

**KHAYELIHLE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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A very warm greetings from Khayelihle Children's Village. Winter is upon us and we are experiencing very low temperatures as low as 6°C. We are keeping warm but have had cases of three children who have suffered from the cold. They had to miss at least two days of school. They were seen at the clinic and are recovering. We trust in the Lord that you are doing fine.

All the other 31 children are in good health and attending school well. Four children are excelling in school extra curriculum activities and have had opportunities to represent their schools on local competitions. Anita Ndou and Tsitsidzaishe Makwasha are good netball players and play for their school's team. They recently had a tournament where they played very well against their rivals. Daludumo Ndlovu is a gymnast and is part of the school team. Luke Ndebele is a member of the school's Arts Club. He also had an opportunity to visit other schools to exchange knowledge and showcase their talents.



Several other children at KCV have talents that we have identified and wish to nurture them since most of them are academically challenged. There is Ngonidzaishe Mazvihwa who is a hairdresser. She does the hair for all the girls at KCV. Thandolwenkosi Sibanda is a very good singer who leads the praise and worship team during church service. Mbongeni Khumalo plays football very well. Gamuchirai Maposa enjoys welding. He has repaired hoes, a cart and metal cooking stands at home. We will continue encouraging them to excel in these areas.

Meet Thandolwenkosi Sibanda who recently found relatives

KCV continues to work hard to improve the lives of all the children in its care. There is Hilda Phiri, aged 13, who joined the KCV family in 2023. She was an abused child who had bruises on her back, was not toilet trained, defaulted



on her medication, had poor speech and had stunted growth. KCV embraced her and her life began to change for the best. This year, she was enrolled at a special needs school at Sir Humphrey Gibbs. KCV took her to hospital and she resumed taking her medication under strict supervision of her caregiver and does not miss her hospital reviews. She has gained weight and is in good health. She is also attending speech therapy sessions to help her with communication. Her teachers are pleased with her progress. The support we receive from all our donors enables us to fulfill our obligations.

Our dear Hilda

Reconnection is one of the most important activities done at KCV. Investigations are done and relatives are located. Recently, relatives for Thandolwenkosi Sibanda have been identified. Thandolwenkosi is one of the children classified as without traceable relatives but praise God, her uncle, aunties and cousins have been located. The process is ongoing and after establishing relations with the relatives, she will then join them permanently. Please pray for her to be emotionally strong, to be at peace and to accept wholeheartedly her recently found relatives. Thandolwenkosi has been at KCV for 17 years now. We hope to be able to reconnect all the children whose relatives can be traced.

Three income generating projects are done at KCV and these are horticulture, dairy and beef and poultry. Children have an opportunity to help in the management of these projects and at the same time gaining knowledge



especially during schools' holidays. However, this year we received very low rains in the whole of the country. The season was declared a national disaster by the President. The water tables have dropped making it difficult for successful irrigation for most farmers. KCV, by the grace of God, has

These are pictures of cabbages in our garden

managed to plant a portion of cabbages. We hope that the families will benefit and that we will also be able to sell the surplus and have a little income to help at the Village. It is in our plans to plant green beans, carrots and potatoes as well. Our dairy is not in good shape. The grazing areas are already dry and the stock feed prices have escalated. Due to insufficient water, it is a challenge to grow fodder for livestock.

We would really like to thank you for your involvement with KCV. Your support enables us to fulfill our mission of providing, through residential and community care, the physical, educational, medical, social and spiritual needs of children that have been orphaned and or abandoned.

We also appreciate the local and overseas visitors who took their time to be with us recently. Their visits motivate us and help us to grow. They also get first hand information when on ground. Thank you.

God bless.
KCV Team