

MAKAPHUTU

Children's Village

*A loving community
Breaking the orphan cycle*



WINTER HOLIDAYS

June, 2013



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BREAKING THE ORPHAN CYCLE IN AFRICA

When looking at our children's stories, although each is truly unique, there are many similar circumstances that led to them becoming orphans: Losing a parent to HIV/Aids, being vulnerable, being abused, not having access to a decent education that gives them hope for their future, not being loved. These challenges all contribute to what we call THE ORPHAN CYCLE. It looks something like this.

A girl is vulnerable and is seen as public property in her community. She isn't prescribed much value. At 12 she is raped. At 15 years old, she is pregnant and contracts the HIV virus around the same time. She is too



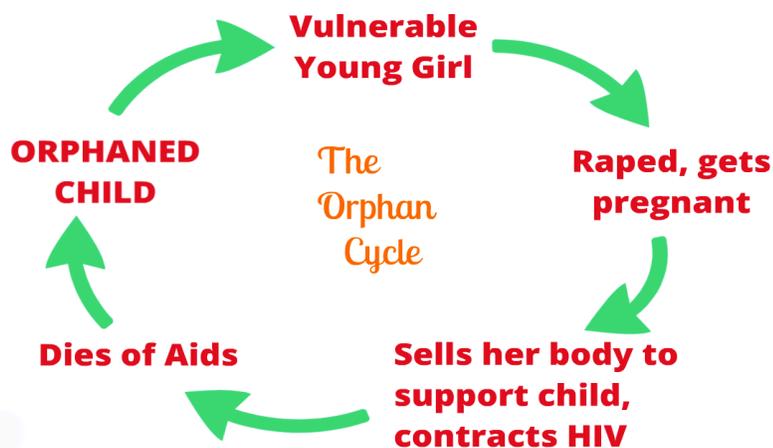
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sick to raise her child or get a job by the time she is in her twenties. Her child doesn't go to school, lives totally unsupervised, and is often exposed to abuse. When the child is 9 years old her mother dies and she is an orphan. Perhaps she will have to sell her body for food. Pretty soon, she too will have contracted HIV and be pregnant with a child of her own. That child will probably have a similar story. This is the orphan cycle. And it is very real. In our province there are 5.5 million people living with HIV and Aids and 1 in every 5 children has lost either one or both parents.



Our dream is to see this cycle eradicated and broken in our land! We take in that orphaned child. We bring her into a loving, happy home, that unconditionally offers support, care, and nurture. We feed and clothe that child, get her medical attention and counseling. We send her to school and tutor her everyday for 2 hours until we can get her into a better school. We let her discover her dreams. We provide role models that show her what responsible parenting and achievement looks like. One day she will grow up, graduate from high school, apply for varsity, get a job, avoid contracting HIV/Aids, and become a responsible parent when she is ready. Her child will have a new future and hope. And it will go on for generations. We can break the orphan cycle!

Invest in Breaking the Orphan Cycle today. Join us!



Some Updates

We want to offer you the best resources that enable you to partner with us!

That is why we have worked hard the past few months to come out with a few new ways for you to connect with us. See below.

- 1 We have a new website!**
It is our pleasure to unveil a new, more user-friendly website that enables you to connect with us. Go to Makaphutu.org!
- 2 Our PROMO Video is available:**
Our video telling our children's stories is available on Vimeo at <http://vimeo.com/65051264>.
The password is:
GodblessAfrica
- 3 New Resources for Advocates**
If you would like to tell your company, friends, or family about Makaphutu, contact our offices about our new resources for advocates.



A Birthday Treat

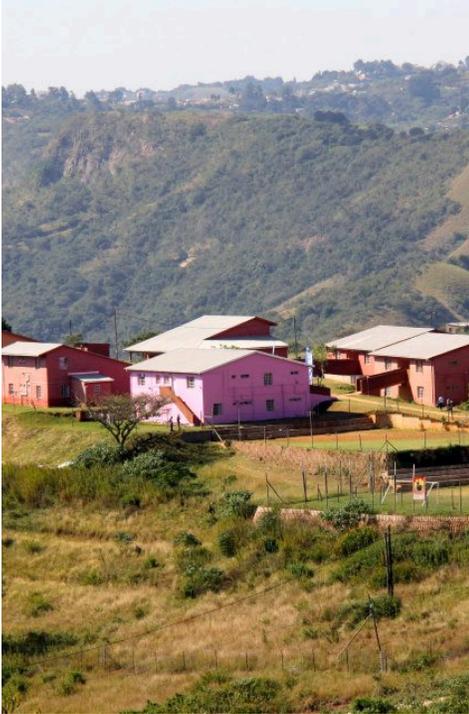
By Sne (11 years old) and
Thando (15 years old)

President Jacob Zuma invited Makaphutu Children to celebrate his 71st birthday with him!

Imagine our delight and surprise when we were told our children were invited to spend the afternoon with the President of our country at his home in Morningside on his 71st birthday! Two of our young girls share a bit of what it was like:

On 14 April 2013, the children of Makaphutu woke up very early to go to President Zuma's birthday party. He was turning 71. A big bus came to fetch us and the bus collected children from other homes as well. When we got there we saw Zuma's children and his wives. One of his daughters is an actress. The party was in the garden at the President's house in Durban. Everything was decorated with a Barney theme. There was a jumping castle, face painting and a clown walking on stilts. All of the children honoured the President and gave him presents. The Makaphutu children sang for

him and gave him a Happy Birthday poster that we drew in a frame. Sne read a Happy Birthday card to Zuma from everyone at Makaphutu. All of the children that were there got to have their photo taken with him. They framed the photos for us and we got to take them home. Each child also got a box of sweets and chips as a gift. At the party we had lots of food! We had burgers, homemade Pringles, cool drinks, hot dogs, ice cream and popcorn! Our stomachs hurt when we got home! President Zuma's cake was decorated as Barney and everyone had a piece. The police were everywhere and people from the news were there too. He is 71 but his daughter said he is turning 17! The numbers are wrong! We made friends with children from other homes. We are grateful that we got to go to Zuma's birthday party!



Would You Help Us Paint Our Rainbow Village?

Our Dream

Our children's cottages are badly in need of paint, particularly on the outside! Our dream is to paint each cottage a different, bright, and unique colour to represent our rainbow village.

MNET has very generously kicked off this project by painting the first cottage a beautiful pink (for the girls) and painted the inside a whole range of warm, happy colours.

If you would like to EITHER pay for the paint (inside or outside or both!) for a cottage OR come do some painting yourself (bring your family, friends, or colleagues), let us know!

Cost Outside: Cost Inside:

R15,000

R13,000

MNET Blesses Us With A Cottage Makeover

Making a Home

When a child arrives at Makaphutu, most of them have had a similar understanding of "home" their whole lives. A one-room mud shack with a tin roof and a dirt floor. No privacy. Abuse. No space to call their own. This is why cultivating a home atmosphere, safety, security, and beauty is so important to us. We want their bedrooms to be clean and full of life and colour.

Consequently, it had been a longing of hearts for some time to repaint the worn out looking cottages both inside and out. In fact, we also wanted new bedding and some new furniture. Before we even asked for it, MNET swooped in and asked us if they could repaint one cottage inside and out and get some of their friends at Decorex and Mr. Price Home to contribute new bedding and furniture! A few months later all our children were singing and dancing in their MNET shirts at the opening of our gorgeous new cottage. This is hopefully just the beginning of a complete makeover for all the children's cottages.



UPCOMING CYCLING FUNDRAISERS

We now have not one, but TWO, groups of committed cyclists raising funds for Makaphutu. One is a group of three plucky, local mums heading to Vietnam for a 640 km ride. And the other is a group of about a dozen Australians coming to motorcycle through South Africa in a fundraising holiday adventure. We love these creative ideas that are ultimately about helping rally support for investing in children! Here are some upcoming events both these groups have organized:



1

Local cycling ladies invite you to join us for a day of family fun at Mr. Funtubbles at Gateway on Saturday the 8th of June from 10am to 2pm.



2

Australian Motorcyclists will be throwing a good 'ol braai for all the Makaphutu kids on June 2nd.

Answered Prayer

At Makaphutu we often don't know how we are going to provide all our children's needs but we trust God and we know that there are many generous people who love our children. This month we desperately needed new backpacks for nearly all the kids. After several requests, we decided to all join hands and pray together in the village, asking God to send us money for the much-needed bags. The next morning at 8am we had an email from our Australian motorcyclist friends saying they had given us money to buy each of the children a new backpack that very week! At Makaphutu every day brings both small and big miracles to remind us there is so much to be grateful for.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

Makaphutu has always had a heart to impact the community around us expressed through various on-going projects like our soup kitchen at Don Mackenzie Hospital and the distribution of emergency food and clothing to the families in most desperate need. We are now launching an official Makaphutu Outreach Ministry called One Hope headed by Graeme and Tami Wright. They will have 3 main objectives:

- To **BUILD BRIDGES** between churches, organizations, and people in KwaNyuswa unto better meeting the needs in the valley.
- To work with the community to develop projects that foster sustainable living.
- To continue to provide emergency aid to the most vulnerable in the community (Orphans, elderly and the sick) while encouraging all parts of the community to take responsibility for their neighbors.

We are very excited about all that God is going to do through this initiative and look forward to sharing the stories of hope and empowerment in the months ahead!

Village Art



Art by
Fusi

Our 13 year old shows his
talent

New Makaphutu Uniforms

By Mai (16 years old)

On 10 May 2013 at Makaphutu we had a soccer game against the students from Kearsney College. It was our first time wearing our new jerseys for the Makaphutu soccer team. The new soccer uniforms were sponsored by Holburn Insurance Brokers and the managing director Rob Burns was in attendance at the game. Makaphutu won the game with a score of 7-4.

“Kearsney is a good team. They are getting stronger,” said Lungelo, who scored the first goal of the game.

The game started at around 3 in the afternoon. The weather was cold but not raining. Everyone from the village was gathered at the soccer field to watch the game. Other people from Makaphutu who scored goals in the game were Siphwiwe, Ndinsi and Thato. The person who was the man of the match was Sizwe. Edwin, one of the Makaphutu workers, was the referee for

the game.

We are very pleased with our new uniforms and we want to say thank you to our friends that donated them. Now we look like a real team.

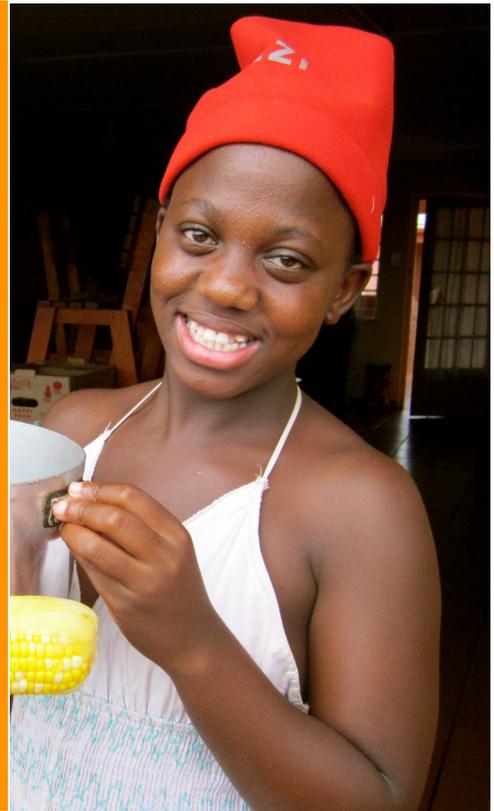
“Thank you very much for the new uniforms and may God bless you!” said Zakhele.



Celebrating

We feel so very proud of our children's achievements and we want to celebrate them! Many of our children had spent years caring for sick parents without the opportunity to attend school before they came to live with us. Their success is due to much hard work and diligence that deserves much whooping and rejoicing! So here are some of their achievements over the past 2 months:

- Siphwe and Lungelo were in their school play, Alice in Wonderland, and performed incredibly!
- Olwethu got her first A on a test!
- Xoli started a business at school that is going well.
- Fusi made the 1st Soccer Team at Forrest View Primary.
- Zali has officially launched her apron business. Buy one!



Please contact us if you would like to see our wish list!

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With Love,



Makaphutu Children and Staff

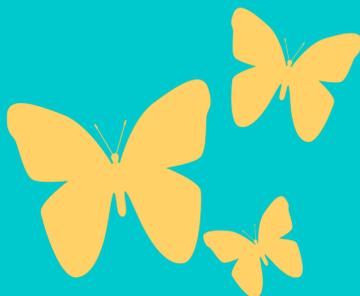
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