

BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

April 2003

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In August 2001, a tea was held at Bethesda Outreach to minister to grandmothers from the Temba area. A woman, named Johanna, came with her daughter and granddaughter to enjoy the day. At that time, it was obvious that the daughter's health was poor. Four months later, we received word that this young woman in her early twenties had passed away, leaving four-year-old Masego as an orphan.

Masego lived in a small tin shack in a squatter camp with 3 aunties, an uncle, a cousin and her ill grandmother, Johanna. In January, Bethesda staff started visiting the family, and Masego would often be found wandering in the township in search of food. The family had no regular income, and the responsibility was great for Masego's eldest aunt, who was barely over the age of 20.



Masego and Cortney

In March 2002, Masego was brought to Bethesda, where her needs could be met by parents who love the Lord. She resided with temporary South African houseparents, until she was welcomed permanently into the Matjeni home in February of 2003. Masego's youngest aunt came to join her at Bethesda in June 2002, and the two remain close friends.

Masego is a bubbly, energetic five-year-old who loves life! She enjoys the friendship of her siblings and she thinks it's great fun to have a friend in Cortney Zakariason, who is the daughter of Bethesda missionaries. Masego has enjoyed preschool and especially enjoyed their recent trip to the zoo. She is learning her alphabet and will eagerly write her numbers for anyone who has the time to watch. ☺

We praise God for Masego's joyful spirit, which has replaced the deep sadness she evidenced a year ago. We trust that the God who brought her to Bethesda will use her life in a mighty way to bring glory to Himself.

* Pray for Masego *

- To grow in the knowledge of God's truth and accept Christ as her Saviour
 - For continued physical health and development
 - For her parents as they model Christ to her