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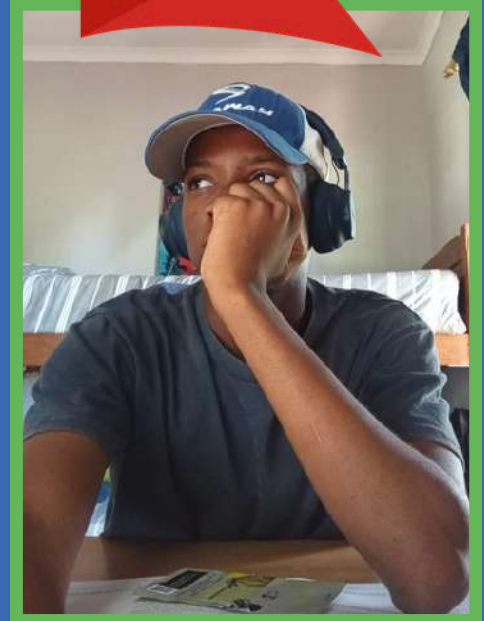
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2 Corinthians 9v7 (ESV)

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



# BLESSINGS UPON BLESSINGS



March has been a month full of celebration at iKhaya, with eight special birthdays making it our busiest birthday month of the year! Thanks to the incredible support of our community who helped us make each moment memorable. From cakes and treats to thoughtful gifts, so many hands and hearts came together to ensure that each child felt truly seen and valued. The joy and pure delight on their faces said it all, a beautiful reminder that every effort, big or small, makes a lasting impact.

# ACTION BALL: Fun & Skill-Building



We've had such an exciting and energetic few weeks in Action Ball, filled with imagination, movement and important gross-motor development. Sessions included Easter-themed fun with bunny hops, tiptoe "sneaky bunny" walks, egg-rolling, springy jump squats and a lively game of Bunnies Home. Parachute play was also introduced, where the children learned a song while

practising coordination, followed by wall pushes to strengthen their arms and core. The obstacle courses were a highlight, rolling balls along a rope, crawling under hoops, balancing carefully across the beam, and sorting colourful balls into matching cones. The children also practised balancing hoops on noodles and held strong push-up positions while removing pegs from their shirts and placing them into the correct cones, building shoulder and core strength. The fast-paced colour-run games had everyone moving with excitement. These activities are loads of fun but also build the essential gross-motor foundations children need before they can confidently sit at a desk, write, draw or cut. We are so proud of how hard they've worked, how bravely they've tried new challenges, and how beautifully they've used their imaginations. Thank you Verushka for helping our children to strengthen these important early learning skills.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



As iKhaya is a ministry of and based on the property of Solid Ground Church, our children are blessed to be part of weekly church programs designed just for them. Our primary school group enjoys the vibrant Downtown Kids, while our pre-primary children attend Noah's Park.

Each Sunday is filled with fun, interactive lessons that bring biblical stories to life. From joyful worship and dancing to creative arts and crafts, along with time for social play, the mornings are engaging and full of energy.

These moments are a meaningful investment into young hearts, nurturing faith, joy, and a strong foundation for the future.



# AN ADOPTION STORY

## Growing Beyond Our Walls

My journey at iKhaya began as a volunteer, simply following a calling to love and spend time with the children. I would often help with babysitting during church services and then play and connect with the children afterwards with my daughters, Bryce and Kaylee, alongside me. Sphiwo, who came to iKhaya as a little boy and was adopted at the age of four, was such a character, and we quickly formed a special connection. Whenever I asked him his name, he would give me a different one at least three times in a row before bursting into laughter. The day we heard he was being adopted is deeply etched in my heart, being a bittersweet moment for my family and me. While we celebrated that he was being welcomed into a family of his own, we had no warning that he would be leaving and our hearts were shattered. Years later, after I joined iKhaya as the coordinator, I reconnected with Sphiwo's family and even had the joy of seeing them when they returned for a visit. I recently asked Sphiwo to share a little from his side of the story.

Sphiwo remembers small but meaningful moments from his early days at iKhaya. He recalls sneaking out of bed in the middle of the night to hang out in each other's beds and even watching someone come to fix the lawnmower. When his adoptive family first arrived, he remembers feeling nervous and unsure, backing into a corner because everything felt unfamiliar. His new siblings brought him toys and although they offered him a soccer ball, he chose a stuffed animal. He laughs about that now because today soccer is one of his greatest passions. Now 16 years old, Sphiwo loves playing soccer, surfing, listening to music and going shopping. Although he does not celebrate many South African traditions where he lives, he proudly keeps a South African flag in his bedroom and hopes to return one day to learn more about his roots. Reflecting on his journey, Sphiwo offers simple but heartfelt advice to other adoptees. "Do what you feel comfortable doing. It gets easier. Always ask for the honest truth".

We are incredibly proud of Sphiwo and the young man he is growing up to be. Watching the children who once called iKhaya home grow, flourish and find their place in the world is one of the greatest joys of this journey. Sphiwo will always hold a special place in our hearts, and we celebrate the life he is building and the bright future that lies ahead of him.



Me with Dad and my best school friend, Abraham



Me, Mom and sister Rook on New Year's Eve



Me with my best friend from home, Quinn





# FUN, SUN AND SEA



Danielle and her friends recently treated our children to a special day at the beach, an outing filled with much joy and unforgettable moments. The children had an absolute blast splashing in the waves, swimming, and building sandcastles. There was even some excitement as they tried their hand at catching small fish! A delicious lunch was provided, making the day even more special and allowing everyone to relax and enjoy time together. We are so grateful to Danielle and her friends for creating such a fun and meaningful experience for our children.

## YOUTH VISIT



The 7th Day Adventist Youth spent some meaningful time with our children. Although their visit was short, it was filled with joy and connection. They shared the Word of God with the children and introduced a few fun and engaging games. Laughter quickly filled the space as everyone joined in, learning and playing together. Our children also loved the opportunity to teach some of their own favourite games, making it a wonderful exchange of fun and fellowship. We are grateful for their time, kindness, and the encouragement they brought to our children's day.



# A Personal Note

Greetings friends of iKhaya

March has been a month filled with joy, connection, and community spirit. We celebrated many birthdays, each one a reminder of how precious childhood is. One celebration even took us to the beach, where the children delighted in the sea, the sand feet, and the excitement of the skate park. Moments like these are memories in the making.

We were also blessed with several visitors this month. Having guests spend time with us is more than a courtesy call; it strengthens social interaction, builds confidence, and shows our children just how deeply the community cares for them. Your presence reminds them that they are seen, valued, and supported.

As we continue creating a safe, nurturing environment, we do have a few pressing needs. If you feel moved to contribute, your support would make a meaningful difference.

We are currently in need of:

- Bedding for each child
- A few mattresses (single beds and cots)
- A sleeper couch
- Ceiling and wall-mounted fans
- Swimming costumes
- Groceries
- Cleaning agents
- Toiletries

Every contribution, big or small, helps us provide comfort, dignity, and stability for our children. Thank you for walking this journey with us and for being part of the iKhaya family.

With love and regards  
Loressa, The Board, Staff and Children



Theresa, a former volunteer, returned to iKhaya Likababa after 13 years, making her visit a deeply meaningful and full-circle moment. She brought her friend, Lotte, who enthusiastically played and interacted with the children too. Theresa reflected on how many of the children she once knew have since moved on, some reunited with their families, others adopted, and some now pursuing studies at university. It was especially touching for her to see those she remembered as children now grown into responsible young adults, each finding their own path in life.

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