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OUR NEWS



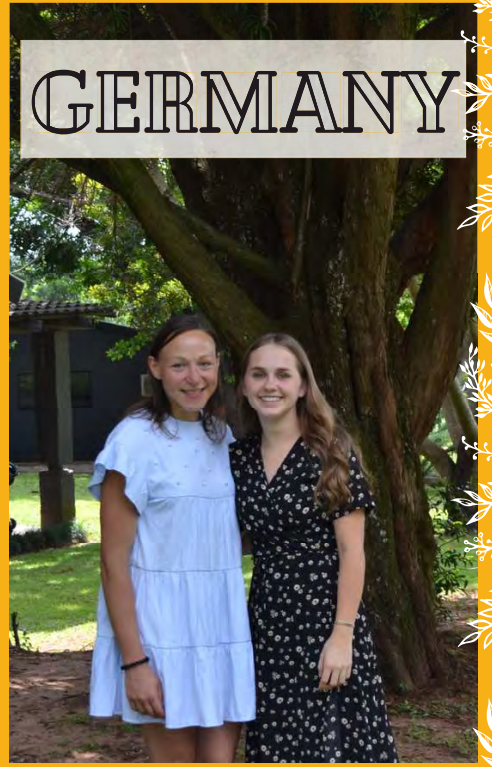
Mark 15: 25-26 "It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the jews."



International Visitors



Dawida and Valentina, from Germany, returned to visit this month. We took three little girls along to meet Dawida at the airport, both for the excitement of the outing and secondly for the experience of seeing



GERMANY

airplanes, and enjoyed a seaside picnic in Ballito. Valentina took time to play sports and interact with the kids. Both girls joined us for a Family Picnic and fitted in a day trip to St Lucia for a hippo cruise.



CANADA

The Olsen family visited us all the way from Canada. All ages were captivated by Brian's vivid and animated storytelling, and Joanne, a photography enthusiast, set out to document every moment of their time spent with us. Even though Jordan was cautious and quiet, her smile instantly brightened the space!



POWER TOOLS

The Flamboyant tree has weak branches and shallow roots making it prone to breakage in strong winds and storms. One of the huge trees on our verge fell over buckling the neighbours gate. We took our preschoolers and toddlers to watch as

the chainsaw was used to cut the massive trunk and branches into manageable pieces for removal. Exposure to a broad spectrum of experiences can influence a child's development as well as their personality and behaviour. While the "wiring" of the brain may be genetics, how it develops comes from experience and learning.



LAUNDRY

When children contribute to family life, it helps them feel competent and responsible and boosts self-esteem. Even if they don't enjoy the chore, when they keep going they get the feeling of satisfaction that comes with finishing a task. And sharing housework can also help families work better and reduce family stress.

BIRTHDAYS



March was a month of many birthday parties, cakes and pressies. It is such a joy to prepare and spoil each child. Sowing seeds of love and nurture, watering them with prayer and faith for a glorious harvest! These daily investments into the life of each child, with the hope for a bright future and testimonies of overcoming and flourishing, is at the very heart of our mission.

DOING LIFE



iKhaya LikaBaba has 4 buildings on the property of Solid Ground Church. Our babies and toddlers stay in the main house and are cared for by caregivers and Child and Youth Care Workers. The Early Childhood Development Program is run in-house by Glory. From Grade RR our children go to Empangeni Christian School. Our admin office and operational staff work from Monday to Friday.

The older children and teens live with houseparents in the 2 smaller cluster houses where they participate in the daily running of their homes by assisting with laundry, cooking and cleaning, with the heart to prepare them for independent living. The boys live with Aunty Tricia and girls with Uncle Honest and Aunty Ellen.

Our school children attend a number of local schools and our desire is to have them placed in small classes where learning barriers can be identified and overcome as early as possible. With the lower child to teacher ratios, teachers have more one-on-one teaching opportunities per learner.

The 4th house is our volunteers home-from-home. We have hosted many international school leavers and young ladies over the years who mostly spend a year serving iKhaya, loving the kids and learning and growing in themselves too.

For more information on any aspect of iKhaya, to serve, to donate or for foster and adoption information please reach out to us; we will be delighted to hear from you!

PARTNER WITH US

Our Needs

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



A PERSONAL NOTE



Dear friends of iKhaya

We enjoyed a very full month and way too much cake as we celebrated 7 birthdays, enjoyed a family picnic at church, received a birthday cake from Pick n Pay in honour of Mr Raymond Ackerman's birthday and joined the Water Splash Festival hosted by the Lindani Myeni Foundation. We are looking forward to the Easter holidays and are planning an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Thanks for the support we have received so far!

We are heading into new territory once again...

We have two teens to prepare for their next phase of life. Time goes by in a flash so we are anticipating their future plans, where they will study and stay after they reach 18 years, how will this be funded and who will mentor them. If you are interested in journeying with us into these uncharted waters to prepare our youth for independent, self-supporting living, please get in contact with us.

Thank you to each and everyone who partners with us in one way or another. We value your contributions, love and care.

Greetings,
Loressa, staff and children

