



July 2010 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

It has been a month of new partnerships. I loved exchanging pen-pal letters with children in the US. Two generous families have come on board as child sponsors to support the places of individual children at iKhaya. We welcome to our donors the Transitional Trust who will be supporting staff salaries as well as getting us started on the next phase of our building. We also welcome to the iKhaya team Ross Gillespie, our new Operations Manager. We love that, together with you, we can build a future for the iKhaya children.

Katherine.

Looking Ahead

I asked the children once, what could we do for this community? They said, what the community really needs is JOBS. This has stayed with me for a long time now as I've watched many of the carers of our children get jobs, become ill and then lose their jobs. How do you create employment for a group of people who are not always able to come to work reliably? How do you structure a workplace so that it is sustainable to have 2 people on one day and 5 on the next? Our answer? Food gardening.



We have 1400m² available to develop into an organic food garden. Our dream is that this garden would provide employment for a small group of parents from our school community. Gardening with variable numbers of people each day is sustainable. The food from the garden would add to the healthy and affordable food available to the community. The garden itself could become a place of teaching where home food gardeners and iKhaya kids could come and learn.

We are looking for financial partners to assist us with developing our income generating food gardening project. If green, sustainable food supplies, training and job creation make your heart sing and you have the capacity to join us, please send us a mail.



Spotlight On... *Introducing our very own Housekeeper, Normahlube and her son Anathi.*



Meet Anathi: *How did you start coming to iKhaya le themba?* I was going to play football but then I saw other children coming. My friend Ayabonga told me I must come. I like to come and learn new things and how to respect our teachers. I've learned how to make a business, how to write maths and how to read. My best day at iKhaya was when we went to climb up the mountain. I enjoyed that day, learning to climb.

Is it different since your mum started working here? Before my mum was

working here I wasn't serious about being here. I was just coming to play. But now I am serious about learning.

What is your mum like at home? At home my mum likes to cook rice and meat or potatoes and squash. She sometimes hires me DVDs like Shrek and Spiderman. We have a small TV. She likes to tell me about when she was young and how she grew up.



Meet Normahlube: *How did you find out about this job?* I found out from Anathi. He told iKhaya that his mum knows how to look after children and then Mhinti phoned me for an interview. She said I mustn't put all my hope in it because there were many people coming. But I was lucky and I won the interview. At that time I was very stressed because there was no money and nothing coming in but now it is better.

Do you remember when Anathi started coming to iKhaya? He was coming for a long time before I got this job. He was playing here and I knew parents could come to get help for things like school uniforms. Once Anathi got help for school shoes so I came to say thank you and met Noxy.

What has the last year been like for you? I like to work here. I like that we communicate with each other. If something is wrong, we talk about it. We can sit together and be open with each other. I didn't work in a place like this before. I hope to be here for many years.



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