



Supporting orphans and vulnerable children

Dear Friends,

We just returned from our annual visit to South Africa where we met with all forty-one children in our program. Twenty-three girls are receiving full support along with others who receive assistance for food, shelter, clothing, and school fees.

Our visit this year was very special because our daughter, Amy, and granddaughter, Maggie, traveled to South Africa and spent time with us. They helped on outreach visits and gave lots of time to St. Brendan's high school learners. It was a joy to have them with us.

During our stay, we launched a new mentoring program for our learners in grades 11 and 12. We know that children who have no role model or vision of the possibilities for their futures, find post-high school life exceptionally challenging. We've arranged for a panel of three young women, who are former St. Brendan's students and are now successfully participating in the careers of their choice, to meet with our girls as part of a formal career/life guidance program. We can't wait to see the results.

Maggie & John Williams

You're Invited!

Our annual Bakhita Charities Appreciation and Awareness Gathering will be held at 7:00 pm on April 24, 2023 at:

Christ the Redeemer Church
2700 Waldon Road
Lake Orion

We'll share information on our recent visit to South Africa, show photos, tell stories, and discuss your questions and comments.

All are welcome.

Irene's Story Continues — In a Good Way

A few years ago, we told the story of Irene Letswalo. We first met her when she came to Bakhita Village in 2014. Her mother was suffering from an illness and was incapable of caring for Irene.

In 2017 as Irene's mother became healthier, she took Irene back home and the Bakhita Outreach Team helped look after the family – taking them food, clothing, water, and medicine.

The Team worked with Irene, often tutoring her in difficult class lessons. They encouraged Irene to do her best at school so that she could join other Bakhita girls at St. Brendan's when she reached grade 8.

This year, Irene wore her new school uniform proudly as she entered St. Brendan's Boarding School where she'll receive care, food, and good education opportunities. She's doing well in her new setting. It's one more step – but a good one – as we count the many reasons that we thank all of you for your ongoing support and donations.



2015



2017



2019



2023

Some of Our Favorite Photos

Our granddaughter Maggie helped bring joy to everyone you see here.



Thank You for Your Donations

We are most grateful for all your kind and generous donations. Your gifts make it possible for us to continue this work for these kids who have so little. We personally pay all expenses, so 100% of your donations go directly to the children. We make our requests through this one-page newsletter, twice per year.



After food, clothing, shelter, and health care; we focus on education as a way to break the cycle of generational poverty. School fees have increased, so every dollar you give is needed and appreciated.

Bakhita Charities is a 501c3 charitable organization and all donations are fully tax-deductible. You can donate by check, credit card, PayPal, the website, or by pointing your smartphone at this QR code.



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