



December 2009 Newsletter - iKhaya Kids Report

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Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for all the people who have been a part of iKhaya le themba this year in many different ways - our volunteers at the program, our working day volunteers, our financial supporters, our cheer squads, our board and our fundraising coordinators. To everyone who has contributed in any way - THANK YOU! I often think the best thanks is to know that the work we are doing is making a difference. What better proof than the *iKhaya Kids Report 2009!*



What are the reasons you come to iKhaya le themba?

Most kids said they come for education support - help with English, isiXhosa and Maths. Also important was having adults to talk to about problems and learning about Jesus and living the Christian life. Older kids appreciated the life skills and HIV/AIDS education.

How do you think iKhaya le themba has helped you this year?

Learning:

- It has helped me to pass at school.
- I am now able to read well.
- I've learned how to act in dramas.
- I have improved in my maths.
- I've learned about sports like soccer.
- I've learned how to care for a food garden.

Personal growth:

- I now pray before I sleep and when I'm about to eat.



- I'm very disciplined.
- I'm no longer shy, I have confidence.
- iKhaya le themba helped me pray for my Dad when he was sick.
- I have learned to respect teachers, other kids and my parents.
- I've learned to share with other kids.

Life Skills:

- I have learned more about child abuse
- I have learned about HIV and AIDS
- I have learned about First Aid
- I have learned more about teenage pregnancy.



Practical Help:

- When someone in your family dies, iKhaya le themba comes to your home.
- I got uniform and clothes when my family couldn't afford to buy.

What would you like to be different at iKhaya le themba?

We would like to have our own pool, nice grass with nothing to trip over, and no snakes! We would like to play more gently with each other, without fighting or swearing or rough play. We would like toilets that flush. We would like a computer class and library for the older kids so that you don't have to leave iKhaya at the end of Grade 7. We would like better security and a gate that doesn't break all the time so that our food gardens are safe.

How do you think your future will be different if you keep coming to iKhaya le themba?

- I will always pass and be clever.
- I will have respect for everybody.
- I won't break the law and go to prison.
- I will achieve my goals.
- I won't be involved in drugs and alcohol.
- I will love to read books and newspapers.
- I won't get HIV/AIDS.
- I will have a good career.
- I won't be a gangster and rob people.
- I will love school.
- I won't be pregnant when I'm a teenager.
- I will always be happy!



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