

*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*

- Phagos Anniversary 8 April
- Shikwambanes Anniversary 11 April
- Nthando & Thato's birthday 11 April
- Bridget's birthday 13 April

- Lesego's birthday 21 April
- Jones' birthday 28 April
- Gabby's birthday 29 April
- Emma's birthday 30 April

## COMING SOON TO A PLACE NEAR YOU

This is **Johannah Ngwenya** and we want you to meet her in person!

Johannah is one of our first Bethesda children (now adult) who has grown up into a beautiful, Christian, young woman. She is now one of our Grade R (kindergarten) teachers. She is the oldest (and only) girl in a sibling group of 5 and calls Jones and Lenah Phago her mom and dad. She loves the Lord, has a wonderful testimony and is coming with missionaries, Heather Rumley and Tonya Small, to visit the USA and meet all of you this June/July during their school holidays.

**Many of you have prayed for Johannah for many years!**

We are still waiting for confirmation in a few locations and times but below is what we have so far....If you live anywhere close to any of these locations, make a plan now to come! We'd LOVE to see you!



Here's what we know....Check back next month for more details and possibly more locations.

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| June 23 | West Bridge Church, Danville, IN approx. 6:30pm              |
| June 24 | Kossuth Street Baptist Church, Lafayette, IN approx. 6:30pm  |
| July 6  | First Baptist Church of West Danby, West Danby, NY           |
| July 7  | First Baptist Church Marilla, Marilla, NY (Buffalo, NY area) |
| July 23 | Calvary Church of Valparaiso, Valpo, IN 23 July AM services  |

*\*there will be some offerings taken to help offset the costs of the trip for Johannah*

**"He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,**

**That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,**

**So that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God..."**

**~Psalms 78:5-7a**



**Keep watching!**  
**New website coming very soon!**  
**[www.BethesdaOutreach.org](http://www.BethesdaOutreach.org)**

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# Purdue Team #1

Teams at Bethesda play a vital role in helping Bethesda and they are a huge help to us; but, we don't want that to be the only focus of their trip. The problem of orphaned and vulnerable children is a global problem—and there are many children in all of our own communities right now!

We take God's directive to care for orphans seriously and want to help others see that they too can be involved in helping vulnerable children no matter where they live. While a team is here, they get to know our Bethesda children and families in a variety of ways. We also show teams some of the other child care ministries in the local community and get them involved so they can see and understand the scope of the problem, as well as the many ways they can be involved in helping to meet those needs. Our goal is that God will touch their hearts and motivate them to action by getting involved in their own local communities when they get home, as a result of the time spent here.



The Purdue team that Marty Dittmar brought as part of his mission, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was a very effective team. The kids absolutely loved the athletes that came and were in awe of how big they were—especially the football players! We saved them a special project this time and they dug a very long and deep trench (sorry guys!) to help replace one of our old and very leaky waterlines. They were quite sore after a day of heaving pick axes and shovels. It was a job well done and although we are still fighting other leaking waterlines, the one they installed is working perfectly! They also challenged our kids to love and know God better. Thanks so much!!



Check out the **ESPN** article on David Blough and his experience at Bethesda Outreach!

[http://www.espn.com/blog/nfnation/post/\\_id/137165/purdues-david-blough-spends-spring-break-helping-south-african-orphanage](http://www.espn.com/blog/nfnation/post/_id/137165/purdues-david-blough-spends-spring-break-helping-south-african-orphanage)



## Fun Run & Family Day

**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, carnival games, a Rocket Parachute, x1 Man Bungee as well as some interesting activities for everyone of all ages.



Registration for the race(s) is now open and forms are available at Bethesda or by email. If you'd like us to send you a form, just contact Ruth at [Bethesda-temba@boi.org](mailto:Bethesda-temba@boi.org). There is no charge to come and enjoy the day however there will be tickets available for the various games and rides. The entrance fee for the 10K and 5K is R50 if you register prior to 1 May. Any registrations after 2 May or on the day will cost R60. For each person entering the races and paying registration, you will receive a T-shirt as well. We look forward to seeing you come and enjoy the day with all of us!

## Orphan Care Seminar 2017

Mark the date in now! **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon**, Bethesda will be hosting a one day **Orphan Care Seminar** at Central Baptist Church in Pretoria, SA! The purpose of this morning is aimed at helping those who are asking questions about a greater level of involvement in gospel focused, family centered, and church driven orphan care.

The seminar will attempt to answer the question, "what's the next step?" Participants will come for a morning filled with whole group learning, breakout sessions and answers to many of your questions. Breakout topics include adoption, foster care, local church involvement, trends in orphan care, and ways anyone can become involved. We will also have a family share their story of adoption! Volunteers and staff from several orphan care ministries will be available to speak with and answer any questions. There is no cost to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

## New Opportunities to Give

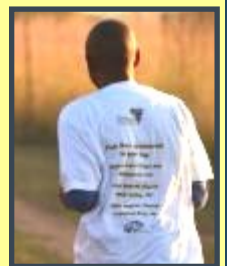
Are you looking for an orphan care project to invest in? Sometimes we are asked by individuals, classes or groups if there are any special projects in need of funding. There are two short term-projects currently that may interest you or your group. Please designate your gifts clearly when you send them in and you can find the details for giving on our website: [www.bethesdaoutreach.org](http://www.bethesdaoutreach.org) Please let us know if need more information or email us at [Bethesda-temba@boi.org](mailto:Bethesda-temba@boi.org). Thanks so much for considering these!



**Fun Run T-Shirts +/- \$1500** For the third year in a row, Bethesda is hosting a Fun Run and Family Day (see above). We are looking for ways to keep advertising and growing an awareness of Bethesda Outreach and all that we do here.

We want to provide each of our runners and volunteers with a T-shirt without overrunning our small budget. We have one group who is working to raise money

for the shirts and hope to have one or two more serious sponsors. Please contact us by 28 April if you are donating and would like your name/logo on the shirt acknowledging you, your church, or your organisation. The deadline for donations is anytime before the event.



**JCA Playground \$11,500** This will provide a separate, fenced in, safe play area for the younger children where they can work out those developing motor skills apart from the bigger children. This need for better development has become more pronounced with the large increase in the number of students at our school this year.

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## Opportunities to Help

### 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.)

### Coming Soon!

**New &  
Improved  
Website**

**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.

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

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