

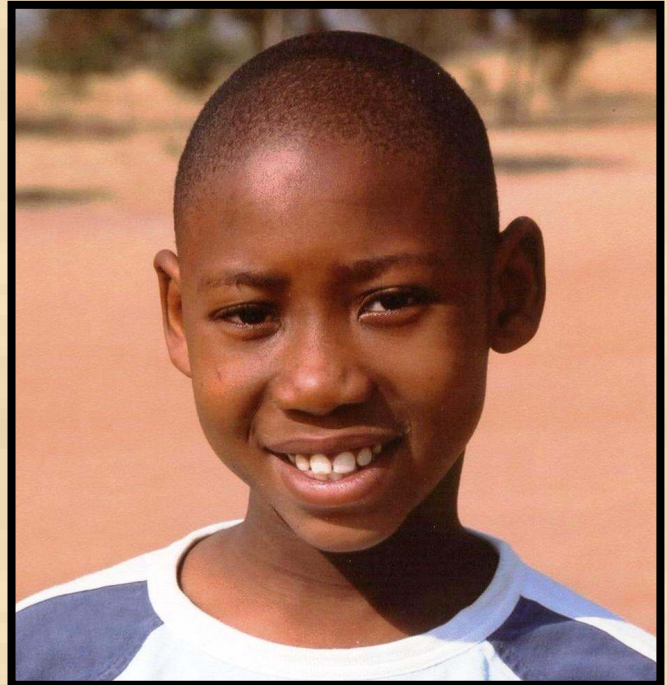
BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

October 2006

Kgothatso -

Three years ago Kgothatso was just beginning life in a new home at Bethesda. His mother was in a hospice struggling with the end-stages of AIDS, and his extended family had ostracized them for their connection with the disease. When the head of the hospice told his mother about Bethesda, she was filled with hope and relief; knowing she had only months left to live, she had feared greatly for what would become of her young son. By God's grace, Kgothatso joined the home of Elias and Mamitjie Matjeni in July of 2003, at the age of six years.

Kgothatso is now in Grade 2 enjoys imagination play with his toys, reading, visiting new places, engaging in games with his brother Shane, and flashing multitudes of big smiles!



Kgothatso

Elias and Mamitjie share that Kgothatso's role in the family is that of "helper," and he enjoys assisting in keeping the house clean and organized. He loves to talk, and is a very friendly boy who enjoys being with people.

His parents request that you pray for Kgothatso, that God would help him to cope well with his schoolwork; they pray that he would learn to focus on the matters at hand and work at them with diligence, rather than his current preference of spending much of his time daydreaming. Pray as well that he would continue to grow in his knowledge of and relationship with God, and desire to be an example of Him even at a young age.



Kgothatso with his parents and siblings

* Pray for Kgothatso *

- That he will learn to focus and work with diligence
- That he will continue to grow in his knowledge of and relationship with God