

# BETHESDA CHILD OF THE MONTH

February 2008

## Maria -

Maria and her brother Stephen came to Bethesda just before Christmas 2007. They were welcomed into the Shikwambane family and are adjusting quickly to their new surroundings.

Maria was looking after herself and her younger brother while her parents were heavily involved with alcohol. They were removed from their parent's home and placed in a new foster home. This home did not provide adequate supervision and guidance for the children and their social worker soon decided to remove them. She knew of Bethesda and chose to place them here.

Maria has started school and is enjoying getting to know her seven other siblings!



Maria with her friend Rose



Maria

Seven year old Maria enjoys playing with her new friends, laughing, and working around the house. She loves to help with chores!

Her parents, Fritz and Masello describe her as a serious little girl but also full of girlish giggles. She loves to get places quickly and is known in their family for walking very fast!

Maria has a willing heart to learn new things and grasps new concepts quickly. She is learning to handle disagreements correctly as well as learning to talk to her parents when she is troubled. We look forward to seeing Maria continue to grow and change for God's glory!

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### \* Pray for Maria \*

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- That she will adjust well to her new family at Bethesda
- That she will understand and accept Jesus as her Saviour