



Destiny House

Children's Ministries



Newsletter *September 2020*

Dear friends of Destiny House,

We hope and pray that everything is well with you and your families. Our big family here at Destiny House is doing well. We are happy to report that we are all healthy and happy! Winter is coming to an end here, the days are pleasant and warm and the vegetables in our garden are growing nicely. Grace Community Church has started building a house for the pastor's family and visitors/volunteers, right next door, so the children are watching the building progress with great excitement! If you want to know more about the church building project, you are welcome to drop me an email. Please have a look at our new "Sowing into the future" initiative. We love dreaming about the future of our children together with the One who is able to exceed our wildest imagination! (Ephesians 3:20)

Esther Hurter, Centre Manager

OUR CHILDREN

Our children are growing and developing in leaps and bounds. It was quite a challenge for them to adjust to schooling at home during the time that their schools were closed. We are doing our best to make sure they don't fall behind with their schoolwork. At the moment they attend school for two days per week and do schoolwork at home for the remaining three days of the week.

The little ones who joined us this year are all settling in well. We are hoping that a few of them can be reunited with family or be placed in fostercare/adoption soon. It is beautiful to see children become part of a family.



With the move of some of the children to the new home, we were able to extend our current therapy room. This is an ongoing project and our hope is that we will soon be able to have therapists (OT, speech, physio etc.) come to Destiny House to help our children.



NEW HOMES

In our last newsletter we shared about our new family units being ready to receive the children. We are very happy to report that in May of this year we were able to move one housemother and 6 children into one of the homes. The other home has been used as an isolation room during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have already seen a big change in the children who moved to the new home. They have really taken ownership of the house and are even making sure we all wipe our feet before we walk into their home!



This beautiful mural was painted in one of the new bedrooms by a very talented young person from the area together with some of our older children.

SOWING INTO THE FUTURE

Destiny House has been in operation for 12 years this year and some of our children are entering their teenage years. Over time it has become clear that some of them will stay with us until they are 18 years old (our oldest child is 16 at the moment). This means that we have a responsibility to start planning and dreaming ahead to make sure the children/young adults will still be able to fulfil their destiny, even if they can no longer stay with us because of their age.

For some children, it will mean that we support them as they pursue higher education. For others it will mean helping them build a home and find a job.

Sponsor a child's future!

To make this possible we have set up a separate bank account in which we will start saving up for individual children, not for their current needs, but for their future needs! We want to invite you, our friends and family, to become a part of this. If you want to join us in sowing into the future of our children, we will allocate a specific child to you and send you some more information about this child and how to support them.



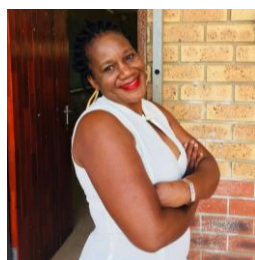


DESTINY PRESCHOOL

Destiny Preschool re-opened its doors on the 13th of July 2020 and the children have adapted very well to the new routines and requirements. Our teachers have done a remarkable job in keeping the teaching going all the way through the lockdown.

Our head teacher Niki Gumede, who started Destiny Preschool in 2016, resigned per the end of June 2020, because she has decided to stay at home with her two little ones. We are so grateful for the way she has carried the Preschool over the years and the love she has given to the children.

One of our board members, Enala Chabinga, was appointed to replace her for the rest of the year. Enala has a wide teaching experience and was already volunteering at Destiny House to help the children with their schoolwork. She has been very helpful in the re-opening of the preschool after the lockdown and developing the new routines.



PRAISE POINTS

* For the health of our children (both Destiny House and Destiny Preschool!) * For our long standing partnership with Grace Community Church and Mtuba Christian Academy * For growing support from the local community * For the new homes!

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DONATIONS



Tumble dryer
From Umfolozi Sugar Mill



Generator
From "Friends for Africa" (NL)

Our Preschool was also blessed with a generous financial donation from the Regions Beyond Covid-Relief Fund.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The items we are currently fundraising for are as follows:

- Schoolfees for our 8 school going children
- An industrial washing machine.
- Therapeutic materials for our therapy room
- To be able to pay therapists (speech, OT and physio) to come and provide therapy at the house once or twice per month.
- A new 7 seater vehicle to transport children with.

OUR VISION

Empowering and enabling children to fulfil their God-given destiny so that they will be able to say:

- I BELONG in a loving family.
- I BELIEVE that I was created with a destiny.
- I will BECOME a leader in our nation.

STATISTICS

Since 2008 Destiny House has provided a home for **69** orphaned, abandoned and neglected children.

- 29 of the children were reunited with family (43%)
- 4 of the children were adopted (13%)
- 9 of the children were placed in fostercare (6%)

Since 2016 we have had **145** children in Destiny Preschool.

PRAYER POINTS

*For the health of our children and staff and their families
*For peace to rule and reign in our hearts * For the future of our children (possible family reunification, fostering or adoption) * For protection and provision. * For a solution to the educational needs of our special needs children. * For spiritual, emotional and physical growth of our children.

South African Banking Details:

Bank: First National Bank, Mtubatuba
Account name: Destiny House Children's Ministries
Account number: 62383498196
Branch code: 220330
Swift code: FIRNZAJJ

For Australian, English, Dutch and American Banking details please contact Esther.

Every little bit helps!