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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 1, 2005

Principal Life Insurance Company
on behalf of Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2005-8
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

333-110499-98
(Commission
File Number)

42-0127290
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

711 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa
(Address of principal executive offices)

50392-0001
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 247-1111

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 1, 2005, a payment was made to the holders of the notes issued by the Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2005-8 (the "Trust"). Specific information with respect to the payment is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. No other reportable transactions or matters have occurred during the current reporting period.

The Trust's assets consist of a Funding Agreement issued by Principal Life Insurance Company ("Principal Life") and a Guarantee issued by Principal Financial Group, Inc. ("PFG") which fully and unconditionally guarantees the payment obligations of Principal Life under the Funding Agreement. PFG is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Act of 1934, and in accordance with those requirements files periodic and current reports and other information (including financial information) with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). You can read and copy any reports or other information PFG files at the SEC public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can also request copies of PFG's documents upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing the SEC's public reference room. You can obtain information regarding the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. PFG's filings are available to the public from commercial document retrieval services or over the internet at <http://www/sec/gov>.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Indenture Trustee's report in respect of the November 1, 2005 payment to holders of the notes issued by the Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2005-8.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
(Registrant)

Date: November 1, 2005

By: /s/ KAREN A. PEARSTON

Name: Karen A. Pearston

Title: Second Vice President and Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
Exhibit 99.1	Indenture Trustee' s report in respect of the November 1, 2005 payment to holders of the notes issued by the Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2005-8.

Indenture Trustee Report
for
Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2005-8 (the "Trust")

Payment Date
November 1, 2005
CUSIP Number 74254PEB4

(i) the amount received by the Indenture Trustee as of the last statement in respect of the principal, interest and premium, if any, on Funding Agreement No. 4-51537 (the "Funding Agreement") issued by Principal Life Insurance Company ("Principal Life") or the Guarantee issued by Principal Financial Group, Inc. which fully and unconditionally guarantees the payment obligations of Principal Life under the Funding Agreement.

Interest: \$141,258.08
Principal: -0-
Premium, if any: -0-

(ii) the amounts of compensation received by the Indenture Trustee during the period relating to such Payment Date.

Paid by the Trust: -0-
Paid by Principal Life: -0-

(iii) the amount of payment on such Payment Date to holders allocable to principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the notes of the Trust and the amount of aggregate unpaid interest accrued on such notes as of such Payment Date.

Interest: \$141,258.08
Principal: -0-
Unpaid Interest Accrued: -0-

(iv) the aggregate stated principal amount of the Funding Agreement, the current interest rate or rates thereon at the close of business on such Payment Date, and the current rating assigned to the Funding Agreement.

Principal Amount: \$35,000,000.00
Interest Rate: 4.752.%
Ratings:
Moody' s Investor Service: Aa2
Standard & Poors' Rating Service: AA

(v) the aggregate principal balance of the notes at the close of business on such Payment Date and the current rating assigned to the notes.

Initial Principal Amount: \$35,000,000.00

Reduction: -0-

Principal Amount on the Payment Date: \$35,000,000.00

Ratings:

Moody' s Investor Service: Aa2

Standard & Poors' Rating Service: AA