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# OUR NEWS



**James 1:27** Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

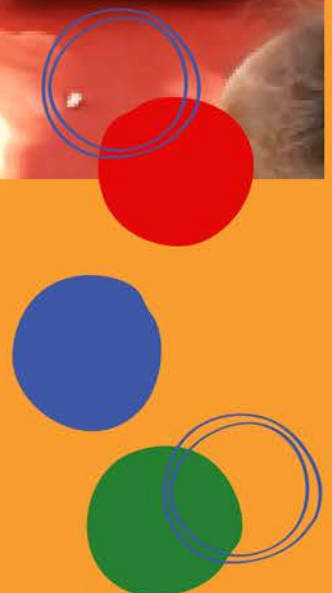




# Taste Sensations



A few of our kids put anything and everything into their mouths. While this is normal for a baby or toddler as part of their learning through their senses, it is not so safe as kids get older and have the ability to reach chemicals or other harmful substances. So we held a competition that we entitled "Guess the Taste" and included not so nice flavours in the samples, like mustard, chilli and washing powder, to demonstrate the lesson being taught to not simply eat anything but to rather ask if its safe first.







## OVERCOMERS

We have a baby girl who was so floppy and hypermobile that she refused to even put any weight on her legs and needed constant support when being held. She started with OT and Physio from about 3 months old and turned a year in November 2022. It took so long for her to reach the sitting milestone but once her core strength increased she was crawling soon after sitting. She is now walking and running around, climbing the jungle gym and rides her new car (Christmas gift to stimulate movement) with ease. The joy on her face when she dashes about is priceless!

We admitted a little chap in December who will be 3yrs in March yet weighs the same as a 1 year old. A very sad case of neglect, malnourishment and underdevelopment. He arrived with dry scaly skin, showing little emotion and unable to tolerate solids much more than porridge, didn't speak, had tight muscles and he could barely walk let alone balance. He is now beaming, laughing, interacting well, makes many new sounds (not speaking yet), walking with improved balance daily, he eats a full diet and his skin has grown soft and smooth to the touch. He has crept into our hearts and is such a success story of how love, affection and tender care can make a world of difference!



## FLASH FLOOD

Summer has been extremely hot and humid, so we usually welcome refreshing showers with enthusiasm. However, on this day the rain came down in torrents without warning and soaked the yard and entered the front door. Thankfully clean-up was quick and no damage was caused.



# VALENTINE'S DAY



Our ECD kiddies made valentine's cards and wore red to celebrate Valentine's Day and share a little love.

## HOW IT WORKS



Children have a fascination with machinery and noisy equipment. They learn by seeing, hearing, exploring, experimenting and asking questions. Children also learn by using objects in many different ways. When your child is experimenting, exploring and creating with a range of materials, they learn about problem-solving in situations where there are no set or 'right' answers.



# SWEET 16



# CROWN & CAKE



Crown's, heels, unicorns and a little magic is all that is needed to make a princess's day perfect!

Thank you to everyone who joins us in making our birthdays so special with delicious cakes and gifts chosen from the children's wishlists. Making dreams come true and sharing expressions of our love are all part of making sweet memories that we pray will last a lifetime.





## A PERSONAL NOTE

Hello friends

We have settled into a routine and feel like the dust has settled after the busy festive season and school readiness campaign.

We are looking for a passionate teacher, with a servant heart and a tenderness for vulnerable and special needs children, to help us with homework, school projects and tutoring. If this sounds like you, and you are a born again Christian, we would love to meet with you.

We have 8 birthdays in March. What a month of celebrations is ahead of us. We love to bless our kids with a party, special cake and gift to say "we love you, you are valuable and worthy of blessings". To join us in this mission from the hear give me a shout.

The RSA Visa process and criteria was amended causing a huge backlog in visa processing for potential international volunteers. Therefore we welcomed no German volunteers in August leaving a huge gap in our programs. If you are interested in volunteering for 3 months or more we have capacity to host you and would love to connect with you.

As always we thank each and every sponsor and helper for your desire to make a change in the lives of our children and next generation. We simply cant do our work with out your contributions- thank you!

Greetings,  
Loressa, staff and children

# Playtime



## Partner with us

### Needs:

- New Fridges
- Psychology Sessions
- Education and Training Funds
- Home Maintenance Funds
- Groceries & Cleaning Agents
- Nappies, Wipes & Formula

If you would like to contribute towards our needs, either in kind or financially, please contact us. No gift is ever too big or too small. Your support will be appreciated. Thank you!



# Outdoors

