



Destiny House

Children's Ministries

News Letter

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From the Chairman...

Dear friends of Destiny House,

Greetings from Mtubatuba and from our precious ministry at Destiny House.

I have personally been reading Nehemiah lately which is such a great book of the bible to read if you are about to build an orphanage! Just this last week we heard that we had miraculously been granted permission to start building the Destiny House building on our church land! We just need to get the building plans submitted now. God is a big God!

In Nehemiah 2:20 in the first part of that verse it says "Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build."

I love that phrase "arise and build". It's now time. I have no doubt that our Father will prosper this project and give it success.

We know that this building project will stretch our faith. We also know how hugely faithful our Father is and that He has all the resources that we need to complete the project. Thanks for your ongoing support in whatever shape or form. We value your prayers as we begin to prepare to put our shovels in the ground and start building! If you would like to know how you could participate in the building project, please contact our office and we will gladly assist you.

Watch this space!

Antony Eastes

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My first 2 days at Destiny House

I have spent two days at Destiny House now and I LOVE it. The children who live in this home are amazing. There are fifteen children and they are so smiley, chatty and friendly (most of the time). The mornings are fairly quiet as the older ones go to school, so I've been spending that time doing puzzles, playing in sand, giving the 3 month old his bottle, wiping snotty noses ... My day to day job at home. The main thing I have been doing is BOMBARDING these children with HUGS and KISSES.

The afternoons are a little wild. The school children arrive home and the peaceful house turns into a loud house. I have the girls coming up to me and playing with my hair, the little ones climbing on me demanding cuddles with them saying "and me". Yesterday a few of us were playing outside in a small sand area and we all had a lot of fun.

In some of the older ones you can see they've had a troubled up-bringing. They seem to take pleasure in winding the others up and seem to get annoyed quickly if you ask them not to do something, so I'm learning different ways of how to control situations like that.

Each and every one of these kids is amazing.

Sarah Watson (our volunteer from the UK)

Building Project Developments

“It takes a village to raise a child” - African Proverb

In our Newsletter from February 2012 we introduced the Destiny House building project. To refresh your memory this is what we are planning to do:

Phase 1 of our building project will be the construction of one big house that will be big enough for all our current residents.

Phase 2 will include the construction of smaller dwellings where 6 children can live in a family setting together with their own Mum and Dad.

Where?

Grace Community Church has allocated a piece of their property for the construction of our own building. Our new facilities will be right next door to the church and the school, Mtuba Christian Academy, that the children attend.

When?

As soon as permission from the Mtuba Municipality is obtained, we will start!

How?

The building project will be overseen by “Why Not?” ministries, an organization that has a proven track record of helping many NGO’s build their own facilities. We look forward to partnering with “Why Not” in our current endeavours to construct our own buildings. We are also going to involve local builders as well as volunteer work parties.

How can you help?

There will be lots of work to do! For those of us on the ground, there will be many opportunities to join in and make light work of clearing the land, digging foundations and throwing the slab and of course lots of painting down the track. If you are located overseas we would appreciate and value your prayers for safety as we engage in the physical work outlined.

The total cost of Phase 1 is estimated to be around R700 000. While we don’t currently have this amount we are trusting God for this money to come in as we need it. For now we would ask you to pray for the permission to build to come through quickly, for good contacts with local builders and for financial blessing on this project.

Latest News on Building!

Since February we have been busy trying to sort out the zoning of the land with the local municipality.

We are very happy to be able to tell you that the zoning issues have been miraculously resolved and we have submitted the building plans. Please pray that these will be approved quickly!

Mr Preen continues in his commitment to the children of Destiny House and has kindly cleared the land ready for us to start levelling the ground and marking out foundations.

We will start advertising the building project within the local community and invite people to join the first work party. The “sponsor a brick” campaign will also be introduced in the next few weeks. If you would like to help spread the word where you are, please contact Esther Hurter.

As a community, whether in Mtubatuba or worldwide, *let’s build our children a home!*

Mandela Day

On the 18th of July, Nelson Mandela’s birthday, everyone in the country was encouraged to spend 67 minutes of their day doing something special for those who have less (67 minutes for 67 years of apartheid). We were surprised by three different initiatives that day!

In the morning we welcomed 4 staff members from Dis Chem Richards Bay.



For Mandela Day the staff collected food and other items for our children.

At lunch time two of our volunteers brought us a special Birthday Lunch with hot dogs, chips and a birthday cake!

Later that day I received a phone call from Mtuba Primary School to say that the students had collected R2 700 for Destiny House.



Thank you to all the parents and children of Mtuba Primary!

The money was used to buy school stationery, story books and bedding.

News Flash

Donations

Dis Chem Richards Bay has continued to support us by donating lots of nappies, soaps and all sorts of helpful things. We are very grateful for their ongoing support!

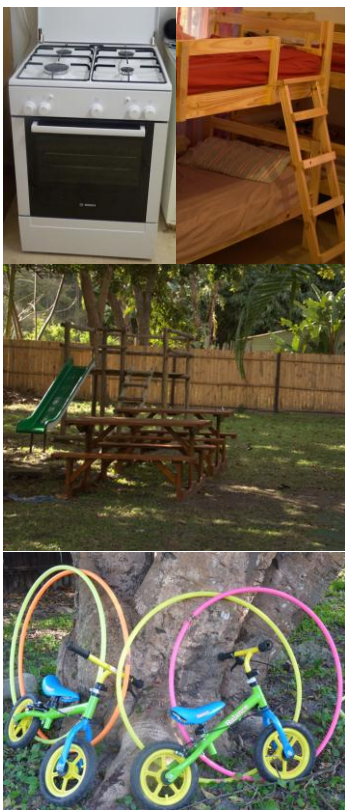
Our little friends in Grade RR of Mtuba Christian Academy blessed us with school stationery in the first term and lots of groceries in the second term of this school year. To all grade RR learners: Thank you so much for these special gifts to your friends at Destiny House!!

The community of Mtubatuba has contributed by giving us clothes, toys and regular financial support to cover school fees. Thank you!

Our overseas friends from City Central Church in Australia have once again blessed us financially and we have also received financial support from 'Heart for the Nations' in the Netherlands. We heard that a group of children from Elim church in Reeuwijk even organized a cake sale for Destiny House!

Sarah Watson

We are very happy that Sarah Watson from the UK joined us for 2 weeks in July.



New Equipment from the Government

The Department of Social Development gave us an extra subsidy to buy equipment. This came at just the right time and we bought the following items:

- ✓ 3 new bunk beds
- ✓ Blankets for everyone and a little fan heater
- ✓ Office equipment
- ✓ Jungle gym and picnic tables
- ✓ Outdoor toys (bikes, hula hoops)
- ✓ Storage cupboards
- ✓ Stove and freezer for the kitchen
- ✓ Safety gates

Sarah has been a great help to us and we know that she will carry the Destiny House kids in her heart when she goes back to England!

The Move

After a long search for a house we finally moved into our new house on the 23rd of March 2012. We have made every effort to turn this house into a home and everybody seems to have settled in.

New baby

In June we welcomed a little baby boy into our family. He was 10 weeks old when he arrived and had been begging on the streets with his mom. He has grown and developed so much already in the few weeks that he has been with us. This latest addition brings our number of children to 15 and the bigger ones absolutely LOVE the new baby in the house!

Sponsor a Child and/or Pray for a Child

Sponsor a Child!

We need people that are willing to commit to 'sponsoring a child' with a monthly amount.



Monthly costs per child:	
School fees:	R570-880
Food:	R500
Baby care:	R600

However big or small the amount, it will be well spent!

Pray for a Child:

Destiny House also needs people to commit to praying for a specific child.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child or praying for a child, please contact Esther on:

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Account Name: Destiny House
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Account Number: 589442249
BSB number: 082-406
Reference: Please enter your name

NB: With initial deposit please email contact details to the above South African or Australian email address (whichever is appropriate to YOUR location) so we can acknowledge your generosity and place you on our mailing list.

If you would like to make a donation from the Netherlands, please contact Esther Hurter for tax benefits.



Practical Needs:

- Food donations
- Nappies size 4 & wet wipes
- Quality items or clothes that we can sell to raise funds

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Praise Points

For the babies/toddlers that are reaching milestones, like walking, talking, recognizing their names, singing songs.

For the school children who are starting to speak English, getting up to speed with their education and are participating in sports.

For the growing support from the local community in Mtubatuba.

For the miraculous way the zoning of the land came through.

Prayer Points

For the health and development of all children that call Destiny House home. We especially need prayer for two of our school kids who are struggling to keep up with the curriculum in grade R.

For finances to cover our monthly deficit. Up until now we have always received what we needed!

For a couple that can serve as house parents to our children and live at the house and be MUM and DAD to our children.