

Cryan Prayer Update

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**"Compassionate
Family Care for
African Orphans"**



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Do you read "Country" magazine? It features a one-page article entitled "A View from our Backyard." Below you will see "A View from our Sideyard" - students in the playground before school.



DID YOU KNOW?

In South Africa, the school year starts in January. At the start of this school year in addition to our own 32 school-age children, we welcomed 38 children from local communities and a nearby orphan ministry. Another way Bethesda is reaching "beyond the walls."

Book recommendation of the month: **UNFASHIONABLE** by Tullian Tchividjian

Training...

Roger's topics at our most recent Continuing Education meeting were "A Biblical View of Sex" and "Teaching Your Children a Biblical View of Sex." Historically, this has been an untouchable subject in the African culture. But, it is certainly a much needed subject in this HIV/AIDS ridden country. Our houseparents are still talking about how much the CE helped them and their families. They also plan to use the material in their churches.



Training...

Carol is teaching chapel again this trip. Since the school enrollment increased by 40% this year, she is able to teach the younger ones on Wednesday and the older students on Friday. Name meanings are very important in the African culture. Using the meanings of the names of each of the students as a springboard, she is teaching precious truths about our God through a study of His names.



Training...

An area Couples Fellowship held their monthly meeting at the Bethesda property this month. For a 3rd time, Roger was invited to speak to this group. His topic was "Building Oneness through Solving Problems Biblically."



DID YOU KNOW?

Bethesda's influence stretches far beyond our walls. Our Hands of Mercy Ministry assists local churches in meeting the needs of orphaned children who live within their own communities.



One such ministry was the dream of Bethesda houseparents, Elias and Mamitjie Matjeni. Through their church and with the help of Bethesda and others, they feed 150+ orphans and vulnerable children each week day. They minister to the sick and dying in their township. Their newest outreach is to vulnerable teen girls caught in the deadly cycle of sin which perpetuates the HIV/AIDS pandemic.