



Destiny House

Children's Ministries

Newsletter

December 2015

Dear friends of Destiny House,

It's the end of the year already! This year has flown by and it is difficult to imagine that last year around this time we started building our new home. A lot has happened in 2015. Children were reunited with families and placed in foster care, an adoption process that started in 2012 was finalized, we admitted new children and saw them grow and flourish. Our new home has made a huge difference in the lives of staff and children and we are very grateful to everyone who was involved with the building project. Most of all we thank our Father in heaven who places the lonely in families (Psalm 68:6) and we acknowledge that unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain (Psalm 127:1). We wish you and your loved ones a wonderful festive season where we celebrate the One who shows us what love looks like!

Esther Hurter, Centre Manager

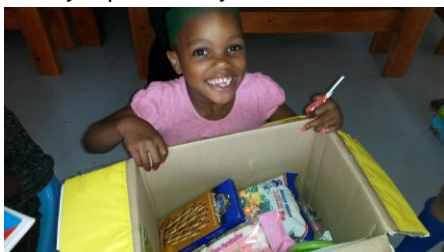
OUR CHILDREN

During the month of August we looked after a 4 month old little boy who was reunited with his mother as soon as she had her life back on track.

In September we took in a little boy who was at that time 8 months old but looked like a three-month-old baby. He had been severely neglected by his mother and needed lots of love and attention as well as the proper baby formula, medicine and stimulation. He is picking up weight and starting to grow and develop. He is still on medication and needs our prayers!

The two girls who needed special education have been accepted at Thuthukani Special Needs School in Empangeni and will be starting at their new school in January 2016.

Currently the children are enjoying the summer holidays, the Christmas parties and presents they receive. Some will go for a short stay with their families, which will be closely supervised by a social worker.



A very happy little girl after receiving her Christmas Care Box!

HERITAGE DAY

On the 24th of September we celebrated Heritage Day at Destiny House with lots of dancing and traditional food.



STAFF OUTING SKI BOAT CLUB

On the 9th of December our 14 staff members enjoyed a sponsored lunch at the Ski Boat Club in St Lucia. Afterwards we walked to the beach where for some of us it was the first time to see the sea!

We really appreciate it when people think about our staff, the ladies who love the children as their own and cry when a child leaves us. Even at Christmas and New Year's they leave their own families at home and celebrate these days with the Destiny House children. We commend them for their dedication and the love they have for the children!



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
- Mtuba Pharmacy
- Amazulu Tours
- Powerspar Mtubatuba

- Dis Chem Richards Bay
- Dr. Pillay
- Seeff Richards Bay
- Feast Bistro
- Inyala Security

STARTING IN JANUARY 2016!!

DESTINY HOUSE PRESCHOOL

VISION

It has always been part of Destiny House's vision to open up a preschool for 3-5 year olds which would be open to our own children as well as the wider community. One of the reasons is that the children will learn to interact with other children and families. The other reason is that we will be able to provide quality Christian education at a crucial age. The foundations that are laid before the age of 5 have proven to be an important factor for later success in life.

ACCELERATION

Being on the same property as Mtuba Christian Academy (MCA) has accelerated the process of developing our preschool. MCA is a school that caters for children of all ages. Recently they asked Destiny House to take over their grade RRR (3-4 year olds) and RR (4-5 year olds) . Niki Gumede was already teaching our own pre-schoolers at Destiny House and we are very excited to be opening up our Preschool to the public as per January 2016. So far we already have about 20 enrolments.

PLANS & NEEDS

To be able to do this we needed to look at a bigger room to teach in. Instead of teaching the children inside the house we would like to have a separate facility so that the children "go out" to school and come home again. We have started raising funds to build two simple classrooms in which we could teach up to 40 children. Until this new building is built we will use two classrooms in the church building generously made available by Grace Community Church.

Total funds needed: R400,000
Already raised: R120,000
Still to be raised: R280,000

With the current (very favourable!) exchange rate
R280,000 equals to: €16,800 / \$18,200 / £12,000

We hope to have raised this amount by March 2016.
Would you please consider giving towards this project?
For more information please contact Esther.



Happily playing with educational toys



These four champions graduated from our preschool and are going to grade R at MCA next year



What our new preschool building will look like

PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Praise * For providing everything we need * For the older girls to be accepted into Thuthukani Special Needs School.

Prayer * For the future of our children (possible family reunification or adoption) * For our new Preschool facility to become a reality soon! * For protection over the house. * For spiritual, emotional and physical growth of our children.

INTERNATIONAL SPONSORS

Please note that our residential address at the bank has changed. Please contact Esther for the new address.

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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.