



"Raised to Praise"

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*"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;
make known among the nations what He has done.
Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.
Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice."
Psalm 105:1-3*

Thank you so much for your continued support of Bethesda Outreach Ministries. As a team, we appreciate the love you show to us as you faithfully pray for us and sacrificially give of your resources to this ministry. It is a blessing, a great privilege, and a tremendous opportunity to be involved in a ministry like this; and we are thankful for each of you who have partnered with us.

The awesome responsibility we have to be faithful stewards of the resources God has provided is not taken lightly. We want to take this opportunity to report to you about what God is doing at Bethesda.

Children

Our babies are not little babies anymore and are growing up quickly. Gontse, our youngest child, has just turned one year old and is trying her best to begin walking. The other day I saw her in her walker trying to get to where the older children were playing, and becoming frustrated by not being able to reach them. It is wonderful to walk on the property and see the children playing with one another. They express their imaginations so freely while playing, and it is a wonderful sight to observe.

Additionally, we are thrilled to watch the children as they eagerly learn about God and who He is. We are thankful for our houseparents who use everyday life experiences as well as formal family times to teach and train the children. As the children learn more each day, their desire to please Him is cultivated, even in the little things. We thank and praise the Lord for this. We want to see our children grow up to magnify Christ in their lives. Please pray with us for the children God has entrusted to us and the children yet to come, that God will reveal Himself to each of them and they will open their hearts and place their full trust and confidence in Him.

School

The school year is quickly coming to a close. We will have our awards evening on Thursday, December 2nd. The children have worked diligently throughout the first year of our school. I am looking forward to attending this special night to see the children receive awards for work well done.

The last day of school will be Friday, followed by a five week holiday. We praise the Lord for our school administrator, Kevin Zakariasen, and for our teachers, Jacy Hobbs, Mary Nkadimeng, Jones Phago, Amy Reno, and Sarah Zakariasen, who have put in plenty of hard work to complete a successful year of school. The investment instilled into the lives of the children, both educationally and spiritually, has been an eternal investment and only in heaven will we know all that has been accomplished for His glory.

Ruth Rising, who will be taking on the responsibility of school administrator for the next school year, is working diligently with the school staff to be prepared for another thriving school year. Our school is transitioning from the ACE curriculum to a more traditional classroom setting. Please be in prayer for Ruth that God will enable her in a mighty way as she makes the necessary preparations for a smooth transition.

Construction

Two more homes are almost complete. Please pray that we will be granted occupancy in December so we can move our last family onto the village property. We are looking forward to that day.

Our team and training center still needs some finishing touches. We are looking for some teams that would like to come to Bethesda in early 2005 to help complete this project. Possible projects include tiling the floor, installing kitchen cabinets, and landscaping the surrounding area. We are praying that this project will be finished early in the new year to be ready to house additional teams during the summer. If you know of a team that would be willing to come and assist us in this or other projects, please contact me.

Finally

As a reminder, if you have not been to Bethesda's web-site, you will want to visit it. It is located at www.bethesdaoutreach.org.

We continue to thank God for His continually abundant blessings and provisions. For each of you who have prayed for the ministry of Bethesda or given financially toward construction or the ongoing support of our families, we are

sincerely grateful. Our prayer for each of you is that you will seek to glorify God in each day you are given, and be encouraged as you praise God with us for what He has done in the ministry of Bethesda Outreach.

Persevering with Great Joy,

John Mixon for the Bethesda Team
