



# Destiny House

Children's Ministries

## Newsletter

April 2016

### Dear friends of Destiny House,

Life at Destiny House is good. The children are growing and developing in leaps and bounds and the community is getting more and involved.

In January we opened our preschool up to the public. There are now 33 children between 3 and 5 years old who attend Destiny Preschool. The children love learning new things and it has been such a joy to see the playground filled with happy faces.

*With support from our sponsors we were able to put up new playground equipment. The children are really enjoying it!*



### OUR CHILDREN

In January we welcomed a little boy who was abandoned at the office of a social worker. His estimated age is 18 months. He is a healthy and happy little boy and it makes one wonder how desperate the mother must have been to abandon her child.

The little boy we admitted in September last year is now 1 year old. He is a happy little boy who loves to smile but unfortunately his muscles are not getting much stronger. The doctors suspect he has cerebral palsy and he has been referred to specialists. Prayers would be appreciated!

The little girl who was blind in both eyes can now see a little bit because of an operation she had last year. With the help of our friends in the USA we are raising funds for a cornea transplant for her left eye. We hope this will happen in May 2016.

In January 2016 four of our children went to big school for the first time. Because Mtuba Christian Academy is in the same property it takes them about 1 minute to walk to school. They are doing well at school and growing in communicating with teachers and class mates.

### VOLUNTEERS



On the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 Neal and Rena Richards arrived from the UK with their son Scott to come and serve us for 6 weeks. They started off by getting our preschool classroom ready for the start of the school year. They have been an absolute blessing in doing a lot of maintenance for us and painting Scripture verses and pictures on walls. If you are interested in volunteering at Destiny House, please contact us.

### EASTER WITH MRS ZULULAND



Mrs Zululand 2015, Chyrese Coetser, surprised the children with Easter eggs and spent some quality time with them singing songs and reading stories. The children had a wonderful time! Chyrese and her team will be hosting a fundraiser for Destiny House in June 2016. Watch this space!

### 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. Naicker
- Roots Butchery
- Powerspar Mtubatuba
- Cheese Farm
- Dis Chem Richards Bay
- Dr. Pillay
- Mtuba Pharmacy
- Feast Bistro
- Inyala Security

# DESTINY PRESCHOOL

## & BUILDING PLANS

### 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. Last year 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 felt that it would be good to open up our Preschool to the public in January 2016. We now have 33 children in our Preschool!

### BUILDING PLANS

Grace Community Church has kindly made available two classrooms for us to use until we have our own Preschool Building. The building plans to build two simple classrooms in which we can teach up to 40 children have been drawn up. The estimated cost of this new building is R400,000. Since our December Newsletter another R40,000 has come in, which brings the total still needed to R240,000

Total funds needed: R400,000  
Already raised: R160,000  
Still to be raised: R240,000

With the current (very favourable!) exchange rate  
R240,000 equals to: €14,000 / \$15,900 / £11,300

We hope to have raised this amount by July 2016.

*Would you please consider giving towards this project?*  
For more information please contact Esther.



What our new preschool building will look like

### PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Praise \* For providing everything we need \* For a smooth start of the Preschool.

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 \* For the children who are physically challenged to receive the professional help they need.

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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.