



Supporting orphans and vulnerable children

Dear Friends,

We just returned from our annual visit to South Africa where we continue our mission of caring for vulnerable children who have been orphaned or abandoned and living in extreme poverty. While there, we met with everyone who is supported by Bakhita Charities.

- We visited all our Outreach children and guardian families, supplying them with food and distributing the beautiful gift bags that so many of our friends donated.
- This year, twelve of our twenty Bakhita girls are high school seniors. We met with each of them and held information sessions regarding their tertiary education choices.
- The number of Bakhita girls attending a university or trade school is increasing quickly as more of them graduate from St. Brendan's. We connected with all of them as they are now starting or renewing their applications for assistance.

During our visit this year, we had to face the harsh reality of our government's withdrawing humanitarian aid to Africa, particularly the long-standing supply of HIV/AIDS medications and treatment centers. These decisions have demolished programs that were rescuing millions of children around the world from AIDS, starvation, and disease. Helpless children will die needlessly.

It feels hopeless at times, but we were inspired by the following quote from Margaret Moses:

"Our work depends on us not looking at the whole problem. We must see the few people in our care and limit our attention to them. . . if we started to see what we aren't getting done, we would be able to do nothing at all. As it is, we are doing something . . . "

After thinking about those inspiring words, we enlarged our circle of care to include three more families who need basics to stay alive. We can't provide the medications or vaccines they need, but with your help, we can feed them, keep the kids in school, and offer some hope for the future.

Maggie & John Williams

You're Invited!

Our annual Bakhita Charities Appreciation and Awareness Gathering will be held at 7:00 pm on April 28, 2025 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.



Some of Our Favorite Photos

The Sacred Heart Sisters loved their new scarves from the USA.



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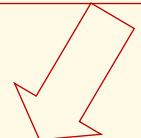
We are most grateful for all your kind and generous donations. Your gifts make it possible for us to continue this work for these kids who have so little. We personally pay all expenses, so 100% of your donations go directly to the children. We make our requests through this one-page newsletter, twice 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, especially for grade 12, and we really need your support.

You can donate by check, credit card, PayPal, the website, or by pointing your smartphone at this QR code.



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