

## Dear friends of Destiny House,

This month we hope to move in to our new home at last! Thank you so much for supporting our vision. We hope that you will rejoice with us as we see the building project come to completion.

While the builders were building our new home, life at Destiny House carried on with all its difficult and happy moments. It has been especially hard to say goodbye to a few of our children, who have been placed into families. More about this later!

We would like to say a big thank you to all who sponsored us in any way. We really appreciate every gift, whether big or small. May you be blessed as you bless others!

*Esther Hurter, Centre Manager*

## OUR CHILDREN

During the last 4 months we have said goodbye to six children. Five of them were reunited with their biological families and one was transferred to another Children's Home in Empangeni. There is a prospective adoptive parent who lives very close to this Children's Home and will now have more opportunity to bond with the child.

We have been able to take in three new children from the local community. In January we welcomed a 5-year-old little girl and in March we welcomed two siblings, a 4-year-old boy and a 6-month-old girl. They have settled in very well and are making new friends quickly.

We believe that Destiny House is not supposed to be the final destination for the children. We see our home as a place where children can be restored and receive a good foundation. But we also believe in the importance of every child belonging to a family. This is why we are always looking towards family reunification or foster parent placements. Our social worker, Busisiwe Nxumalo, is doing a great job in facilitating this process for many of the children.

It is not easy for the caregivers and everyone involved to say goodbye to children that you have loved and cared for as your own. But at the same time we know that if it didn't hurt we wouldn't be doing our work properly!

*"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families..."*  
*Psalm 68:5,6*

## SAYING GOODBYE

These are the children we said goodbye to in the last few months. We celebrate the time that they have been with us and we wish them all the best for the future!



## THANK YOU

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

Riverview Poultry farm  
DukuDuku Saw Mill  
Mtuba Pharmacy  
St Lucia Ski Boat Club

Dis Chem Richards Bay  
Mtuba Christian Academy  
Amazulu Tours  
Dr. Pillay

## BUILDING PROJECT

We are nearly finished! The first phase of our building project started on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 on the grounds of Grace Community Church in Mtubatuba.

The second phase involved the roof. This was done in February 2015 and completely sponsored by Why Not Africa, an NGO from Empangeni who have helped us plan and manage the building process.

Phase 3 involved all the finishings such as floors, ceilings, plastering, plumbing, electrics, doors and windows, painting, tiling, cupboards, fencing etc.

Most of this is now done. The painters and tilers are still busy and the cupboards are being installed. Burglar bars, fencing and gardening are next. The amazing news is that **we have now raised all the funds we need to complete the project!!**

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!

## PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Praise \* For providing everything we need \* For the dream to become reality!

Prayer \* For the move to our new home to go well \* For the future of our children (possible family reunification or adoption) \* For our school aged children to cope with the level of education \* For our pre-schoolers to grow and develop

## MOVING DAY: 30 MAY 2015

If you are available to help us move on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May (or to help with a load in the week before) please contact Esther on 076-0488734.



## EASTER OUTING

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of April we were spoilt with a special outing to the Ski Boat Club in St Lucia organised by the St Lucia Community. Lots of fun was had by all!



DialAFlight  One of the biggest sponsors of our project was a company called Dial-A-Flight from the UK. Their website is [www.dialaflight.com](http://www.dialaflight.com).

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If donating towards Building Fund, please state as reference "Building".

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