

Zanethemba Times

AUGUST TO NOVEMBER
2016



News

Time has flown by so quickly and I have just not had the time to sit down and write to you. It seems that adding 6 more children has really kept us on our toes and our knees.

All the children are doing really well! The three sisters who joined us when we just opened up the second haven, went home to their mother and I have heard that they are doing really well. Shortly after they left, we welcomed a 6 year old boy who has adjusted well. We hope that he will be placed in foster care at the end of November.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.

Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58



Sihle was finally placed in foster care and reunited with her two older siblings. We trust that all is well with her. Tears flowed when she left us.



On the 1st of October, we welcomed a tiny little princess, only 3 weeks old at the time. Such an unfortunate removal as the mother did not have a place to stay with her baby. We managed to get her a place at Vistarus Mis-

sion Station (a home for destitute people) but they could not accommodate the baby too as the mother was sleeping in a dorm with other women. Since the removal, the mother has contacted us daily to have contact with her baby as well as photos. It is really not often that parents show that much interest in their children and we are incredibly pleased that she has. Massive thanks to The Gem Project for sponsoring three months rent to Vistarus so that the mother and baby can move into their own room and be reunited.

We have also said farewell to our little 7 year old boy. He has been placed in foster care with his paternal uncle. That child has the sweetest nature, always so caring towards the others, especially the babies. We are really missing him.

We also welcomed two sisters aged 3 yrs and 14 yrs. We would usually not take in older children, but we really do not want to split siblings and the 3yr old looks up to her sister as a mother figure. They will also not be staying long as they will be placed in a children's home.

So much movement happening in the Haven. Next week,

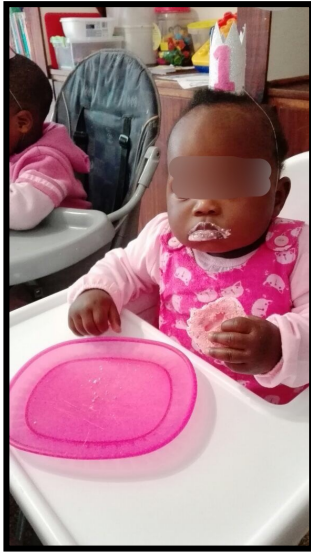
Benjamin (child with hearing aids) will be placed in a foster cluster home for special needs children. He has been with us for a year now and we are going to miss him so much.



Some more good news for Amanda. She has received braces to help set her feet in the right position. She has to wear these daily, but everyday she is getting stronger. We will also be buying a standing frame for her to help strengthen her muscles.



New Continued



Our little one year and 3 month old will finally be adopted next week. We have had her with us since she was 2/3 days old. Seeing her reach her milestones and watching her little personality bloom has really been wonderful to see. It is going to be tough saying goodbye to her.

In the last three months, we were fortunate to be able to take two trips. We made use of the San Parks free entrance in to Addo. The children were amazed to see all of the elephants and had an amazing time.



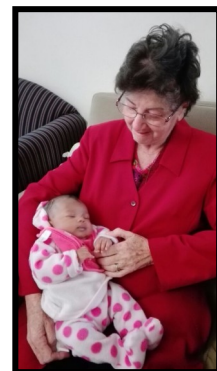
Jonne, our Social Work Student from Belgium and her grandmother

blessed us with a trip to African Dawn. We saw so many different birds, but I think that the crocodile and cheetahs were the main attraction!



Prayer Points:

- As the year draws to a close, please join us in thanking the Lord for His provision throughout this year. We have moved to a far better premises and we were able to open the second haven to accommodate another 6 children. He also blessed us with 4 extra caregivers who are doing their internship with us and their salaries were sponsored by Khulisani.
- Please pray for all the children leaving us. It is a tough time for us as staff having to say farewell, but we cannot imagine what it is like for the children, especially those not returning to their parents and being in a strange environment. Please pray that they will be at peace and well looked after.
- Please continue to pray for us as staff. That we will not give up and that we will continue to do our best to show God's love to the children in our care.
- Please pray for a boy who has been in our care for over 3 years. We have finally found a foster family for him, however, we have been struggling with the process which has left us feeling frustrated. Pray that those who make the decisions are able to make the correct one and do so quickly.
- Please pray for Brenda Hill and her family. This lovely lady was instrumental in making sure that we could move to our new premises and she would bake the most delicious cookies for the children. Brenda is currently in hospital and not doing well. Please pray for comfort and peace.



Special Thanks to:

- The Gem Project for being instrumental in ensuring that the baby and her mother can be reunited by paying the rent needed for the mother and baby to have a room.
- Thanks to Polyoak for their donation of cleaning materials, food and toys as well as R 30 000.00 towards our education programme!



- Thanks to Ronja Franziska and her father, Gregor Reinen for raising 1700 euros at Gregor's birthday party. This will go towards our 7 seater vehicle that we need.
- We would also like to thank Coastland Sales for their donation of R 75000.00!
- Eastern Cape Motors also donated R 5000.00.
- Thanks to Channel Everton for nominating us in a competition where we won R 5000.00.
- Thanks to Bosasa for their donations of food and financial support for the running costs of the Haven.
- Thank you to everyone for your support from near and far! For your monetary support, your donations of goods and your time!



- Thanks to Carolien, Nina and Elke from Belgium who raised R 25000.00 for us and volunteered at the Haven for a month!

Thanks To All Assisting!



Thank you to all the individuals and businesses who assist us daily in providing towards the running costs, donations of food, clothing, toys and baby products. Thank you to all the volunteers who selflessly give of their time.

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About us:

Our Zanethemba Safe Haven is a Temporary Safe Care Facility for young children aged 0 to 6 years old. We have 12 children in our care that have been neglected, abandoned, orphaned or abused. All children are placed in our care by Social Workers, from various organisations, by means of a court order. The children remain in our care until a permanent solution can be worked out for them. While in our care, we ensure that their medical, educational, therapeutic and basic needs are met and most of all, that they know and feel that they are loved.



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