

AUGUST 2025 RECAP



Proverbs 16:3
Commit to the Lord
whatever you do,
and he will
establish your
plans.

JOY, CREATIVITY, & CONNECTION

Each month, our vibrant volunteer team, led by Dario and Danielle, brings warmth, creativity, and connection to our children through joyful activities and shared moments. In August, they painted wooden blocks, decorated biscuits for snack time, and gathered around a lively braai, with our teens proudly stepping up to assist with the braaiing. These gatherings continue to nurture friendships, build skills, and create lasting memories for all involved.



A HEARTFELT REFLECTION



As we continue to celebrate the lives touched by iKhaya Likababa, we're honored to share a moving message from a young boy who spent several years in our care before being reunited with his aunt.

"iKhaya Likababa was my first real home. It was fun to live with you all, and there are no negative effects on my future, living there felt like family. You kept me like your child and cared about me. If I was still there, I'd be very lucky to have you next to me always." His words remind us of the deep bonds formed within our walls. He misses the nurturing environment he had at iKhaya.

"I've grown up with no one except you, Auntie Loressa." His message is a testament to the love, care, and stability that iKhaya provides. It's stories like this that affirm our mission and inspire us to keep creating a safe, joyful space for every child who walks through our doors.

CELEBRATING HARMONY AND INCLUSION

We were proud to have one of our learners from Thuthukani Special School take part in the recent Choir Cohesion hosted by St Catherine's School. The afternoon was filled with soul-stirring music and joyful collaboration, as learners and educators from Grantham Park Primary, Veld en Vlei Primary, and Thuthukani came together with the St Catherine's School Choir to share their voices and celebrate community through song. We extend heartfelt thanks to the organisers and conductors whose passion made this inclusive event truly unforgettable.



Fresh Food, Fresh Connections



Fresh ingredients, teamwork, and laughter filled the kitchen as our teenage boys prepared a colourful salad for lunch. Moments later, they gathered outside to enjoy the fruits of their labour, sharing chatter, smiles, and a sense of accomplishment. These simple, joyful scenes remind us how food can nourish both body and connection.

YOUNG LEADER SHINES



We're beaming with pride as our eldest young lad joined the recent mission trip to Butterfly Ingwavuma, serving alongside Solid Ground Church in a weekend filled with prayer, joy, and meaningful outreach. He poured his heart into kids' ministry, and then, bravely and beautifully, shared his testimony in church the following Sunday, reflecting on how the experience deepened his faith and sense of purpose. His courage to speak, serve, and grow is a powerful reminder of Christ's call to love through action, and we celebrate the light he carries into every space.

FROM PINK CAKES TO MOTORBIKES



This month we celebrated two special milestones, our eldest turned 19 and a bright-eyed young lad reached his 5th birthday! She was thrilled to receive a beautiful pink cake and new clothes, just as she'd wished, while he beamed with joy over his plastic motorbike, books, and fresh outfits. These moments of delight remind us how love and thoughtful gestures make every birthday unforgettable. Thank you to each person who helped make these celebrations possible and special.

blessings upon blessings



August was filled with joyful visits from ATEZS (Association for Tertiary Zion Students), Umhlathuze Primary, Swagbucks SA, and Seeds of Change, each bringing their own spark of energy and kindness to iKhaya. From lively singing and spirited games, cakes and party packs, to heartfelt moments of connection, our children were uplifted by the love and laughter shared. All the groups donated much needed groceries and supplies to support our home, while Swagbucks SA went a step further by blessing both the children and staff with brand-new shoes. These visits remind us of the power of community and the beauty of giving. Thank you from us all; we appreciate your love, care and generosity!

A Personal Note

Dear friends of iKhaya

August reminded us why iKhaya exists, not just as a place of shelter, but as a home where joy, growth, and connection flourish. From the laughter echoing through our homes and playgrounds to the generosity poured out by visiting groups, we witnessed the beauty of community in action. Each song sung, each game played, and every gift shared, whether shoes, groceries, or time, was a thread in the tapestry of love that wraps around our children daily.

We were also thrilled to welcome three new APCM volunteers this month, who will journey with us for the next 11 months, bringing fresh energy and servant hearts to our home. Alongside them, four returning volunteers joined us and will remain for most of September. The children were overjoyed to see their familiar faces and rekindle those special bonds. Their help, friendship, and presence are deeply valued by us all, making our load that much lighter!

I'm especially moved by the words of the young boy who once called iKhaya home. His heartfelt message reminds us that what we do here matters deeply. That we are not only focused on meeting needs, but also creating lasting memories, building character, and nurturing hope.

Thank you to every hand that reached out this month. You've helped us plant seeds of change, and we're watching them grow. May we continue to commit our plans to the Lord, trusting that He will establish them, just as Proverbs 16:3 promises.

With much love and greetings from Loressa & the iKhaya Team

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