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REAL LIVES. REAL HOPE. REAL IMPACT.

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"Rejoice in the
Lord always. I will
say it again:
Rejoice!"
Philippians 4:4



Baby Stimulation

In our Baby Stimulation programme, every moment is intentional, laying the foundation for strong bodies, curious minds, and confident little learners. These early experiences shape long-term growth, helping babies build the coordination, resilience, and exploration skills they'll carry into preschool and beyond. With each stretch, roll, squeeze and playful interaction, they're not just discovering the world around them, they're developing the skills that support future learning, independence, and joyful development.



Church Picnic



We enjoyed a beautiful family picnic after church, with fun, good food, and togetherness. With thanks to Nomonde and Asanda, our teen braai masters, we enjoyed perfectly cooked meat made possible by Woolies' generous weekly donations. Checkers added the magic touch with delicious garlic rolls, and Ellen's homemade gravy brought everything together. It was a simple, joy-filled afternoon and everyone loved every moment of it.



A New Beginning

We celebrate a beautiful new chapter in our volunteer house and milestone for iKhaya. Lulu has officially moved into the volunteer home, giving her the chance to grow in independence while still being surrounded by the support of our team. And she won't be alone, as she will share the home with our live-in volunteers. They'll learn from one another, and bring fresh energy and heart to our iKhaya family. It's a season of growth, friendship, and new beginnings.



Family Restoration

This month we celebrate a beautiful goodbye as our youngest, little Baby Yum, left our home for a new beginning. Thanks to the dedication of our social worker, Nonto, Baby Yum has been lovingly placed with a family who will foster her and, in time, adopt her. Her new parents received their precious gift from God, and their older son now has a baby sister to love and grow with. Our goodbye was a moment filled with joy, hope, and the heart of our ministry: restoring children into families. Every farewell is a reminder of God's faithfulness and the beautiful future He prepares for each child.



Birthday Celebrations



This month we celebrated two very special birthdays, including our eldest, Lulu, who turned 20! She was lovingly spoiled with beautiful gifts for a bedroom makeover as she prepares for her big move toward independence. A heartfelt thank-you to our passionate and generous sponsors who carry the heart of our birthday campaign... making every child feel seen, valued, and worthy of love and care. Your kindness turns birthdays into moments of true belonging.



Welcome, Fiona

Fiona has arrived from Germany to spend a year volunteering with us. She will be a huge help as she assists with school runs and donation collections to helping in our ECD and Baby Stimulation programmes and more, and she has jumped in with a full and willing heart. She shared how happy and embraced she feels by our church community, already enjoying her time here and feeling completely at home. It's a beautiful testimony to the welcoming family that is iKhaya and Solid Ground Church, and we're so grateful to have her with us.

A Precious Step of Faith



This month we celebrated a beautiful step of faith as Oluhle was baptised, surrounded by love, prayer, and the joy of our iKhaya family. It was a tender moment of blessing and dedication, reminding us of God's faithfulness over every child in our care. Watching her held, prayed for, and embraced by our community was a reminder of the hope and belonging we strive to nurture every day. A beautiful moment to celebrate life, purpose, and the bright future God is shaping for her.

Blessings Upon Blessings



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Olanda and her wonderful team paid us a special visit. The little ones were home to receive their gifts and the rest of the children returned from school to find treats waiting, the joy was contagious. Their timing made it even more special as they arrived just in time for a birthday celebration, so what was already a happy day became truly unforgettable. Thank you, Transnet Engineering for your kindness, gifts and for sharing in our children's joy.

RICHARDS BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



We were delighted to welcome Richards Bay Christian School to our home. Their visit included baking, playing, learning, and creating the kind of memories our children hold close. They also gifted each child a personal storage box, giving them a special place to keep their own treasures and belongings. We are so very grateful for the time, love, and kindness they shared.



ATEZ UNIZULU

We were blessed by a heartfelt visit from a group of students from Atez. They arrived with generosity and a genuine desire to uplift our home. Their donations and warm interactions brought joy to our children and is a reminder of how powerful kindness can be when shared in community. We are deeply grateful for their compassion and for choosing to honour Women's Month by blessing our iKhaya family. Thank you!



A Personal Note

Dear friends

We opened our doors to two precious children after recently celebrating the knitting of two others into their new families. Their discharge created the space, and the calling, to invest deeply into two more lives, continuing our mission to reach vulnerable children with love, safety, and intentional care.

One of our newest arrivals is a tiny 1-year-5-month-old boy, weighing just 6.6kg. He came to us due to neglect, with his mother too ill to care for him. When he arrived, he was frightened and refusing to eat. But with gentle reassurance, patient encouragement, and the calm of a safe home, he responded with brave little smiles and is eating well. Although he can crawl, he cannot stand or walk yet, but with the care from our dedicated staff, we know he'll soon find his feet.

Each admission and discharge reminds us why we exist: to bring healing, stability, and transformation, and to prepare each child for the future God intends, whether that is family reunification or growing into whole, confident adults while in our care, who contribute to our community. Two children went home. Two children arrived. And hope continues its beautiful cycle at iKhaya.

As we close this month's news, I'm reminded again that every visit, every donation, every hour volunteered is part of something far bigger than the moment itself. At iKhaya, we are not only caring for children today, but we are also investing in the adults they will become. Confident, educated, whole young people who can stand strong in society and give back with purpose. This vision is only possible because our community, companies, churches, and partners choose to sow into their futures with such generosity and heart. Your support strengthens the long-term journey: from early stimulation to school readiness, to emotional healing, to the skills and stability they'll need as young adults.

Thank you for believing in this work and for walking alongside us. Together, we are shaping futures that will thrive.

Warm regards,
Loressa, the Board, Staff and Children

Welcome
little ones



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