



Our Neighbours Ministry Incorporating Isaiah's Homes of Love

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Babies Home
Update

Mthandazo has Eye Surgery to remove Cataracts

Baby Mthandazo was born at Mpilo Hospital in Bulawayo on 23~08~2008. His mother passed away shortly after his birth and he was placed into the care of Isaiah's in October with no trace of relatives or any extended family.

Mtha was born with juvenile cataracts in each eye. His condition was picked up when he was only a few months old but became much more noticeable as he grew older, squinting to get a better view. Mtha has coped very well considering his vision is extremely blurred in both eyes but, as always, children are flexible and learn to adapt in such circumstances. He knows his way around the home with ease, running in and out of each room. He is a very happy young boy who is forever smiling and laughing, he is always willing to engage in an adventure, and loves to sing and listen to music.



Though Mthandazo may not be able to distinguish faces from a distance, his sense of hearing is incredible, and this helps him identify those visiting. He loves motor vehicles and will often be seen taking a close look at any vehicle which arrives at the Home.

The extent of the damage in Mthandazo's eyes is not really known and having seen a few people regarding his condition it was always said that only after surgery will we really be able to tell how good his eyesight will be.

Two weeks ago we took Mthandazo to see Dr. Sarkiss and were excited to hear that she was willing to perform the surgery for us, and would give us a schedule date within the week. Not only were we thrilled to hear that surgery was going to be performed locally but also that she was willing to do this without charge for this precious toddler. At local Government hospitals all children under 5 years old receive free hospital care.



Yet again we can testify to God's hand of provision for these precious children in our care.



On Monday 6th February, Mthandazo was admitted to Richard Morris Hospital which is the Eye Care Unit of the United Bulawayo Hospitals. Admission took about 3 hours which can be quite a long time for an active 3½ year old.

One of the things I noticed most once we had been booked in was that the staff in this unit took such pride in their ward. The ward and corridor were spotlessly clean and continually being cleared and wiped down. The corridor leading up to the ward was lined with small plant pots, each about a meter apart, and very pretty I must add, with one on each window sill.



Mthandazo has Eye Surgery

The first of Mthandazo's two surgeries took place on Tuesday at 8.00am and we are pleased to report that he managed this well. After recovery he was brought back to the ward at around 11am. The pain was managed through regular pain medication but it was hard to watch him try to settle down. Mtha loves to suck his left thumb and as the first operation was to his right eye it was difficult for him to lie on his side and find the comfort he is used to.



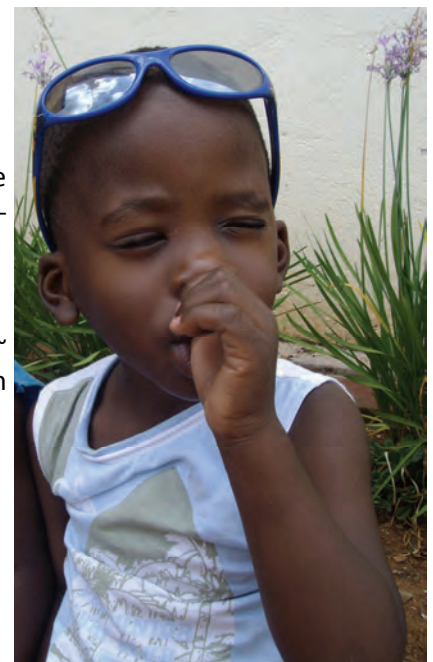
It was 5 days before Mthandazo fully opened his eyes and this had me a little worried for those few days. It is understandable though that suddenly there is this huge influx of light into his eye and not forgetting all the new things he is now seeing which previously, were just a shadow in his sight. Whilst it is very exciting for us to see his operation take place to restore his vision, I figure it must be quite scary for this little tot. Thankfully he has constant 24/7 care with familiar faces by his side, Esther and Tracey have shared a few funny stories of the individual times spent with Mthandazo. Today he told Tracey she must pack everything off the bed because it is looking untidy... this just shows he can see more now than he did before.

He has become a special little guy to the nursing staff in the hospital too.

Mthandazo has remained in Richard Morris Hospital for recovery from the first surgery and has been booked for his second cataract removal operation on Thursday 16th February.

Please join us as we pray for another successful operation for Mthandazo ~ for a full and speedy recovery, we thank the Lord for all the healing which has already taken place.

*Thank you for your love and support
in the work we do with these precious children.
Luv 'n' friendship always ~ Sis'Bee*



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