

## PASTURE VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWS- JUNE-JULY 2016



2 Thessalonians 3: 5 “Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.”

### ***HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET THAT BRING GOOD NEWS***

These last 2 months we have had the honour of meeting wonderful people. We are constantly amazed at how God brings people to Pasture Valley and the blessing they bring while they are here. A team from Duet Church in Potchestroom were the first to arrive. They brought with them energy, smiles and got stuck into being the feet and hands of Christ while here. School halls were painted, crafts were made with the Bambanani ladies, the children's home roof was painted, the sick in the hospital were visited and a meal was cooked for a blind old lady in need.



The next team that was sponsored by Helderberg Church arrived with Occupational therapists, physiotherapists and a speech therapist. This team worked round the clock to assess children in need and recommend exercises for children with cerebral palsy, stroke victims and those with disabilities under our child support programme. They also provided training for our housemothers and preschool teachers and did a workshop at the end of the week for preschool teachers from 14 different preschools. We are grateful for the recommendations made for our special needs children and look forward to implementing them as well as teaching the children sign language.



Project Glory from the USA also visited Pasture Valley and blessed us with supplies such as soaps, pens, pencils, wool and much more. We are grateful for their generosity to us.

### ***WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE HUNGRY?***

We were asked to come to the police station to collect an 11 year old boy who needed somewhere to sleep for the school holidays. The boy was caught stealing food from a home. He was beaten by the community and slept at the police station for a few days near the convicts cells. He and his 15

year old brother were abandoned by their parents and left to fend for themselves and care for their sick grandmother. They were hungry. After some counselling he told us that he was sorry for stealing and did not want to go back to his home and wanted to stay at Pasture Valley. He said he had never in his life had new pyjamas to sleep in and to have a full tummy was wonderful. These things we take for granted. What would you do if you were hungry?

### **MEET SIPHO**



Siphoh is a little 6 year old boy that will just steal your heart. He stole mine! He is a twin and his sister is able to walk, but unfortunately Siphoh was born with cerebral palsy and has not been able to move much of the bottom part of his body. He has known the floor intimately and crawls around on his stomach to get somewhere. We were able to get a wheelchair for Siphoh and the joy to see him in the chair was indescribable. He could not stop smiling and quickly learnt how to get around. He was so happy and called it his bicycle. The

physiotherapists were able to make some modifications to the chair for him and recommended exercises for him. We are hoping to get a programme to enable him to do some schooling next year. He is being cared for by his aunt as his mother ran away and we deliver food parcels monthly because there is not much income for the family. Despite his circumstances, Siphoh showed me that we need to love life- to smile even when things are tough.

### **NEWS FROM THE CHILDRENS HOME**

\*The children have finished their second term and will be on holiday for a month. A team from California will be running a childrens camp this weekend and we have invited SOS childrens village children to join in.

\*Siyabonga passed his driver's licence and has already been a great help in driving the girls from the Girls Care Centre around to attend church at Pasture Valley. Tai is in the United States at the moment.

\*A number of children were baptized at a special service, including all the girls from the Girls Care centre. We are so proud of them for giving their lives to Jesus.



\*We said goodbye to all our Project Trust volunteers – Dan, Alex, Iona and Ella who have been a great help over the past 6 months. Mary has joined our staff as an educator and assists our special needs children with skills education.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** \*We give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for His provision and for all that have so generously donated funds and goods to Pasture Valley these last 2 months. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown. \* A praise report for the wonderful housemothers and aunties that are currently at Pasture Valley caring for the children. Please pray for continued health, strength, love and joy for each one as they care for the children. \* For rain to fall on our land – the drought continues and so do those in need increase. \* For protection against wildfires.