



Supporting orphans and vulnerable children

Dear Friends,

John just returned from his April visit to South Africa, which was successful and uplifting. This year Maggie stayed home to help daughter Eve as she underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer. The surgery was also a success and we were again uplifted by everyone's prayers.

During the past year, COVID has deeply affected the lives of the children that Bakhita Charities supports. The country lockdowns, the deaths of loved ones, and the closure of schools has made life even more difficult than usual. Through generous donors, we are continuing to support:

Seven primary-school girls living with guardians in area villages

Twenty-two secondary-school girls at St. Brendan's Boarding School

Fifteen older girls attending universities or vocational schools

Each girl has her own unique story of poverty, abandonment, abuse, or neglect. Because of many kind, caring people who have given generously to Bakhita Charities, each girl also has another unique story. It is a story of hope, opportunity, and happiness. Thank you.

Maggie & John Williams

What We Do When We Visit



Outreach Team Visits



Gifts from USA



Boys Bracelets from USA



Feeding Hungry People



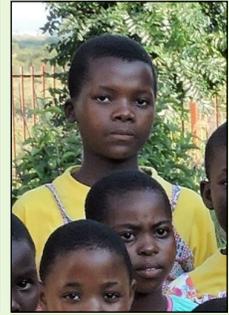
A Gift for Mom

Introducing Ester

Ester is a quiet and soft-spoken grade 11 student at St. Brendan's High School. As a young child, she moved into Bakhita Village as she had no parents or any other guardian to look after her. We could tell right away that she was bright and very well-mannered.



In South Africa, children enter high school in grade eight and it is often a struggle for them to acclimate to a high school setting, but Ester managed well. Her problems began in the grade nine due to bullying by some students who didn't like that she was quiet and wanted to follow rules. It became quite a serious situation, one that required intervention. These challenges led to Ester having to repeat grade nine. It was a very difficult time for her.



Through lots of heart-felt talks with our colleague, Sr. Rotee, and support from Bakhita Charities, Ester became that kind, quiet and bright girl that we remembered. She really is an absolute delight; doing well at school and set to graduate in 2022.

Ester gave us a letter saying, "I can never thank everyone for all that you have done for me. I will return the favor by studying hard and achieving good results. No matter how badly I failed, I always knew that you would treat me like a winner."

After graduating from high school, Ester plans to go on to university and earn a law degree to pursue a career in the Justice System of South Africa. She believes that she can really offer help to others who are navigating a difficult situation. And just as she will make a difference in lives of others, all our generous donors have made a life-changing difference for her.



A Special Request

Generally, we limit our requests for donations to this one-page newsletter, twice per year. We are always humbled by your generous contributions that enable us to care for these children. However, at this time, we have a special need.

Our Outreach Team needs a vehicle. They travel lots of hard miles visiting the girls in remote villages, taking sick girls to the clinic, and running countless errands. We've coaxed the old Bakhita vehicle along for many years with tires, batteries, and lots of engine repairs. At this time, it's just worn out and is basically unreliable and not as safe as we'd like.



Two of our kind supporters have offered to match all donations received in the months of May and June up to a max of \$10,000 each. So all May and June donations will be tripled and if they are enough, the Team will get their vehicle!

We personally pay all expenses, so 100% of your donation goes directly to the children. You can donate by check, credit card or PayPal through the mail or on the website or by pointing the camera on your smartphone at this QR Code. Thank you.

