



April 2010 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

OPENING CEREMONY

March 6th, the Opening Ceremony of our Centre, was such a highlight for iKhaya le themba! We were so spoilt with stunning food made by the parents, excellent entertainment provided by the children and generous speeches celebrating our story. Liesl Eliastam, our Visionary Founder, reminded us of our beginnings in a dream Liesl had. Kenny Tokwe, a Community Leader, remembered God's faithfulness to us in growing this dream and said, quite profoundly - *every community should have an iKhaya le themba.*



THE VALUE OF CHILD SPONSORS

Children who have individual sponsors are able to have their place at iKhaya secured. More importantly, we are able to go the extra mile for these children. For example, this month we have been able to pay for transport to school for a child who lives in the very far corner of the township and we were able to buy glasses for a boy who has a stigmatism.

We have a new member of our iKhaya family, a little girl who is 6 years old. She is also looking for a sponsor. She lives with her mum and dad in a shack but her parents are not married. The daddy is very violent to her mummy and also has been so bad tempered with the neighbors that no one will share



water or electricity with them. Both her parents are HIV positive. Her mum does washing for people so that they have money for some food but her dad often takes the money for himself. This little girl has just started school and we can see she has a problem with her eyes. An optometrist has assessed her for free but she does need glasses and they will cost R700. This is where a *sponsorship could really help this child.*



THANKS TO...

The children recently went on an outing to Chapman's Peak for a picnic. Even though Chapman's Peak is quite close, only 10 min away, the cost of transporting 80 people there is quite significant. We are very *grateful to Chapman's Peak Hotel and Delish* for their donations towards food and transport for our day. Most of the children had never been to this beautiful tourist destination even though they live right next door!

LOOKING OUTWARD iKhaya le themba has been so blessed as an organisation and now we are looking outward for how we can share what we have learned with others. We are busy with setting up a Resource website that will *link Vineyard Compassion Ministries in Africa*. We are also looking for ways to facilitate volunteer teams from overseas to come and have a hands on African experience whilst making space for study and reflection. We would love to be able to run training for other child focussed organisations to help them to work holistically with children.



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If you would like to sponsor a child, make a donation or if you have an idea for a fundraising event, please contact Katherine by e-mail at wilsmor@telkomsa.net or go to our website for your local banking details at www.ikhaya lethemba.com