

Dear friends of Destiny House,

We have been in our new home for two months. It has been such a blessing to the children and the staff. A lot of community members from Mtuba and surroundings have found their way to us and we are so grateful for their support.

In this Newsletter you will find an impression of our Open Day on the 26th of June 2015 and an update on our children. The building project is now completed, which provides an opportunity to look back and say thank you! At the same time we are looking towards the future and dreaming of new things!

Esther Hurter, Centre Manager

OUR CHILDREN

The children are really enjoying their new home, the play equipment and working in the vegetable garden. For the children who attend Mtuba Christian Academy it has been a real pleasure to take the one-minute walk to school.

We welcomed a 16 month old little girl at the end of May. She was abandoned and stayed in hospital for most of her life. In July she had a second eye operation because she was blind. Her right eye can now see a little bit more than before. We are praying for complete healing! In July we welcomed a 3 month old boy whose mother is still a teenager and needs help to get her life in order. We are hoping that her baby will soon be reunited with her.

Also in July we said goodbye to a 2 year old little girl who came to us when she was two months old. She went to stay with a fosterparent who already is looking after another one of 'our' children. These two girls who were both abandoned have now become sisters!



IMPRESSION OF OUR OPEN DAY

On the 26th of June 2015 we opened our doors to the community and celebrated the completion of our new home. Spar generously sponsored food and drinks and spoilt the children with a surprise parcel.



THANK YOU

To the following local businesses/organizations who have helped us a lot during the last few months:

Riverview Poultry farm
Mtuba Christian Academy
Zululand Cut and Edge
Mtubatuba Optical Centre
Powerspar Mtubatuba
Shoprite Mtubatuba

Dis Chem Richards Bay
Dr. Pillay
Mtuba Pharmacy
Moffatt Mtubatuba
WJ Construction
SADF 121 Batallion

BUILDING PROJECT

The first went into the ground on the 10th of November 2014 on the property of Grace Community Church in Mtubatuba. On the 30th of May 2015, only 6 months later, we moved in! What a testimony to the Father's faithfulness and people's willingness to get involved!

A big thank you to all of you who have donated money and material to us. If you were giving a monthly donation towards the project, could I ask you to consider to continue giving towards our general running costs? Any surplus building donations that still come in are kept in a separate account and will be used for future building projects. We have BIG dreams!

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

We are so grateful to have an international support structure around us. With the risk of unintentionally forgetting to mention people I would like to mention some names, starting with our faithful Australian sponsors from City Central Church Albury who have supported Destiny House from its early beginnings in 2008. Heart for the Nations and Friends for Africa in the Netherlands have also played an important part in funding our work. I would also like to thank Christ Central Church from Penge in the UK. From the other side of the globe we receive regular support from the USA. Recently we were blessed by students from Wagga Christian College in Australia, where students went on a sponsored hike to raise funds for Destiny House. Please know that we appreciate your prayers and support very much.

PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Praise * For providing everything we need * For the dream of our own home to become reality!

Prayer * For the future of our children (possible family reunification or adoption) * For two of our girls who need special education * For spiritual, emotional and physical growth of our children.

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OUR NEW PRESCHOOL TEACHER



Niki Gumede started volunteering with Destiny House in November 2014 and has been a key person in getting the preschool up and running. Last month we took a step of faith and offered her a contract. In Niki's own words:

I believe that teaching is my calling. The more I became aware of how critical the first five years of a child's life are (90% of a child's brain develops by age 5), the more I saw myself making an impact at this age through working at a pre-school level.

I would like for the school to grow to the level where it can accommodate other preschool children from within Grace Community Church and our local community as I believe that having more interaction with other children from outside the children's home would be beneficial to our children. By enlarging our preschool we would also be able to teach more children about Christ and possibly generate an income to fund the running of the preschool.

We love Niki's heart for children and we are excited about what the future holds. We hope to raise enough funds to build a separate preschool facility soon. If you are interested in donating towards the preschool's monthly running costs or if you would like to sponsor a specific child, please contact us.



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Account number: 62202105286
Branch code: 220330
Swift code: FIRNZAJJ
Reference: please enter your name
If donating towards Building Fund, please state as reference "Building".

For Australian, English and Dutch Banking details please contact Esther.