

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



Proverbs 10:28: "The hope of the righteous is joy....."

### OUTSTANDING SCHOOL REPORT RESULTS FOR PASTURE VALLEY CHILDREN!

For the first time ever, all the Pasture Valley children attending the Primary school in town passed their grade! The results were outstanding and very few children failed individual subjects. Over 50% of the children were placed within the top 10 positions in their classes of over 40 pupils. We are really proud of them and also very grateful to all the people who were instrumental in supporting them every school day with extra tuition and after-school support. Two of our little ones graduated from preschool and we held a special preschool graduation ceremony for them.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY

As is our tradition, the children like to perform a Christmas play every year. This



year Beth assisted with the production and had a beautiful backdrop made. Lindani acted as the forgetful grandfather telling the children a Bible story about Jesus's birth.



### TAIWAN TURNS 21!

Taiwan has returned home for the holidays after a busy year with OM (Operation Mobilization) and doing a trek through 4 countries as a missionary. The outreach trek also involved climbing Table mountain in Cape Town as part of an anti-slavery campaign. She was able to share her experiences and her growing faith with her brothers and sisters at Pasture Valley. She celebrated her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with us which was a special and blessed occasion. Taiwan will return to Zambia in January to complete a 2 year teachers training course. We are very proud of her.



### EKUTHULENI PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, Growing Faith Preschool at the Ekuthuleni mission station celebrated one full year in a graduation ceremony with 14 of the children graduating to Grade one next year. Alicia, Dolly and Jabu were proud of their students and we praise God for His blessing over the preschool.



## AN AMAZING CHRISTMAS FUNCTION FOR 180 CHILDREN

We were told it was going to rain the day we planned to have the Christmas function for our Child support Children. We had a tent put up but prayed that God would hear our prayer for good weather as we had a lot of outside games planned. The day arrived on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December and as the children were registering there were dark clouds in the sky. Each child received a sweetie pack and some juice and was welcomed in the hall. To our surprise 180 children turned up and there were about 40 other caregivers and our staff as well. The games then began with tug of war, crafts and bracelet making, musical chairs, twister, soccer, sack races and the little ones were entertained too. There was no rain while the games were on and the sun even came out for a short while. The children all had lunch and ice cream and gathered at the hall again to watch the "Jesus" movie in Siswati. The kids were all given a string bag with some goodies in them. As the last vehicle left with the children the first drops of rain started to fall. We are so grateful to God for holding back the rain and for making it a happy day for the children! So many of the children said it was the best day ever!



## JOY AND EXCITEMENT AS CHILDREN OPEN PRESENTS



Christmas is a special time of the year. There is nothing that brings more joy to my heart than to see a child experience such joy in opening a gift. Our children each received a gift, specially wrapped by friends and members of church. Many thanks to all who contributed to making this day a wonderful day. May you all experience the joy, peace and grace of Jesus's gift to us this Christmas.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** \* Thankfulness for our Lord's provision and hand over the Christmas function. \* thankfulness for all the staff and volunteers who so selflessly give of their time and resources. \* Prayer for Aunty Thandi and her health. \* Prayer for God's provision of a housemother \* For the high school students and their career choices and futures \* For volunteer education assistance over the May- August period next year.