

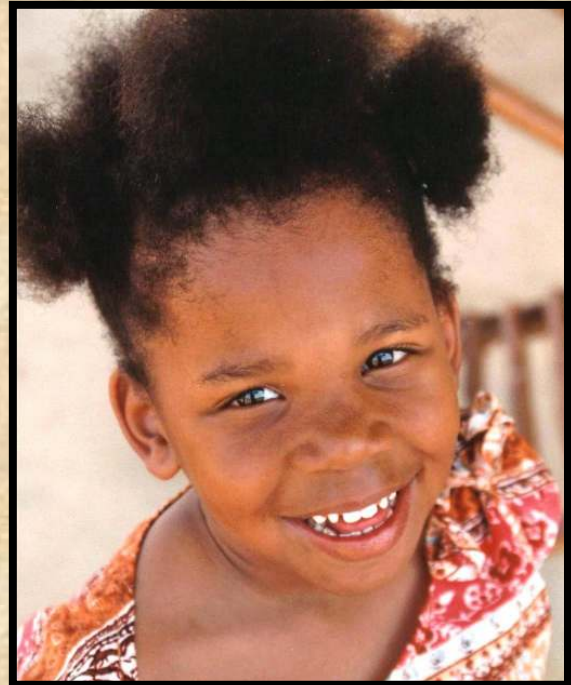
BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

April 2007

Konyana -

Last highlighted in our July 2003 Child of the Month, Konyana came to Bethesda as a tiny, nameless three-month-old baby after being abandoned as a newborn at Jubilee Hospital. Upon her arrival at Bethesda, she was given the name "Konyana," meaning "little lamb." Despite the fact that her mother was HIV positive, Konyana was a very healthy baby who quickly became known around Bethesda for her fantastically chubby arms and legs, her sweet spirit, and a charming smile.

Now 5-years-old, Konyana has lost much of her baby fat, but has not lost her sweet, sensitive spirit. She loves to give hugs and is also very vocal, providing others with no end of entertainment with the funny things she says.



Konyana
(Kone-YAH-nah)



Konyana (2nd from left) with friends at a recent birthday party

Konyana has just started her first year of school, and reportedly "sings" all of her answers in class.☺ She enjoys taking trips in the car, spending time with the elderly, and watching television. Her parents, Elias & Mamitjie Matjeni, describe her role in the family as that of "helper."

Konyana has a beautiful smile and is good at using it to cheer those around her. One of her greatest strengths – her sensitivity – is also one of her greatest struggles, as she is sometimes overcome by her emotions. Her parents ask that you pray that Konyana learns to control her emotions, and that she becomes better with working through and accepting change.

* Pray for Konyana *

- That she will use her sensitive spirit for others instead of for herself
- That she will continue to grow in her love of the One who chose her