibly from the cat or the dog. We first thought it was eczema, which would have necessitated a dietary change, something we did try to implement. We try to live healthy lives on the whole, so it was discouraging to be faced with an allergy condition. Good news that such was not the case! And it has cleared now.*



## ✕ The Gospel And Sport ✕

*At the risk of overstating the connection between the Gospel and sport or, on the other hand, trivializing the Gospel, it seems pertinent to consider points of contact between the two.*

### HOW IS RUGBY LIKE THE GOSPEL?

The Rugby World Cup reaches to everybody who is interested in it, no matter where they are in the world. In this case, Oscar is listening on his little radio to a broadcast of the all-important match between South Africa and Wales, at the conclusion of our morning assembly. A fascinating event occurred when the final whistle blew with South Africa edging a win: the whole camp erupted in joy at the victory. Why, you might ask, is that so interesting? In this



squatter camp of nine shacks, good neighborly-ness is sadly lacking. Competition for survival has these folks living in intense conflict most of the time. God's servants must make Him and His message relevant to His creatures, so that they would choose to follow Him. Getting the whole camp to cheer at spiritual victory as members of one team is our goal. Please pray for God to accomplish that there!

## Mitchells' Mission Update

*The city council re-visited Mitchells' Mission and found that zoning laws were broken.*

The council threatened legal action to force compliance. Mitchells' Mission is not rebelliously breaking the law, having consulted numerous sources for counsel. God provided sufficient funds to proceed with the application for departure (technical term referring to obtaining council permission to

continue to "break" zoning laws). Also, South Africa's constitution entrenches the right to housing and water, making it the council's responsibility to house the people should they be removed from Mitchells' Mission, a problem (housing) already causing headaches for the council. Please keep praying!



## Goju Kai National Championships

The Culli munchkins performed very well at the South African National Goju Kai Karate Championships. Ethan's three-man team earned gold in the unison kata; Aidan got silver in kumite and bronze in individual kata; and Nathan earned silver in both individual kata and kumite (kata means a series of fight moves performed in a set order; kumite refers to actual fighting). Megan just missed bronze in kumite. Ethan was adjudged by his team mates to have been "robbed" of bronze in individual kata, and missed bronze in kumite by one point. While the team has not yet been announced, this implies that the three boys are on the South African national team to attend the world championships next year, and Megan could be a reserve.



### *Paul Is Immersed*

Paul and Denray (see July newsletter for her baptism) are wanting to rebuild their lives. A vital part of that, of course, is to commit ourselves into God's care, transferring ownership of our lives to Him. Paul has been very successful--in business terms--in the past, and looks forward to repeating that, but with God's oversight and guidance this time. Family relationships also need reconciling. We know that God seeks reconciliation and unity among people, and that He will bless such efforts.

Please pray for God to be able to accomplish what He knows is needed in their lives.

### *More Studies*

Tannie Magda and Oom Michael ("Oompie") are looking at giving their lives to God. They have been in contexts wherein they have been able to learn and observe: Tannie Magda at Mitchells' Mission and Oompie in the Wingfield squatter camp. They have had time to see Christians in action--both for good and bad; they have heard teaching; they have been part of searching discussions . . . Both have tough backgrounds involving alcohol abuse, a condition endemic among the Colored population of the Western Cape province (the province in which the Culli's live, similar in size to Louisiana and Mississippi). Please pray for both these precious souls to yield to the Savior who died for them!

