

PASTURE VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWSLETTER

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James 1: 21 "Welcome the Word which implanted and rooted (in your hearts) contains the power to save your souls."

PASTURE VALLEY ANNUAL HOLIDAY OUTING

As is tradition, an outing is normally planned for the children in January of each year. Our family has grown so much that it was necessary to split the children into 2 groups. The smaller ones all went to Mr Meyer's farm and had a great time swimming in the dam followed by cooking meat (shisa nyama) and games under the trees. The older children were taken to Heidi and Andre's farm in South Africa where they were treated to a water slide in their beautiful garden and enjoyed some swimming too.



FUN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The holidays were packed with activities that the children could enjoy and learn. A fashion show where the children had to design and sew their own clothes was a real hit. And yes, the boys did sewing too! Some of the boys were also shown how to kayak on the local dam near us. Some lost their balance and tipped over with much laughs from the others, but soon they got the hang of it and had lots of fun.



BACK TO SCHOOL

The beginning of the year is always a busy one. This year every child left Pasture Valley in the mornings and it felt so quiet. The crèche children were taken by Aunty Tarah to Growing Faith preschool, 2 other children were taken to a school that offers remedial tuition and our high school students headed to 3 different schools!



EKUTHULENI- GROWING FAITH PRESCHOOL

The Growing Faith preschool opened officially on the 21st of January at Ekuthuleni. Two preschool teachers have been hired and a lot of renovations were done to ensure that Alicia, Tarah and Rachel were settled and the preschool ready for the children. 31 children are currently registered at the school.



PRESCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR RURAL AREAS

Early childhood development and learning is important if a child is to get a good start to their education. Pasture Valley is partnering with All4Jesus to help support preschools with supplies and educational materials. Preschools were identified and the teachers were invited to a workshop. The teachers were shown how educational tools could be made from waste materials. Each preschool will be supported with visits and training through the coming year.



SCHOOL CLOTHES AND SCHOOL



FEEES FOR THE CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAMME

It has been a busy time for our social worker, Princess. Each child within the child support programme needed help with either school fees to be paid, school clothes to be bought or school supplies and food parcels. Gege Methodist School was one of the visits made to ensure that the children received their school shoes and supplies.

VISITORS: Dr David Tyers from the UK is visiting. Princess

MaMotsa is also doing a one month farming internship with us.

BAR BARAKAH CELEBRATION (Son of Blessing)

Our boys are growing. All boys that reached 13+ were given the opportunity to follow an old Hebrew tradition of coming of age. During this ceremony, the boys made certain commitments as to how they would want to live their lives. Peter also blessed each child and gave them special verses for each one.



PRAYER EQUESTS: * Eunice's husband sadly passed away. Please pray for the Makhanya family * Taiwan has returned to Zambia to help at a preschool for a year. Please continue to pray for her * The Van Raaij family and Messick family will be leaving in April. Please pray for them as they transition from Pasture Valley. * A stand in mother has been appointed at Timothy house. Please pray for Thabsile as she gets to know the children.