



"GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, CALL ON HIS NAME; MAKE KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS WHAT HE HAS DONE. SING TO HIM, SING PRAISE TO HIM; TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL ACTS. GLORY IN HIS HOLY NAME; LET THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO SEEK THE LORD REJOICE." PSALM 105:1-3

These verses express "a bit" of the joy we have in our hearts as we received the LONG-AWAITED report today regarding a new piece of property we have prayed about since last fall. The shouts of praise have gone up from Hammanskraal as the official news came that the **consent to build has been granted!!!!** We are overjoyed at the realization that the process of building the village can finally begin, knowing that the wait has been long, but God has proved faithful in each and every way.

We anticipate much activity in the weeks to come as we are free to start the initial ground work! Praise the Lord! Prior to beginning construction, the building plans need to be approved, which is only possible now that the consent to build has been given. The first phase will include child care homes, education facilities, recreation and multi-purpose facilities, as well as administrative facilities. We are currently working through the purchase of the land, but have been granted access to the property by the owner. Yesterday, we were given the keys to the existing house on the property, and the Cedarville University team was able to begin cleaning it up so that it is ready for the Shikwaumbane's, our next houseparent couple, to move in. As we add yet another family to the Bethesda family, we rejoice in the knowledge that eight more children will have the opportunity to receive HOPE for their future and LIFE for eternity!

These are exciting days and we want each of you to know how grateful we are for your continued support and prayers. God has heard and answered the cry of our hearts (and yours!) to see orphan children brought from the depths of despair to know the love of a family, and more importantly, the love of God! Continue to pray that Bethesda will be a ministry that magnifies Christ as we seek to raise up disciples of Christ, bringing glory to God. God's timing is perfect and His ways are higher!! Thank you and please take a minute to express thanksgiving to God for GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

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