

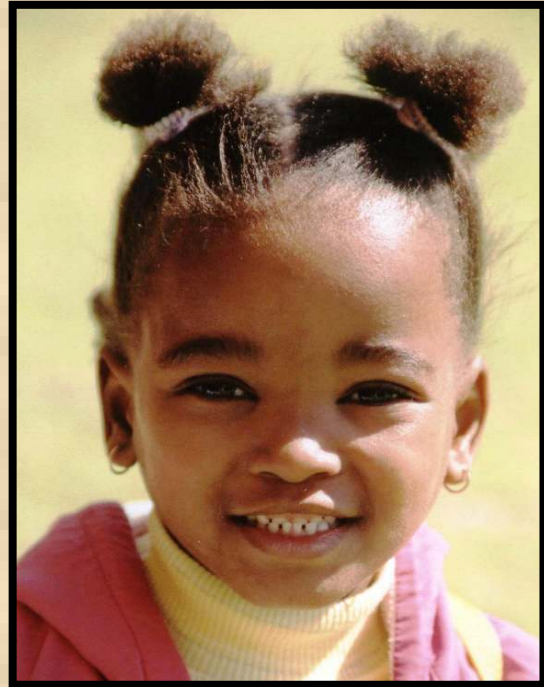
BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

September 2006

Joanna -

Unwanted by her HIV positive mother, Joey was placed in a plastic bag and thrown away in a City trash bin on 23 October 2000 – the day of her birth. God's sovereign hand on her life was evident within those first hours, as He led a man to dig through the bin of waste in search of what sounded to him like the call of a kitten. Taken to a nearby hospital and then into a temporary place of safety, Joanna finally arrived at Bethesda days after her 1st birthday.

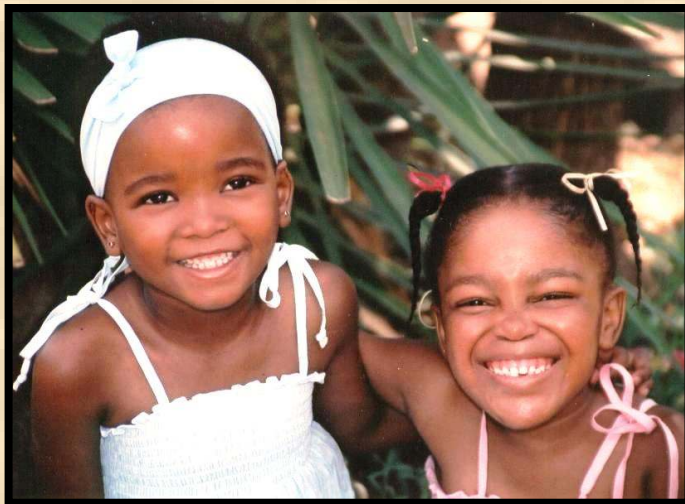
Due to ministry and staff changes, Joanna only recently received her permanent placement, nine months ago, into the home of Moses and Francina Mmotlana. Her sensitive spirit has undergone the changes remarkably well, and we praise God for His blessing and protection in the life of this beautiful girl.



Joanna

“Joey” will be turning 6 years old next month, and is in her first year of school. She is a great “big sister” to the three younger siblings that have joined the Mmotlana home in the last few months, and enjoys helping her mommy to care for and keep them busy. She loves to play, giggle, and make up silly words and songs.

Please pray for Joey's health, that her immune system will continue to function well for years to come. Pray also that she would have motivation to work hard at learning new material in school, as it does not come easy for her. Pray that Moses and Francina would have the wisdom to know how to encourage and disciple Joey as she grows.



Joey with her friend Lerato

* Pray for Joanna *

- That she would continue to have good physical health
- That she would have motivation to work hard at things that are difficult for her
- That her new parents will encourage and disciple her with God-given wisdom and love