

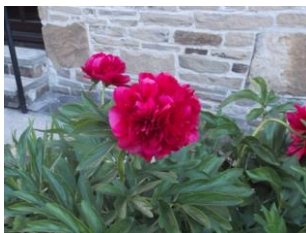
## IN THE NAME OF JESUS

This month Gladys and I were invited to a training day on bereavement and children at Sunflower House children's hospice. It was very good and we realised that we are doing a lot for the children and families regarding this. The majority of children we visit have suffered loss of one or both parents.

The training has encouraged us to look creatively at how we can help the families more.



This little child's name means 'flower' and she is cared for by her foster mother. She is 2years old but is the size of a 9 month old baby. She cannot walk and is withdrawn. However since we have been helping – she has started trying to walk, and has begun smiling and joining in with activities which we have been doing with her and her sister.





A new family, both children have health problems, the youngest has a tracheostomy and the oldest child was hit by a car when he was playing, the car running off the road and into him. He has weakness down his left side and damage to his eye and brain. This family cannot get any help here in South Africa because they come from Lesotho. They are a great inspiration in how they manage in desperate circumstances.



Sophie – featured in the last prayer letter continues to do well and grow in faith – she is busy in her back garden, and has plans to grow vegetables. **Left** – last week – uprooting the tree  
**Below** – this week – the ground is ready – next week planting





Some of the people cannot read or write. Here Gladys helps Mathabo learn the ABC. We have asked her neighbour to help her and we visit each week to help her. She attends an afternoon school but they have not discovered that she cannot read or write.



Each Saturday we continue to meet with the girls and we now are studying the scriptures. This week we looked at Our body is a temple of God. It is the place where God dwells. One of the girls wrote 'I become very sad when people shout at me and I always cry and I didn't know God was with me or in me but this time, I'm getting stronger because Christ is inside of me !'

At the bereavement training we were informed that South Africa has a very high rate of suicide in the 14 – 15 year olds. This week one of

the girls wrote to me to say that she felt like committing suicide. She is 13 years old and an orphan. I am so grateful to God for the training and for leading us to do this work and opening the way to minister to these children.

## **PRAYER POINTS:**

For the child who feels suicidal

'For Little flower' to grow and get stronger

For the Mathabo who is learning to read

For Sophie to continue growing in faith

For the girls group on a Saturday

For Gladys and her daughter Mina and her schooling

Thanks that Maria has gained employment and

For Mimi who has taken over her mother's role

For Ellen who is a new lady and is critically ill

For Delysia who makes the blankets and prays for us – as she moves into a old age village

Thanks for Sunflower House who are helping us a lot

Thanks for the bereavement training

Thanks for great provision of extra food for the people

Thanks for the toys and clothes donated to us

For Mary who has to return to hospital because the cataract op has not been successful ( we use her house for the children)

Thanks for answers to prayer for encouragement

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