

PASTURE VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWSLETTER

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We wish you all a Blessed Christmas as we remember our Saviour's birth.

Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His faithful love endures forever."

As we look back on a year behind us, we can only give thanks to the Lord- for He is good. We are grateful for Jesus sustaining us in so many ways through tough and happy times.

CONFIRMATION

In November 13 of our children were confirmed after months and months of bible study. We are so proud of them and the Bishop said that they should not sit back but go out and be examples of faith in the world.



PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Two of the Pasture Valley children graduated from preschool and have been registered with the local school nearby for Grade 1. They proudly showed us all that they knew their numbers, shapes and so much more. We wish them well as they enter formal schooling next year.



HELP WHEN NEEDED



We have been so blessed by people coming to help at Pasture Valley during this period. Stacey, Tarah, Ted and Tina and Alicia are all from the USA and have been a great help to the children.

CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAMME CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party was held at Pasture Valley mid December. It had rained for almost 2 weeks and because games were planned we just prayed for a sunny day. The day arrived and it was sunny! 100 children came! Each child was given a sweetie pack, some clothes and some rice. The older children received a hoe and some bean and maize seed to plant at



home. The kids had great fun with face painting, sack races and other sporting activities. They all then received a meal of chicken stew and finished with ice cream.



ZONDLE GIRLS CHILDRENS HOME CHRISTMAS FUNCTION AND FAREWELL

We had a Christmas party for the girls at the Hlatikulu Childrens home. They each received a string bag filled with goodies in it made by Alicia and Tarah. We also handed out a bible to each child. Sadly, we also said good-bye to the children as Pasture Valley made a decision to hand the project back to the Methodist Church after a year's involvement.



CHRISTMAS PLAY: The children worked hard at practicing for the Christmas play which was directed by Gail. They performed beautifully at a church service last week. The children were also spoilt by members of our church in Piet Retief with a gift pack and there was much joy as they opened their presents. For some of the children this was the first time they ever would have experienced Christmas in this way.



PASTURE VALLEY CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

As has now become tradition, the Education centre was decorated and tables set for a Christmas eve lunch. The whole Pasture Valley family came together to celebrate the day of Jesus's birth. The children received some gifts and each received a pair of gumboots (an essential item at Pasture Valley) and a T-shirt.



PRAYER REQUESTS:* Thankfulness for safe travels as Taiwan has returned home from her studies in Zambia. *For the healing of an arm of a child that has been brought to us because of abuse at home. * For peace and comfort of the family of Wandile (the child that was blind) since his passing this week. * For wisdom and guidance daily * For the health of Eunice's husband * For guidance and strength as the new Preschool project at Ekhuthuleni Mission starts where Alicia will be stationed.