

**BETHESDA  
OUTREACH  
MINISTRIES**

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*"Whatever you do in  
word or deed,  
do all in the name of  
the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks through  
Him to God the  
Father."*

*Colossians 3:17*

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# Raised to Praise



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## From the Director

God's faithfulness is evident all around us at Bethesda and His gracious hand of protection has been seen over and over as we look back over the last few months. We have been so blessed by the teams that have come to serve Christ through their talents and gifts by doing work projects at Bethesda. Forestville Baptist Church helped to insulate the ceiling in our team center while they were with us. They both funded the project and provided the laborers. Our Bethesda team and all who visit us will appreciate their hard work on extremely cold or hot days! Our Cedarville team left this week after spending 3 weeks with us. They accomplished so much for the glory of God through their hard

work and perseverance. You will read more throughout this edition about some of the ministries with which they were involved. God has shown His faithfulness over and over by meeting our needs and sometimes, just when we need it. This past month was a difficult month financially since the child-care grant money had not arrived as promised. It was a great day of rejoicing when we saw God provide the funds just when they were needed. What a blessing! Many thanks go to each of you who partner with us in this ministry. You faithfully and sacrificially give so that children can know the love of God through godly parents who seek to model Christ in their lives. We are

thankful that these children will have the opportunity to know and accept Christ as their personal Savior. Please pray for us as we seek to please God in this ministry. Our desire is to share the hope of the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ with orphans in South Africa. We have many opportunities before us in the next several months to work with local churches to defend, comfort, encourage, and care for children who have been left without a home or family. Persevering with great joy!!!  
John, for the Bethesda team

*John P. Mylon*



## Short-term service, Long-term Impact

I arrived at Bethesda for my second internship in the beginning of May and my time here is nearly at its end. When I left after my first internship in 2006 I knew that I would be back if it was at all possible. Two years later God worked it out and I came back! The ministry here has touched my life and given me a heart for missions.

I have learned so much over the three months of my internship at Bethesda. I began learning how to work within a cohesive team setting instead of being independent, how to be flexible in everything, how to have a servant's spirit no matter the task, and how to effectively minister to those in desperate need. Spiritually, I learned better dependence on God alone for strength and I feel that I have begun to learn what it means to truly love in a Christ-like manner.

I know that this internship has prepared me greatly for a future of service to the Lord. I'm not completely certain where or what that service will be, but the lessons learned as an intern at Bethesda have molded my heart with a desire to be used by God in any capacity.



## A Day at Camp!

We are so thankful for the impact that visiting ministry teams have on our children. Recently the team from Cedarville University had an opportunity to go on a surprise activity to a local camp that focuses on team building activities. They also invited the ten oldest children from Bethesda to join them.

The teens were very excited to be going to Camp Discovery with the team! When they arrived, they were immediately faced with the obstacle course. By far, the most difficult obstacle for the girls was the wall climb. They were challenged to face their

fears and get over the wall and into the cargo net. For the boys, the challenge was

learning about team work and humility on the log crossing over a muddy bog. Following the obstacle course everyone ran a scavenger hunt race. The evening ended with a game

drive where giraffe, zebra, eland, waterbuck, and sable antelope were spotted. Prudence said she enjoyed the game drive since she was able to reflect on the beauty of



God's creation as she watched the animals. While a great dinner was served, the group reflected on the day together. During the application time, Siphosaid that he had learned that sometimes challenges look easy,

but they are difficult. You still have to work together to get through them. He related this to the fact that being a Christian is not always easy, but we can work together to face challenges and trials.

Our teens from Bethesda were all very thankful for the time they had at Camp Discovery and learned much. Thanks Cedarville team for helping them be able to both learn from and enjoy this time!

## From the Lips of Children

Last week, our students in grade six were learning about heroes in their English class. They came to a lesson about unsung heroes. After learning what an unsung hero is, they were asked to write a tribute to someone they believed to be an unsung hero. We thought you'd enjoy reading their touching tributes to important people in their lives.

From Nomvula (Johanna):

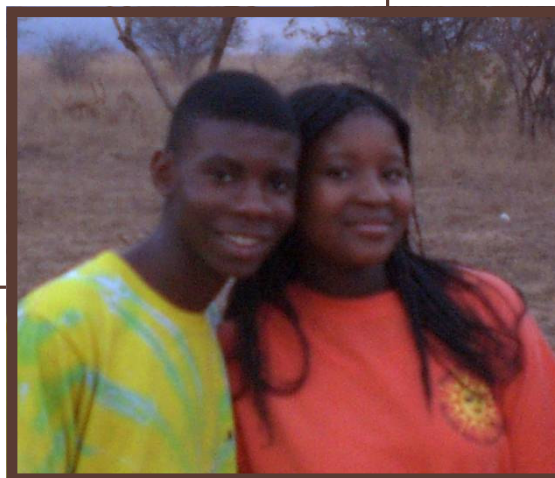
My brother (Sipho)

You taught me how to respect older people.  
 You taught me how to write my name in Zulu,  
 How to speak to older people,  
 How to greet older people.  
 You taught me how to speak English,  
 How to listen to older people when they speak.

You taught me how to share  
 You taught me not to speak back to people  
 How to put on my shoes.

How to read,  
 How to look after children,  
 You taught me to never give up on what I am doing,  
 How to ask when I don't understand,  
 How to cross the street.  
 You taught me how to love my friends,  
 How to look after a sick child,  
 You taught me how to look after my mom when she was sick.

I admire my brother because he is the one who taught me many things when I was still little.



From Prudence:

My Mom

My mom is a hero because she taught me how to cook. She is the one that cooked for us when we were little.

She corrects us when we do something wrong. She taught me how to read and she taught me my abc's. She teaches us to love one another. She taught me how to love people. She never runs out of hugs. She has the time to cry.

She taught me the books of the Bible. She teaches me to respect people. She helps us on our homework. She sometimes tells us what the world out of Bethesda is like.

She teaches us how to wash our clothes by hand. When it's my turn to cook and I am having Bible study she cooks for me.

I love her so much.



Are you interested in making an impact on lives? Are you a college student or graduate who has time in the coming year you can use to serve the Lord? Consider applying to serve as an intern at Bethesda Outreach in 2009. For more information see our website [www.bethesdaoutreach.org](http://www.bethesdaoutreach.org) or email Carol Cryan at [rcryan@ebm.org](mailto:rcryan@ebm.org).

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## Compassionate Care for African Orphans

Bethesda Outreach, a ministry of Evangelical Baptist Missions, was born in October of 2000 out of a desire to show compassion to children in Africa who had been orphaned by AIDS.

Bethesda's mission is to encourage and assist the local church in meeting the needs of orphan children that they may become disciples of Christ. That mission is accomplished through Bethesda's Children's Village, Orphan Care Resource Centre, and Hands of Mercy Ministry.

Bethesda Outreach Ministries is registered as a non-profit organization.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.bethesdaoutreach.org](http://www.bethesdaoutreach.org).

## Opportunities to Help

### Capital Project Needs

Front loader for tractor- R65,000.00/\$9,500.00

Village road construction- R480,000.00/\$80,000.00

Completing new home- R200,000.00/\$28,500.00

\*cabinets, sinks, tile, cupboards for bedrooms, light fixtures

Furnishings for new home- R300,000.00/\$42,000.00

New school building- R1,100,000.00/\$160,000.00

### Children's Home Needs (for donors in South Africa)

Non perishable food

Good clothing

