

BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

June 2004

Busisiwe –

Nearly every month, newborn babies are abandoned by their mothers at Jubilee Hospital in Temba. Some of these babies find loving adoptive homes within weeks... others end up spending months or years in their hospital cribs. Bethesda met a special little one while visiting Jubilee's infant ward early in 2003.



Busisiwe (Boo-see-SEE-way)

She was a nameless, tiny baby girl whose mother was too young to care for her. She was lying in her plastic bassinette with oozing sores due to lack of proper care. The nurses told us that she was blind and therefore they could not find a home for her; but as we looked into those big brown eyes that were focused on our faces and watched her follow us around the room, we wondered if the nurse's diagnosis might be inaccurate. As it turned out, this infant actually had excellent vision and was completely healthy.

When this baby girl arrived at Bethesda in March 2003, she was the answer to long-uttered prayers of houseparents Elias and Mamitjie Matjeni. After many years of waiting, the Lord had finally given them a small baby for whom to love and care. They gave her the name Busisiwe, which in the Zulu language means "blessing," and Busi has indeed been a blessing to her new parents and siblings.



Busisiwe with her big brother Shane

Busi has grown into a chubby little eighteen-month old who is overflowing with personality! She loves to imitate her big sisters and her mother as she toddles about the house and garden, and is great at making sure her voice is heard despite a limited vocabulary! We are excited to see how God will mold and use this little girl in the coming years under the loving guidance of her parents.

* Pray for Busisiwe *

- For physical health as she struggles with frequent colds and sinus infections.
- That she will come to know and love God at a tender age, and grow to worship Him in her life.