

#### Dear Friends,

We recently returned from our annual month-long visit to South Africa. While there, we saw every child being supported by Bakhita Charities, along with guardian families and needy people in area villages. During our stay we also:

- Organized a Gathering Day to bring together Bakhita girls to celebrate and share stories
- Distributed all the beautiful gift bags supplied by wonderful donors
- Had a one-on-one conversation with each of our girls in St. Brendan's to assess their well-being
- Delivered small gifts to boarding staff, kitchen workers, and others who look after our girls
- Purchased twelve months of school supplies for our St. Brendan's learners
- Purchased six months of food parcels for our Outreach families
- Organized a trip to the optometrist for our girls that needed eye exams and glasses
- Visited and made a donation to the local preschool for the work they do for local youngsters

Each day was full. Each day we thought of our generous donors who make it all possible.

Maggie & John Hilliams

## Awe Inspiring

Each year, during our visit to South Africa, everyone waits in anticipation for the beautiful gift bags that have been prepared by loving and generous USA friends. The gifts are received with enthusiasm and gratitude. A new dress, a book, a toy can bring incredible joy. We thank all of you who participated in this awe-inspiring project.



## All Are Welcome

Our annual Bakhita Appreciation and Awareness Gathering will be April 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Christ the Redeemer Church, 2700 Waldon Road, Lake Orion. There will be lots of stories, photos of African children you've helped, and a lively Q&A discussion.



#### Some Favorite Photos



# Thank You for Your Donations

We are deeply grateful for all your generous ongoing support. Your donations make it possible to continue this work for these kids who have so little. We personally pay all expenses, so 100% of each donation goes directly to the children. We solicit family and friends 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. All these costs 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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