

BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

December 2006

Ayanda -

Now in his third year in the home of Fritz and Masello Shikwambane, 14-year-old Ayanda has matured in stature and wisdom as he continues through the “age of opportunity” –otherwise known as the teenage years. Ayanda and his older brother Njabulo came to Bethesda after living for nearly a year at the hospice where their mother had passed away. Njabulo recently “graduated” to independence, and Ayanda has enjoyed assuming the position of oldest boy in the home.

Ayanda enjoys practicing math, sharing in family devotional times, and like all kids his age – sleeping! ☺ He has a real talent in the sports of soccer and track, and is even assisting to coach other children at his school.



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Ayanda’s mom calls him the family “jokester,” as he really enjoys amusing others and producing reasons to smile. One of his biggest strengths lies in his ability to “get to the bottom of things”; he wants to understand a variety of topics, and is good at seeking answers to his questions. Another of Ayanda’s gifts is the ease with which he can form relationships and communicate with others. He has struggled a bit to deal with conflict in a Biblical manner, but is growing better at it with practice.

Pray that Ayanda will continue to develop self-control and that his love for the Lord and his desire to serve Him will be ever-increasing. Please also pray that his biological father and sister would come to know the Lord.



Ayanda with his parents and siblings

* Pray for Ayanda *

- That he will develop greater self-control and increase in his love for God
- That his biological father and sister would come to know the Lord