

PASTURE VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWSLETTER- JUNE- JULY 2015



2 Corinthians 4:6 " For God, who said, " Light shall shine out of darkness"-
He has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of
God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

From a wintery Swaziland- here is our latest newsletter. Hope you have had a good June and July so far.
Our children have been busy with many competitions this month.

RUNNING FOR NATIONAL ATHLETICS TEAM

Sandile did very well in his relay and long distance running and made it to the regional team. He was sent to the north of Swaziland to compete against the top athletes from all the regions and came 5th in the 1500 m race at national level. Only the top 3 athletes will represent Swaziland at an international level, but Sandile did us proud. We have encouraged him to keep on training for next year.

MISSION TEAM VISITING

Nat Saginario came to Pasture Valley on his 45th mission trip with 10 members from Zambia and the USA. During their stay with us they painted a preschool, visited a hospital, fixed fences at a homestead in need, painted the new girls centre at Ekuthuleni, taught the

Bambanani ladies how to make hairbands, led bible studies with the kids and even hosted a Hawaain theme dinner for all of us. The children were treated to a clown show and a delicious meal. The team were a huge blessing to us all and it was sad to say goodbye.





TURNING 21

We can hardly believe that this young lady has reached 21. She has been such a blessing to us and always has a smile to offer. We celebrated her birthday and gave her the “key” to life- A Bible. She will be writing her final school exams this October and hopes to study journalism next year.

CHIOR AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS

Menzi performed in a choir competition and won their regional round as the best choir in Shiselweni. They sang complicated pieces and went to compete at national levels in Manzini. Unfortunately they did not get a placing at nationals, but we know that Menzi did his best to represent his school and can be proud of his achievement. Sibusiso took part in a drawing competition at school on how to prevent forest fires and won the best drawing for his grade. He received a shirt as a prize. Well done Sibusiso!

DEBATING WITH AUNTY ELAINE

Elaine Kearney (a volunteer scholarship student from University of North Carolina) did a presentation with the children on how to debate well. Various topics were chosen and the teams competed against each other. The question time became very exciting and the audience was thoroughly entertained at times. We hope it will teach the children good communication and thinking skills.



GETTING OURSELVES INTO A JAM MAKING JAM!

As part of the school’s consumer studies curriculum, the children are required to make jam and present this to the school teacher. Unfortunately the boys jam went rotten (and some were mysteriously eaten). The teacher gave them 0% for the project (understandably!). It was time to get serious. A second attempt was made in Make’s kitchen. This time with tree tomatoes under strict supervision. There were smiles all around when it was finished and labels put on.



BAMBANANI CRAFT PROJECT SAYS FAREWELL TO ELIZABETH and HELLO TO NONTOBEKO

After 2 years in the saddle with Bambanani, Elizabeth Nguyen will be leaving Pasture Valley. She has been instrumental to the Bambanani Project with her excellent marketing skills and happy nature which the women loved and appreciated. She will be missed by the Children’s home

and the Bambanani ladies. She is handing over to Nontobeko Dladla who will be doing the purchasing, training and marketing for Bambanani in the future.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Thankfulness for little miracles that happen every day. Thankfulness for so many willing hands to help with our children and outreach ministries. Thankfulness for the sponsorship and donations received for the various projects. Thankfulness for Portishead Church of England for their donation and Gordano Breakfast Rotary Club (also in Portishead) for their fundraising concert event and the many that faithfully support our children. Prayer for the opening of the new Girls care centre on 21 September. For protection and health of the children. For God to work in their lives and let His light shine through them.