

# BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

January 2006

## Siphiwe -

We first wrote of Siphiwe two-and-a-half years ago, when he was welcomed into the home of Jones and Lenah Phago. From the age of 15 he had been attempting to care for his four younger siblings – with no job, no income, and a limited education.

Since coming to Bethesda, Siphiwe has enjoyed resuming his education, has learned the life of a God-centered family, and has come to know Christ and His grace. We have enjoyed watching him grow, as well as watching his houseparents grow as they disciple a teenage boy in what has been termed “the age of opportunity.” For the past year he and two of our other young men, Jim and Njabulo, have been learning skills through Bethesda’s Work Program, in addition to their schooling. Now at the age of 18, Siphiwe is looking toward independent living.



Siphiwe (front), Jim, Ayanda, and Njabulo on a trip to the military museum



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Siphiwe just began his first job off-site, at a petrol station in Hammanskraal, and will begin adult education this month. He, Jim, and Njabulo will continue to work and attend evening classes, and are looking toward moving off of the village property to rent their own housing in the surrounding community by July.

Siphiwe really needs your prayers as he faces the challenges of independence. Pray that he will work diligently at his job, as working for the Lord. Pray that he will be self-motivated to continue his education. And pray that he will desire to continue to grow in the Lord and walk in His ways, serving as a light to those around him.

### \* Pray for Siphiwe\*

- That he will work and study with diligence.
- That he will remember what he has learned from his parents, and will always desire to know God more, walking in His ways and lighting the darkness in the surrounding community.