

# BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

February 2006

## Shane -

You may remember being introduced to Shane in a 2003 Child of the Month. His was a story of a perfectly healthy little boy who had been living in a hospital ward for 5 years, for no other reason than that there was nobody to care for him. The ministry of Bethesda was in its very beginning stages when 5-year-old "Shaney" was removed from the hospital environment and placed within his first ever family at Bethesda. Today – four-and-a-half years later – we are delighted to see the growth and development that has taken place in his life.



Shane

Now 9 years old, Shane really enjoys attending Grade 3 at Jabulane Christian Academy where his teacher, Mrs. Maboea, has had a special influence on his life. Shane has a quick, clever mind and an inquisitive spirit that is ever seeking to comprehend a new discovery.

The oldest boy in the Matjeni household, Shane really enjoys spending time playing with his siblings. He has a sensitive nature that makes one of his biggest roles in the family that of comforter.



Kgothatso, Shane, Simon, and Bongane on a class field trip in December

Shane's parents see his inquisitiveness as his greatest strength, and they ask that you pray for God to help him to focus that strength. They also request that you pray for Shane to become a better listener, and learn to accept failure with a Biblical attitude. We see a great deal of leadership skill in Shane and look forward to seeing how God will use him throughout the next years.

### \* Pray for Shane\*

- That he will concentrated on listening well and focusing his energy
- That he will learn to accept failure and grow from each experience he encounters, ever-deepening the relationship that he has with God