



Destiny House

Children's Ministries

Newsletter

January 2017

Dear friends of Destiny House,

It has been an exciting few months at Destiny House. We have worked very hard to get the Preschool Building ready for the new schoolyear (which starts in January in South Africa). We'll tell you more about this later in this Newsletter.

We were also given permission to take in 6 more children, which brings the maximum number of children to 24. We do our very best to keep the "family feel" alive, even with a bigger number of children. Destiny House is first and foremost a family where children in need find a place where they belong.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We feel very blessed knowing that so many people carry us in their hearts. Your contributions are what keeps us going!

OUR CHILDREN

We are very pleased to let you know that the little three week old boy we welcomed in July found a home with a lovely foster family within 6 months of his arrival. This is a real breakthrough for Destiny House because this process normally takes much longer!

One of the boys who was with us for five years (since he was born) was reunited with his family in December 2016. We trust that he will do well. Even though it is hard to let children go, we are thankful that we were given a chance to be a part of their lives for however short or long they stayed with us, "being confident of this, that He who began a good work in them will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6)

Because we are now allowed to take in more children, we have taken in three new children: A little baby girl who is now almost 3 months old, a 2 year old boy and a 2 year old girl. The other children welcomed them with open arms and all three of them have settled in well.

DECEMBER FUN

December is always a very happy month at Destiny House. Community members and local businesses go out of their way to make the children's festive season memorable. There were presents for every child and the children even went on a boat cruise on Lake St Lucia. The pictures will give you an idea of the joy that was shared.

We would like to thank everyone who made an effort to make the children feel loved and special.

The Umfolozi Sugar Mill also helped us by taking care of some house maintenance issues in December. Much appreciated!



Happiness is...
Knowing that
you are loved!



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
- Dr. Benade
- Inyala Security
- Davcos
- Seeff Properties
- Heritage Tours
- Dis Chem Richards Bay
- Dr. Pillay
- Woolworths Mtubatuba
- Feast Bistro
- Al Marrakesh Guesthouse
- Umfolozi Sugar Mill
- Shoprite Mtuba Mall

DESTINY PRESCHOOL

NEW BUILDING

THE STORY

In January 2016 we opened up our “in-house” preschool to the community. We enrolled 34 learners in our first year of Destiny Preschool (grade RRR and RR, for 3-5 year olds). Because we didn't have our own preschool building yet, we used two classrooms in the Grace Community Church Building. With the support of many sponsors we started building a new building for the Preschool next to Destiny House in September 2016. At the end of November the building was finished and only needed a dividing wall inside and a few coats of paint inside and outside. At that time we did not have enough funds to pay the contractor. The contractor was aware of the financial situation from the beginning and he stood with us in faith that God would provide the funds. At the beginning of January 2017 two more donations came in, one from Heart for the Nations and the other from Friends for Africa (both in Holland). Those two donations added up to just the right amount to settle the account with the contractor!

Then Woolworths Mtubatuba gave us a donation of wall paint in just the right colours! So at the beginning of January volunteers from Grace Community Church painted the inside of the building and the next day the teachers moved in all their teaching materials!

On the 11th of January 2017 we welcomed our first new learners into the new building.

It has been a real pleasure for the Preschool to be so close to Destiny House and the playground. We have about 25 learners at the moment and we have space for 15 more!

STILL NEEDED

We still need to put up a dividing wall inside the building to separate the two classrooms, build some cupboard space and paint the outside of the building. This is estimated to cost around R10,000 (which equals \$750, €700, £600).

We also need to put in burglar bars and security gates, the cost of which will be between R10,000 and R15,000 (R15,000 equals \$1125, €1050, £900).



PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Praise * For the new Preschool Building * For the children who found a family * For the new children who became part of the Destiny House family.

Prayer * For the future of our children (possible family reunification or adoption) * For spiritual, emotional and physical growth of all our children * For the children who are physically challenged.

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Contact us if you are interested in sponsoring a child!

South African Banking Details:

Bank: First National Bank, Mtubatuba
Account name: Destiny House Children's Ministries
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.

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