

PASTURE VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 2015



2 Timothy 2:13 "If we are faithless, He remains faithful... ". How amazing is God that when we fall down, He is there, when we are weak, He is strong for us, when we lose faith, He remains faithful! We wish all of you a very happy new year. May this year be one in which you grow in faith! Here is our news...

PASTURE VALLEY ANNUAL OUTTING



Every year we try to take the children somewhere for an outing. This year we hired a huge big bus and travelled to Mhlabanyatsi Club. The children and staff all sang praises on the way up and there was much jubilation. The kids swam, played a little basketball and tennis and were served with chips and boerewors rolls and ice cream afterwards. On the way back, we stopped over at Swazi candles and were given a tour around the factory. We had some very sleepy, but happy kids on bus on the way home!

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The December-January break can be very long for some. For this reason we plan morning and afternoon activities as often as we can. This holiday the children could join various clubs as art, philosophy, table tennis and music. We also did career guidance sessions and painted a large map of Africa and then learnt capital cities and some history. For Christmas this year, we had a Christmas eve lunch with spaghetti and salads. The children received a Pasture valley long sleeve shirt and shoe boxes with new shoes and various other items in it.



OFF WITH THE ROOF!

On Christmas day Pasture Valley experienced something like a little tornado that ripped through the farm. The strong wind tore the plastic off the greenhouse tunnels, buckled iron sheets from the cow shelters and took off a section of Stella house roof. This came as much of a surprise to the children who were doing their evening devotions at the time. Other arrangements had to be made for the children to "sleep out" with their other brothers and sisters in the other homes and the roof was repaired the following day. We were so grateful that the children were not harmed in any way during this ordeal. We are reminded that Jesus is our shelter and our roof of protection when storms come. Thank you Jesus!

BACK TO SCHOOL

School opening was postponed for a week, but gratefully the kids were able to start school this week. It was Andiswa and Pele's first day at school, but they had plenty of brothers and sisters to show them the ropes. Wandile and Thulile will be homeschooled by Tina this year and they are enjoying their classes with her. Sandile finally received his Form 3 results in the newspapers. He obtained a pass with merit and we are very proud of him.



CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAMME

It has been an extremely busy time in getting over 220 children in the community fitted with school uniforms, shoes and getting school fees paid for some of them. Princess and Nontobeko have been wonderful in ordering and purchasing all that is needed for each child. We visited Kubuta, Zondle girls home, Gege Primary school and Magubheleni school recently to hand out the school needs. We have also been approached to assist a lot more children. We are grateful to all our partners who provide the finance for these children. May God bless you!

Luke 6: 20“.....Blessed are you who are poor, because the kingdom of God is yours.”



PRAYER REQUESTS: * Thankfulness for God's protection over the children and their health. * Thankfulness for rains. * Thankfulness for returning Aunty Thandi to Pasture Valley. * Prayer needed for a housemother with a heart for Jesus and His children for Timothy house children. * For all the children as they start the school year and the staff and volunteers who give of their time to their education. * For God's blessing over the 3 teams arriving in February to train and help at Pasture Valley. These are AIM (Adventures in Missions), Treverton College SCA (Student's Christian Association) and the Buffalo Group from Canada. * For good attendance of pastors to attend the first meeting of the International School of Ministry hosted by Pasture Valley on the 12th of February. * For Ekuthuleni Mission station and the vision of possibly starting a girl's care centre there.