

## PASTURE VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWS-

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Romans 8: 38 " For I am convinced that neither death or life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height or depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. "



As we remember Christ's sacrifice for us over Easter, the above verse is so true. How grateful we are for His love for us- how beautiful is His love!

One of our boys takes his responsibility of caring for the younger preschool boys very seriously. Rides in the wheelbarrow are a favourite activity for them. Lots of fun!

### MAKING A MOVIE

The trailer for the Pasture Valley documentary is out! It can be viewed on [www.infaithwegrow.com](http://www.infaithwegrow.com)

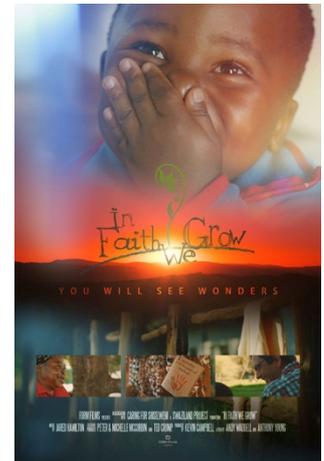
We are astounded at the amount of work that has gone into making this documentary. We very grateful to Andy Waddell, Anthony Young, Ted Crump and their friends for all they have done to make this truly a beautiful story of God's faithfulness at Pasture Valley.

### THE HEART OF FAITH IS LOVE

Many more children have been added to the Child support programme over the last 2 months and we are struggling to keep up with the number of food parcels that need to go out each month. School clothes and shoes were also handed out to children in need at various schools including Gege Primary and Galile Primary School. At one school I sat down with the each child and reviewed their school academic reports and praised and encouraged where needed. While trying to understand some of the children I was given their home circumstances by the school counsellor and was overwhelmed by the burden of knowing how some of these children have to live and survive. Some are able to overcome their circumstances while others do not cope. All we can do is show our faith in Jesus by reaching out to them in love.

### TOP ACHIEVERS

Anele and Image came home with certificates for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in class respectively. Phumelele also came first in her class. Gcinile and Nontsetsele were chosen by their school to represent the school for debating and the school came second overall. Well done girls!!!





**GOOD BYES:** We said a sad farewell to this beautiful family at the end of March. Ted, Tina and Jude were a part of our family for many years and we are grateful for all their input into the children's lives. We were blessed to have had their help here at Pasture Valley all these years and wish them God's blessings in their future back in the USA.

**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:** Invitations were sent out to the business and non-governmental organizations in our region to attend a leadership conference at Pasture Valley. It was well attended and the discussions sessions addressing how we can make a difference in our communities was good. A testimony was given regarding how helping and giving without ownership or involvement in the communities is not sustainable and actually disadvantages people in the long term.

**OUTING FOR THE GIRLS :** In February Alicia and I took some of the girls on an outing to visit Mlilwane Park. It was the first time some of the girls had seen wild animals and they were amazed. They loved the swimming pool water even though most of them could not swim at all. It was a great experience for all of them. We also visited Swazi candles and saw how the candles are made.



**WHEN AN EYE CAN NO LONGER SEE:** A boy of 2 ½ years of age came to our attention through Social welfare. He was diagnosed with retinoblastoma (cancer of the eye). He was taken to doctors in South Africa where they removed his eye and sent him back home as they said there was nothing else they could do. The cancer grew and the protrusion of cells came from his eye bleeding and growing daily. He was in pain. When I first went to his home I could not keep back the tears. We prayed for God's healing. We managed to arrange pain medication for him through the doctors and placed him at Hope House for a while where they provide palliative care. He recently passed away. So many have been praying for this little boy and we are grateful for all your love and support.

**CHECK MATE! MAKE YOUR MOVE WITH CHESS:** The kids have been learning how to play chess as part of their holiday programme. We purchased a number of chess boards and the boys have really taken a great interest in the game.



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Gratefulness for support and prayers for Pasture Valley \* For good training sessions with caretakers and housemothers as we go through "Growing Kids God's way." \* For the holiday programme activities \* For protection of the children and their health \* For the new girls that have joined Pasture Valley and for wise decisions regarding their education and their future \* For the upcoming girls and boys outdoor camps \* Gratefulness for a placement at the artisan school for Sipelele and a successful interview for him \* For volunteers who will assist us with teaching \* for the building projects