



Supporting orphans and vulnerable children

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Bakhita Charities. We have begun preparations for our visit to South Africa in January 2022. Part of our mission is to personally know and stay connected with each child who is being helped by your donations, and our annual visit makes that possible. While we are in Africa, we'll keep in touch through blog posts on the Bakhita website.

We are grateful to all of you who support Bakhita Charities. You made it possible for forty-four girls to get a full year of food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. The Bakhita Outreach Team was able to take food parcels to guardian families and offer tutoring to the children during school shutdowns. Thank you. You are awesome!

In the words of one of our Bakhita girls who graduated from St. Brendan's last year,

"I love you so much and pray daily so that God can keep you going for all of us, especially me. Just knowing that someone cares for me when I have no family members to help or share my disappointments or joys. Please keep doing the work that you are doing and thank you for never giving up on me. I promise that you will not regret all that you have done."

Your support enables her dreams to become her reality.

Maggie & John Williams

Gift Bags

Every year, we take 100 pounds of gifts with us to South Africa. A very special part of the visit is giving a personalized gift bag to each of the children that we are supporting. They know that it is especially for them and has been purchased and packed with love by someone who really cares.



If you would like to prepare one of these gift bags, please let us know. We'll give you the name, size and specific items for your recipient and take the gift with us to South Africa. In return, you'll receive a photo from a very happy child.

Bakhita Outreach Vehicle

Thank you! You did it!

In May, after returning from South Africa, we made a special request for donations to purchase a much-needed vehicle for our Bakhita Outreach Team. The Team travels to remote villages delivering food, taking children for medical care and checking on school progress. And the old vehicle needed constant repairs and did not seem as safe as we'd like.

Our loyal supporters came through in an amazing outpouring of generosity. Each donation was tripled, thanks to two matching donors, making the purchase of the new vehicle possible. Honestly, it's a dream come true.



Continuing Education

Many years ago, we committed to paying all education expenses through grade 12 for girls who were living at Bakhita Village. Later, we came to realize that many of those who graduated were thirsting for further education. They had the desire and academic qualities that made it a possibility.



After meeting with several of the high school graduates, we agreed to help them get their tertiary education. South Africa awards tuition scholarships to earnest students who qualify as low income with high academic skills. But it is still very difficult – with no family or support system – to manage their everyday living expenses. So, we give those students a living expense grant. It pays for their room, food and transportation. As a grantee, they agree to be transparent about their grades and progress in school. We also require them to give back to their community by helping others.

This year fifteen students are receiving the living expense grant. As a donor, you are helping them to be the change that will make their corner of the world a better place.



Outreach in the Villages



Thanks for the Gifts



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Some Give by Going . . . Others Go by Giving

Friends often say, "We wish we could go with you" and we often reply, "When you donate, you do!"

You take food to primary school kids and their families. You pay school fees and boarding fees for secondary school students. You pay living expenses for tertiary students to pursue a job skill or a diploma. Your donations provide so much for these kids who have so little. On each visit, we're mindful that donations of family and friends make these miracles possible.

We personally pay all expenses, so 100% of your donation goes directly to the children. Bakhita Charities is a 501c3 charitable organization and all donations are tax-deductible. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your 401k or IRA. You can donate stock. 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.

