

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Baby Shelter



“Gods’ light in their darkness!”

Hi there All,

It has been a while since I have sent out a newsletter, I sincerely apologise for that, however, year end is over so we can breathe a little and give you some news. It has been an absolutely hectic start to the year with many children coming in and going out of the shelter. We have had 10 new little residents since December, some have left already and some are still with us, so you can imagine, its been a busy year already.

We have 16 little residents with us at present. This is a really LARGE family, and a very happy family too. There have been some cases of severe neglect, children that have been virtually starved and on arrival in a terrible state, however, they are all doing incredibly well and their progress been absolutely phenomenal!! Gods hand is truly over their little lives. All our children are growing and learning and becoming little individuals. It is amazing to see how a child flourishes with some love, appreciation and the realisation that they are special and valuable little people.

We are now in our third year, we have had 60 children through our shelter and 22 adoptions. We pray that with continued support we will be able to help a lot more children in need in the future. We have great things planned for the future and continue to strive in providing the best possible care for our children. One of our little residents will be starting big school next year so this will be a new

adventure for all of us and will add a new dimension to our family. Its exciting and we looking forward to getting her ready for school.

Thanks to all the wonderful people that have donated clothes and food this month. Also thank you again to all our consistent donors, who every month contribute what you can afford it is greatly appreciated, and very much needed at this time.

A huge thank you to Match VIP, Bonita for your continued support of the children. God will bless you for all that you have sown into His kingdom.

I would like to make an urgent appeal to everyone, our the funds have dried up and we are not able at this point to pay our staff or expenses. Eleanor has utilised all her personal funds over the past few months to keep the shelter going and to pay all running costs. We are awaiting funds from a fundraiser held earlier this month, however, we are not certain at what point we will receive the funds.

Our staff are an integral part of the well being of our children and the running of the shelter so it is important to us to maintain their confidence in receiving their salaries. Any amount that is affordable to you would help us immensely! I realise that in our current economic circumstances, it is always a stretch to make a plea of this nature, however, we have 16 children dependant on us for food, shelter, love and care, and we in turn depend on the goodness of the public to help us support these little ones. I have no doubt that God will get us through this trying time and I pray that all of you are blessed with abundance.

Please keep the little ones in mind as winter approaches if you have any or know of anybody that has winter clothes that are too small for and of no use please send them our way. We also take adult and bigger children's clothes for the mothers and children in the squatter camps that are in need. Nothing goes to waste all donations of clothing gets utilised and distributed.

Once again we thank you for, your continued prayers and support for Eleanor the staff and the children. Without you, the people out there, we would not be able to make a difference in the lives of these little ones.

A LITTLE PRAYER FOR YOU ALL;

***I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY
AND KNOW GOD MUST HAVE HEARD;
I FELT THE ANSWER IN MY HEART
ALTHOUGH HE SPOKE NO WORD.***

**I PRAYED THAT HE'D BE NEAR TO YOU,
AT THE START OF EACH NEW DAY,
TO GRANT YOU HEALTH
AND BLESSINGS,
AND FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY.**

**I ASKED FOR HAPPINESS FOR YOU
IN ALL THINGS GREAT AND SMALL.
BUT IT WAS FOR
HIS LOVING CARE
I PRAYED FOR MOST OF ALL!**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

**God Bless you
Wanita**

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