

BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

November 2007

Gontse -

When Gontse was our Child of the Month last in March of 2005, she had been at Bethesda for only eight months, and was growing and developing after overcoming the effects of neglect and malnourishment in her first nine months of infancy. Years later, we think back to the famished baby that was brought to us, and marvel at the development we have seen in the heart and mind of our petite, joyful little Gontse.

Gontse, now four years old, enjoys imitating her older brother Rudolph in his silly antics and comical facial expressions. She also loves to sing, run around the house, and make up stories. Her houseparents, Frans and Salome Manaka, enjoy this little one who is always full of giggles and loving ways.



Gontse
(HONE-tsay)

Gontse enjoys being a peacemaker in the home and is good at helping others. She communicates well in her home language, and loves it when visitors come into her home.

Salome is busy preparing Gontse with the skills she will need to enter school in the coming years, and is teaching her to become fluent in English. Please pray that she will learn well and increase in understanding. Her parents also ask that you pray for her health, as she often loses her appetite and struggles to gain weight. We are always aware of the blessing it is to watch a child grow from infancy, and look forward to seeing God use this little charmer for His purposes as she continues to develop.



Grow girl,
grow!
Gontse sure
has changed
since she
arrived
at Bethesda
as a tiny
8-month-old!
(left)

* Pray for Gontse *

- That she will enjoy good physical health
- That she will begin to place her trust in God as she confronts fears and challenges