

APRIL 2013

PSALM 73:26 "My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart, He is mine forever."

Greetings in Christ's name! Another busy month at Pasture Valley, but in each activity, we feel God's helping hand just supporting us, keeping us going with strength we thought we never could have. As our responsibilities grow we sometimes feel overwhelmed by it all, but Jesus keeps us going. Thank you to all of you for your encouragement and support.

HOSTING A TAKALANI SESAME PRESCHOOL COURSE

After weeks of planning, we finally welcomed 20 preschool teachers from orphanages in Swaziland and communities in our region and 2 co-ordinators to Pasture Valley today. The course will equip the teachers with valuable teaching aids and will ultimately benefit children throughout this region. We were most grateful to have the youth house ready where the participants could be accommodated.



GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION TEAM VISIT



What a blessing this group of humble people were from Johannesburg! Forty people arrived in many cars and for the first time ever, we had a traffic jam at Pasture Valley! We spent time in prayer that Friday evening and on Saturday they immediately started working at various jobs around the youth house. A garden was made in the courtyard, a septic tank was completed, fence holes bored,



walls, roof and window frames painted and children's activities were planned. On Sunday we had a church service at Pasture Valley and the trumpet sounded at worship. Viril's message of discipling touched our hearts and we were sad to say goodbye to the team.

PRIMARY SCHOOL BOY IN NEED OF PRAYER : A little boy arrived today to spend some time with us. He has been traumatized and for a long while now he has retracted from society and refuses to speak to anyone. I have asked 2 of our boys to just sit with him, love him and welcome him like Jesus would. He will be with us for 3 weeks during the holidays. We have no idea of what he has been through, but please pray that he will find some hope and joy in life while he is here.

ZONDLE HLATIKULU CHILDRENS HOME : It has been a challenging time this month as we discover the overwhelming needs of this home. Through God's provision, we have been able to buy school shoes and clothes for the children. Their bedding was really old and we bought some pillows for each child. The girls were overjoyed with them and pounced into the pile playfully. It is difficult for them to cook a meal as they have to collect firewood which is in short supply and smoke pours out of the stove while cooking, bringing tears to their eyes. The walls are blackened. We bought a gas stove which will hopefully help. We then discovered that over 80% of the children failed last year. They will need a lot of educational support to pass this year. Some books were brought in and we made a make-shift shelf.



PICTURES OF THE COMPLETED GRACE YOUTH HOUSE... Taiwan and Bongwiwe have already moved in.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME BEGINS...



PRAYER NEEDED...

***Provision of staff to help manage Zondle Girls orphanage and wisdom to support it as best we can with the resources we have. *** For good health of all the children as we go into winter. *** Strength and perseverance for all staff *** For the 23 youth who will be attending the Choose to Wait course between 6-10 May at Pasture Valley. *** For safe travels for Taiwan to Zambia as she attends a discipleship course for 3 months *** For protection and wisdom during all the holiday programme activities *** Thankfulness of negative HIV tests received recently for 3 children. *** Thankful for all the rains *** Thankful for all the support received. *** For Justine and Daniel's wedding *** For The Crouton trio Vula Amehlo fundraising event on 18th May in the UK. **With love, Peter, Michelle and the Pasture Valley Family**