

# BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

September 2007

## Moeletsi -

Ten-year-old Moeletsi lived in the village of Soutpan, where his mother had died three years before. His aunt had taken him in, but he spent the better half of this year watching her grow increasingly sick until she too finally passed away in June, so poor that there was not even enough money to pay for a funeral. Young Moeletsi faced a bleak future, with no other family able to care for him. But God used His church in Soutpan to reach into Moeletsi's story and paint it with hope.

Frans Manaka, Bethesda housefather and the pastor of the local church body who organized a free funeral for Moeletsi's aunt, was approached at the burial by a relative who inquired whether Bethesda might be able to care for this young boy who needed a family.



Moeletsi  
(Mow-eh-LEHT-see)



Moeletsi (right) with new siblings  
Gladness and Albert

Moeletsi, whose name means "The Adviser," joined Frans and Salome Manaka in their Bethesda home in July. His new parents describe him as a loving boy who "likes to giggle a lot!" He is now in Grade 3 at Jabulane Christian Academy, and enjoys reading, helping others, and imitating his new father.

Moeletsi is no stranger to prayer, and you can pray that his relationship with God continues to grow and develop even with the changes he has made in the past few months. Pray also that he will quickly grow fluent in the English language as he seeks to progress well with his studies in his new school.

### \* Pray for Moeletsi \*

- That he will grow in his relationship with God as he copes with change
- That he will quickly grow fluent in English and progress well in his schoolwork