

BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

August 2006

Pienkie -

In May, we introduced you to Siyabonga, who with his baby sister was found living under a bridge in Pretoria, forced to cope with a situation of abuse and neglect, and the effects of a family dealing with the continual illnesses of AIDS. That baby sister was Pienkie, who at the young age of 11-months was rescued from a desperate condition and taken with her brother to a temporary "place of safety." The children thrived in their new environment, and in May of this year God brought the children to their "forever family" here at Bethesda.

Moses and Francina Mmotlana were so excited to welcome this little one into their home. Her bright smiles, chubby cheeks, and comical imitations bring delight to the entire village.



Pienkie

Turning 2-years-old this month, Pienkie is enjoying her station as the youngest in the family, and her parents report that she is a very happy baby who absolutely loves to eat! Pienkie enjoys watching her siblings interact, and plays with anything she can get her hands on. She is a bit delayed in reaching her developmental milestones, and you can pray that God will strengthen her little legs for walking, and give her parents the wisdom to know how to help her progress as she grows. Pray as well that her new parents will have the strength and grace to meet the demands of a houseful of youngsters, and that Pienkie would come to know the love of God through them.



Pienkie cuddling with her new mommy

* Pray for Pienkie *

- That her physical development would progress on schedule
- That her biological mother would come to know the Lord before she grows weaker
- That she will come to know God's love through her new parents