

This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress..." James 1:27



Do I smell birthday cake?

- Mike 6 March
- Peter 12 March
- Busi 24 March

- Addison, Thabiso & Buyi 25 March
- Rose 26 March



Christmas Offering 2016

The entire Bethesda Outreach Family is rejoicing at God's provision through the generous response of His people to our 2016 Christmas Offering project.



We are happy to announce that our goal of \$40,000/R520,000 for boreholes/wells and a community home was **EXCEEDED** as our Bethesda friends and partners in orphan care gave an overwhelming offering of \$91,000/R1,183,000!

The funds over and above the designated goal will be used to develop community homes, care for necessary capital projects on our grounds and address a few needs that were on our 'waiting to be funded' list.

Many, many thanks to our generous God and to you who gave so generously. We will work hard to be sure your investment has a significant impact on caring for orphans and vulnerable children in a gospel focused, family centered and church driven way.

Blessings! don



“Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.”

~Psalms 105:1-3



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Meet Thabo and Johannah Malapile, new houseparents



Thabo and Johannah Malapile have taken on the challenging and rewarding ministry of becoming parents to seven children plus one of their own, Masego. Johannah has been a houseparent reliever for Bethesda Outreach for many years and has been a faithful helper in our homes. When she heard that we were looking to train and develop some houseparent couples to come into the homes during the times our houseparents were on annual leave, she and Thabo took up the challenge. Little did they know that shortly after they were trained to be assistants would they be asked if they were interested in a permanent position.



Together, they have raised several children, some of whom are already adults. Their daughter, Masego, joins them as they begin this new adventure. Thabo works for the South African Police Services (SAPS) as a detective and Johanna keeps very busy in the home. As you may know, they have taken the place of the Letswalo's who recently moved on. It is not easy to move into an established home and become the "new parents." Please pray diligently for Thabo and Johanna as well as the children as they continue to adjust, learn about each other, grow spiritually and raise children to follow Christ.

Bethesda's Got Talent 2017



"I Am Not Forgotten" was one of the items performed this year at Bethesda's Got Talent 2017. It was one song that really stood out as two of our Bethesda children performed a traditional dance routine to it while it was being sung (recording) by a group of orphan children from a children's home in Uganda. What a powerful testimony of God's knowledge of each of us no matter our family situation.



Bethesda's Got Talent is an opportunity for our children to work on and perform a musical number, do a skit, or recite memory verses that they have learned. This year, there was a theme of water and God's provision of rain and water. We enjoyed decorations of Noah's ark, fish, and water. Since we've been in a drought for two years, we thought it was a great theme! Each child who performed was able to choose a new hat that the Stoffels had brought with them.



It is also an opportunity for our entire staff and families to enjoy a braai (cookout) as well as casual time with one another. It was hosted by Don and Fran Stoffel,

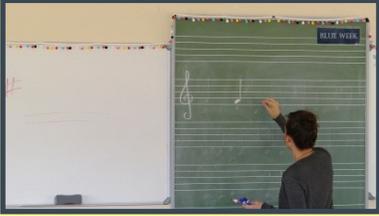


along with Darcie Kozlowski who have organized this event for the last 4 years. We are so thankful for their love for our families and their desire to provide opportunities to encourage our children to develop their God-given talents and abilities.



News from Jabulane Christian Academy

Many of you know that we built two additional classrooms in the last months of 2016 so we could start the 2017 school year with the addition of a media center as well as a music room. These two classrooms and the computer lab were our 2015 Christmas Project.



We have been able to get both the computer/media room and the music room up and running and Miss Gabby Sanfilippo is teaching the music classes as well as the computer courses which has been a great addition to our academics at JCA. We have put some sound proofing up on the walls in the music room to help with the acoustics and will continue to work to increase the number and type of instruments and other resources needed for an effective music program.



The media room has been made secure with an alarm system and other security precautions to ensure the computers stay both in the room and on the tables where they've been put. This is also where the library is located so it has become a wonderful resource for study, research, reading and basic computer knowledge.



Successful Spur Evening

Recently, our older children spent an evening learning what it takes to be a waiter/waitress at the Spur Steak Ranch Restaurant. Spur has a "Shadow Shift" program where older children can spend an evening shadowing their workers to get a first hand look at that kind of a job. It is also a benefit to the school or organisation that those children represent as a percentage of the proceeds from the evening go to that school or organisation as a donation. It's always a great opportunity to encourage our Bethesda and school families to come out to support us AND get a great meal!



We have developed a great relationship with the local Spur restaurant over the last several years and are always grateful for the opportunity to support them and raise some additional funds for Bethesda. We want to thank our great school families for being so enthusiastic about the Spur evenings and this last one was no different. The restaurant was filled with Bethesda supporters from 4PM until after 9PM.



SAVE the DATE!! Saturday — 13 May is our 3rd annual Fun Run and Family Day. We will be offering both a 10K race as well as a more gentle 5K race/walk for those who just want to enjoy a nice morning in the bush. There will also be rides, food and some interesting activities for everyone of all ages.

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Fritz & Masello Shikwambane
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George and Florah Sithole
Thabo and Johannah Malapile
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Johannah Ngwenya
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Megyn Olver
Lauren Schmidt
Gabby Sanfilippo

Capital/Monthly Project Needs

Monthly food/housing costs/child/month—R4000/\$400

Monthly Educational cost/child—R3800/\$380

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

Non perishable food *email us to request a more detailed list!

Good clothing

School Supplies (colored pencils, pencils, scissors, markers, glue sticks, erasers, white board markers, etc.)

Children's over the counter medicine (ie— Panado, Benylin, cough syrup, etc.)

**New &
Improved
Website coming
soon!**

Bethesda Outreach Ministries exists to provide Christ-centered, family-style homes for the long term care of orphans in South Africa.

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 which includes child care families and Jabulane Christian Academy, along with our outreach to the community.

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

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