



*A Home to Heal Abused Women and
their Children*

Bethany Home

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The Chief Finance and Strategic Planning Officer
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Attention : Manuel and Christine Bhatt

Dear Manuel and Christine,

On behalf of everyone at Bethany I would like to thank you very much for the magnificent donation of clothes.

Your continued encouragement, love, care and amazing support is appreciated greatly.

Herewith a little information on what has been happening at Bethany over the past few months which I hope you will find interesting.

One of our ladies has just started a nursing course through Gem, another has completed her security training and is now doing her firearm license, and another is due to start a year long Graphic Design diploma through Boston City. Yet another resident is due to start a computer literacy and office admin course through Career Computer College.

Three ladies have moved out - one is working for Nandos, another as a PA at a local school and yet another has gone home to Mpumalanga to start her own business after completing a comprehensive beauty course with Face to Face.

Thembeke (who was given a bursary to do a Marketing diploma at the beginning of last year) has been offered a further bursary from Boston City Campus. They would like her to change from doing a diploma in Marketing to a B.Com degree (due to the fact that she got 98% in Advertising, 100% Applied Psychology and 98% Marketing Management). This young lady is so admirable as she was also chosen to represent Hope Africa to go to the International meeting of 'safe church network' in George where she spoke on the topic of human trafficking. She has also been taken to Kenya, again to speak on this topic.

Netcare are doing a series of talks and have covered diseases such as TB, Lupus and AIDS. The lectures are all very informative.

Bethany was instrumental in liaising with the police and getting a woman released from being kidnapped. For months this poor woman underwent the most awful

beatings and rape. The police were magnificent in the way they handled the entire case. A good and very positive ending and a renewed faith in the police service.

Nandos Head Office have just started their own laundry and two of our ladies have just been employed in permanent positions. They started at the beginning of July.

Crime is on the increase and because of this we have had many incidents of people jumping over our palisade fencing, stealing anything and everything that is left outside and making the women feel very vulnerable and uneasy. We are so fortunate in that a very generous sponsor paid for us to erect electric fencing which was installed on the 12th July. We feel truly blessed by the generosity of you all.

One of our volunteers continues to have a monthly session with our women on all things financial as well as interview skills.

We came third in a Potje competition held at the Bezuidenhout Bowling club. The ladies had such fun and were delighted with their cash prize.

All our children were taken to movies and the zoo by a group of wonderful young people who continue to come in on a monthly basis and take our residents on various outings. Most of our children had never been to the movies so it was a very exciting experience.

The homeless situation seems to get worse and the desperation of so many is heartbreaking. During the winter months it seems so much worse. With the help of all those who continue to donate to Bethany we are at least able to provide blankets and food to all those who come to our gate.

God bless you and your family, and thank you for the difference you make to all those who are the recipients of your kindness.

Best wishes,

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Vision: To create a caring environment in which abused women and their children find healing through God's love