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**BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.  
HONOR ONE ANOTHER ABOVE YOURSELVES.**

# AN OVERDUE UPDATE

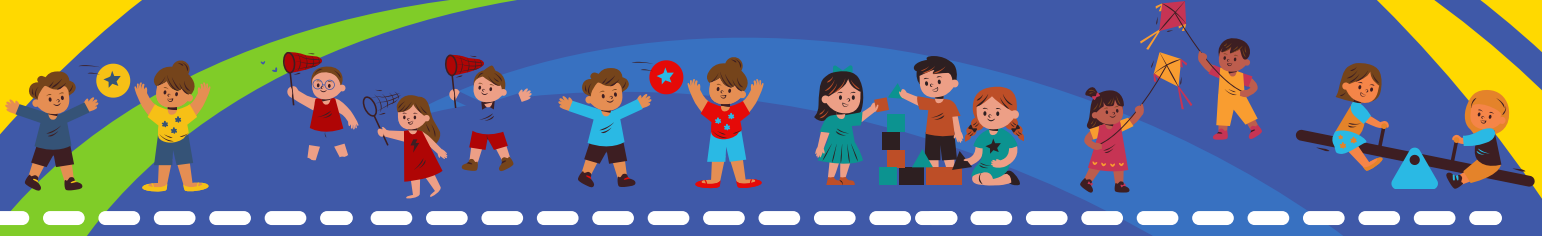
After attending the Weltwarts Conference in Berlin, I am thrilled to say that it was a truly memorable experience. Engaging with fellow leaders from different backgrounds for a week was enlightening and fulfilling. Following this, I embarked on an adventurous journey, reconnecting with old acquaintances from APCM since I joined iKhaya in 2015. The rich culture of Germany and the captivating Weltwarts Conference have left a lasting impact on me. My suitcases were not only packed with cherished memories, but I too returned with excitement for what lies ahead.

The life was sucked from my core as I returned to the devastating loss of my daughter Kaylee. She was on her way with Thoriso, a work colleague, to meet me at the airport. Navigating such a loss has not been easy for us all. She was a dear friend to the older girls at iKhaya and will be sorely missed. But we choose to draw courage, strength and peace from God. There is hope, life and a future in Him and so we are truly blessed to have God as our Father. This led to me taking an extended period of leave and to the silence from iKhaya for the 3 month period.

During my absence the school kids wrapped up the 2023 academic year with class parties and prize-givings and were super chuffed for those learners who received awards. School reports showed their great progress and highlighted areas that need a little extra attention. We had 14 learners at local schools in 2023 and increased to 15 this year. In December, 2 learners will graduate, being iKhaya's very first teens to be concluding their schooling and being launched into tertiary studies or the working world. This will be a new experience and phase for us as we navigate their care and mentorship as young adults.

APCM, long-term German Volunteers, Fee and Danielle, arrived late August and Rebecca in October. Their help with the ECD program, baby care and stimulation, groceries, donations and in general operational areas is so welcomed and appreciated. Chiara, from the Netherlands, joined us for 3 months doing a Crossing Borders Module for her studies. She had an amazing time in SA and left changed and full of life and joy. What a privilege it is to be blessed and to bless others in the process!

The kids celebrated many birthdays, enjoyed a family picnic at church, had a Christmas braai, received loads of awesome gifts and enjoyed a festive New Year's celebration. The pre-school program included plenty art, playdough, outdoor play, walks, reading and story-times. The school holidays were jam packed with activities that included a talent show, a sleep over and baking. A water fun day with a slip and slide and water balloons was a highlight in our scorching summer heat. I am reminded of how blessed we are to be situated on the property- close enough to town and amenities yet set between farm lands for wide open spaces and safe play.



## We have AMAZING news...

The Honda has been replaced with a previously loved and cared for Mitsubishi Xpander. Having just one vehicle once schools opened proved to be more challenging than expected, so the new car brings with it much relief. We extend our sincere thanks to each person who sacrificed vehicles and valuable time to assist in getting our kids to and from school during this difficult season. And to those who sowed financially into this project, we are simply awestruck at your generosity and care extended towards our mission and the children in our home.

The next step is to purchase a much-needed bakkie. This will be used to pick up and transport food, donations, and take care of routine house maintenance. We are super excited as we anticipate God's blessing and provision. To be a part of this next chapter please reach out to us.

I greet you with humble appreciation and gratefulness.  
Much Love from all of us at iKhaya,

Loressa and team



## PARTNER WITH US

### General Needs

- Cooking Oil, Milk, Sugar, Rice, Cereal, Sugar Beans, Peanutbutter
- Potatoes, Onion, Fruit, Nuts
- Nappies sizes 1 , 5 & 6, Formula
- Washing Powder, Deodorant, Toothpaste & Bath Soap

### A Bakkie

