



Supporting orphans and vulnerable children

Dear Friends,

We returned home on March 1 after six full and beautiful weeks with our Bakhita Family in South Africa. The time was filled with some successes, a few challenges, and plenty of everyday joy and fellowship.

What kept us busy for six weeks? Here's just a glimpse:

- Meeting with every person—young, old, and in between—who is supported by Bakhita Charities*
- Paying school fees and purchasing school supplies for our fourteen St. Brendan's students*
- Helping several of our 2025 St. Brendan's graduates apply and begin their tertiary education*
- Visiting markets and warehouses to purchase months' worth of staple foods and household items for the Outreach Team's monthly deliveries*
- Working with village leaders, builders, and suppliers to complete two new houses and make repairs to others for families in urgent need*
- Tackling several tricky repairs on the Bakhita vehicle—jobs that are difficult for the Sisters to manage on their own*

We always return home feeling blessed, energized, and deeply grateful. Your generosity—whether through prayer, encouragement, or financial support—brings hope to our entire Bakhita Family. You make this work possible, and we carry your kindness with us in every visit, every home, and every child's smile.

With gratitude,

Maggie & John Williams



You're Invited!

Join us for the Bakhita Charities Appreciation and Awareness Gathering on April 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Christ the Redeemer Church
2700 Waldon Road, Lake Orion

We'll share stories, photos, and highlights from our recent South Africa visit.

All are welcome.



New Hope for Annah

During our visit, we witnessed something extraordinary: the generosity of donors whose kindness has become concrete hope for families in desperate need. We'd like to share how this grace unfolded.

Two of our longtime, deeply-committed donors were especially concerned about the unsafe housing conditions faced by several Bakhita Outreach families. Their compassion sparked a project none of us had imagined when we began this work—rebuilding houses for those in the most fragile situations.



Annah's situation was urgent. Despite significant physical and mental challenges, she cared for her children with quiet unwavering love. Their home—long beyond repair—had become unsafe. It had to come down so that they could begin again.

The Housing Team met with village authorities to confirm that the land was properly assigned to Annah. Once approved, we moved quickly. We hired a builder, purchased materials, and

within days the old structure was gone and construction had begun.



The new home is a simple two-room house, similar to many in the area, built with care and dignity. It has solid doors and windows, a sturdy single-pitch roof, plastered and painted walls, and even a small front porch. It's wired and uses a "pay as you go" meter box so that Annah can buy electricity.

Annah is deeply grateful. Her new home offers safety and a renewed sense of hope for the future.



With Heartfelt Gratitude

The work of Bakhita Charities continues because of your generosity. Each gift—whether monthly, annually, in honor of a loved one, through a donor-advised fund, or as part of an estate plan—carries a profound spirit of compassion. We are deeply grateful.



Because we personally cover all administrative and travel expenses, **100% of every donation goes directly to the children and families we serve.** Your support provides food, clothing, housing, and essential health care. Just as importantly, it opens the door to education, which remains the surest path out of generational poverty.

Donations may be made by check, credit card, PayPal, our website, or by scanning the QR code.

