

CHRISTMAS 2011

Dear Verlorenkloof Owners and Friends

Verlorenkloof is 12 years old this year. Sometimes it feels like a moment, but when we see teenagers at Verlorenkloof who were babies when their families visited for the first time, the passage of time is all too real. One also then experiences a strong sense of blessing, and of the worth of the place. The surrounding community is stable and strong, agriculture is regaining its importance economically and we are grateful that Verlorenkloof is mostly sold out and that our owners remain wonderfully loyal and supportive.

On the personal front, 2011 has been a year of highlights. Erica and Werner married in March, Eric and I celebrated 30 years of marriage in June and, apparently so that we will not start hinting for grandchildren any time soon, the children gifted Toffee, the spaniel puppy above to us. We are also very grateful that our children have all settled in Johannesburg, close enough to come home often! Eric senior is in good health and being fussed over at the holiday the extended family is enjoying at Boggomsbaai on the south Cape coast.

The management team members are all well - Natalie's Tash made us proud in Barbados by doing very well in an international pageant, Richard literally has a new leg to stand on after a hip replacement, Marietta has put our systems on another level and Faith is taking Foodspace to sumptuous new heights, while we await matric results from six children of the service staff.

Eric senior, Henry, Erica, Werner and all the staff join us in wishing you and your families a wonderful Xmas and we pray that 2012 will bring calm, peace and joy on all fronts.

Fond regards
Eric and Heidi