

PASTURE VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWSLETTER

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Colossians 3: 2 "Set your minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth"

PREPARING FOR A NEW SEASON

There is a chill in the air- temperatures are dropping and Winter is starting. A new season of covering plants, leaves dropping, hay to be put into the fields and drawing on the reserves from Summer. We have also come to a new season as we said goodbyes to the Messick and van Raaij families. There were many tears and sadness as the families departed and farewells given. They will be missed. A page in a book is turned and a new one is opened.



Ted and Tina Crump will be our new neighbours! The kitchen has been painted a wonderful yellow and they have nearly finished painting all the rooms for them to move in within a few days. The green cottage will be Ted and Tina's first home as a couple. We are so grateful to God for their serving hearts and hands to help with the ministry at Pasture Valley. And as only God can do- He provided a couple - Jim and Donna McKeithan to help with maintenance work needed for a few days. Jim put up gutters at Ekuthuleni and Donna painted the staff house. Panelling and floor painting is currently underway as I write for the new preschool at Pasture Valley.



NEW PRESCHOOL TUITION CENTRE



We are so grateful to Lonna Wheelock and her church and community for the provision of funds to part fund the new preschool at Pasture Valley. This facility will be used as a preschool in the mornings, tuition for the lower grades in the afternoons and a Sunday school on Sundays.

VISIT FROM PROJECT GLORY

A group from Project Glory came to help at the Ekhuthuleni mission to paint the bathrooms and dining area for the kids as well as give their input into the Preschool support programme and Bambanani projects. Emily Hindenburg stayed on a little longer with us to help out at Pasture Valley.



EKUTHULENI MISSION STATION

The Preschool is running well and has come to the end of the first term. The afternoon tuition support programme for the Primary school children was started and the 20 odd children benefitting from this were all smiles!



PRESCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Tina has completed her first phase of one-on-one support for 2 of the preschools under the programme. The Mcinisini preschool was painted and posters and a black board put up. A workshop is planned for the preschool teachers this Monday to address topics such as hygiene, curriculum, teaching methods, first aid and behavior management.



EASTER HOLIDAYS HAVE BEGUN

School holidays have begun. The Form 3 and 4 students have all passed their first term well. We are proud of them. Claire gave a first aid talk to the older children yesterday. Three of the children want to be medical doctors one day!

We enjoyed our time today as the children looked for Easter Eggs around our garden. There are a lot of activities planned for the holidays. With all the banana bunches provided by my

Mom and Dad, I am sure they will be enjoying the fruit!

PRAYER REQUESTS: * Thankfulness for the little preschool provided * For the health of children as Winter starts * For the Preschool workshop planned * For wisdom and guidance every day * For the health of the housemothers, especially Mphumi * for all the children under the child support programme * Thankfulness for friends and supporters of Pasture Valley * Thankfulness for helping hands of all who work at Pasture Valley