

## PASTURE VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWSLETTER-SEPTEMBER 2014



Luke 9:12-13 : Late in the day, the Twelve approached and said to Him, "Send the crowd away, so that they can go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find food and lodging, because we are in a deserted place here. " **"You give them something to eat", He told them.**

This verse has challenged me so much. Even if the situation looks impossible and the crowds are needy and keep on coming to Pasture Valley , our instruction is: Give them something to eat! Our faith is strengthened daily as we see God in action doing what seems impossible.

LETTER FROM A CHILD..

Reading through the reports that the children wrote about their Sunday school rally that they attended last month , one child reported back about what they had learnt **"In Jesus we have the power to overcome trouble in our lives. We should not lose our focus. "**



### A NEW HOME FOR A LITTLE BOY- PASTURE VALLEY ADMITS 40<sup>TH</sup> CHILD

Last week I visited the home of a little boy who lived under conditions that no little boy should have to live. The one room stick and mud building had holes all over and a snake was removed from one of the holes a few weeks ago. The little boy was taken to the hospital for treatment and then brought to Pasture Valley. He is shy and speaks no English. We hope he will adjust well and finally get used to his new home. My heart felt so glad when I saw him standing side by side with Melusi- both are the same ages and now finally little Melusi has a new friend at the preschool! God is good and we are just so thankful that he has brought this wonderful little boy into our lives.

## PLANTING FRUIT TREES FOR THE FUTURE

It is spring and we are really grateful for the rains that have recently fallen. The grass is turning green again and all the fruit trees are in flower. This weekend the children and 16 volunteers from South Africa helped to plant some fruit trees such as plums, avocados and pomagranates. The orchard is expanding nicely and we hope the orchard will be a source of some nutritious fruit for the children one day.

## PRAYER FOR THANDI

Thandi told us that her chest was sore and after an X ray at our regional hospital, the doctors found spots on Thandi's her lung. She had to go the capital to have another scan. Please do continue praying for her as she has been in a lot of pain recently but is now on the mend.

## SOCCER DAY

The boys played really well against two other Children's homes. Although they did not win all their games, they enjoyed the day and we are hoping to repeat the tournament again in December.



## WELL DONE BONGIWE!

Bongiwe came to us beaming... she held in her hand a certificate for being the best History student in her grade. We are so proud of her! Her love for writing and reading is evident and we hope she will be able to pursue her dreams of Journalism one day.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

\*For Nellie as she goes on her annual leave to spend time with her family and to rest. \*Thankfulness for the rains \* Thankfulness for the return of Ted and Tina and for all the staff and volunteers helping at Pasture Valley \* Protection for the McCubbin family and Andrew as we all continue on rabies treatment after being exposed to a rabid puppy. \* For protection of all the children from disease and illness \* For the children as they prepare for tests and exams for the final term of the year at school \* For Ekuthuleni Mission station and the Bambanani project \* Thankfulness for a successful open day at Growing Faith preschool at Ekuthuleni \*For a blessed Sunday School training this weekend. \* For all the children on the child support programme.