

Our mission as a non-profit organization is to provide funding for Christ-centered care and hope to orphaned and vulnerable children.



"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." *Matthew 25:40*

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YA BANA VILLAGE - A LOVE LETTER FROM THE GREEN HOUSE



Thank you for joining us as we "spotlight" our second Ya Bana Village Cluster House family.

Mama Christina, whom everyone calls "Tiny", has been the Green House mother for four years. In her words, she decided to become a house mother because "I believe taking care of children is a part of my ministry—not so much a decision as a calling—so that I can help these children to have a sense of belonging."

Her responsibilities include assuring the children have a balanced diet, are clean and well-cared for, are up-to-date with their reading and homework, praying for them, "instilling values in them that will last eternally, and nurturing the potential God has planted in their hearts." Mama Tiny says her greatest challenge as a house mother is dealing with water shortages in the village.

Mama Tiny has 8 children living with her (although this picture includes Leah, a daily visitor pictured in the pink and white dress). The children all love outdoor games like soccer, camping and wish their playground had more swings and a swimming pool. But here is some additional interesting information about the children. Amina, age 8, is a great story teller and Adija, age 8, a champion soccer player. Hlonolofatso, age 12, is an incredible artist and cook. Grace, age 8, is celebrated for her beautiful voice. Khumo, age 9, is another great soccer player. Prince, age 3, has future engineer potential with his ability to take apart and reassemble almost anything. Princess, age 3, is a true little princess who loves to sing. Thato, age 9, loves to read. When the older children were asked about their dream jobs when they grow up, they mentioned teacher, social worker, nurse, soldier, policeman, fireman, engineer, doctor, chef, and professional soccer player.

WELCOME THESE NEW CHILDREN TO YA BANA VILLAGE



Otsepile



**Mama Rebecca with
Junior, Payden and Jayden**



Social Worker Mizek with Katlego

A THANK YOU LETTER FROM SOLLY

The following is a thank you letter from a wonderful young man named Solly whom the Mabopane Foundation was privileged to help as a child through the Love In Action Shelter. He is now an adult with his own family and has a desire to “pay it forward” by helping other children at Ya Bana Village.

Hello Mama Becky,

Greetings to you and Papa Stanley. I hope that you are ALL well and in good health. We are doing well by God’s grace. My wife is great and my son is growing fast. It is such a beautiful thing to witness as he progresses through the early years and the energy he possesses. He is such a rock star! Almost every night we get to watch him “perform” in our living room!

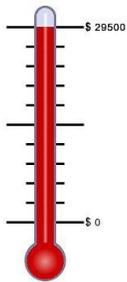
I mentioned that I had been trying to raise funds through my company in order to make a donation to help Ya Bana Village. I am happy to report to you that through God’s mercies, I was able to make a donation of R65 000 on Friday. (*This is equivalent to almost \$5,000! Solly indicated by What’s App that he would like this to go towards the Mabopane Foundation Matching Grant.*) This is something that has made me extremely happy and proud to know that I could give back to the very organization that was established by the people that are responsible for the person I have become.

I really wish to be involved even more than just donating money. I know in time I will find programs that I could be involved in to assist the kids. Perhaps we can assist one of the elderly kids in finding an internship or entry level job. I am sure this will be possible. I believe that this is the start of a great chapter and in time we will be able to do more to assist. God is opening up new doors and new opportunities for us.

I just wanted to share this good news with you and to let you know that you are very special to us and we think of you always. ALL of you are very special to us—even those whom we don’t know who do all the menial jobs to make the Mabopane Foundation a success. I hope to write to you soon on how else we can assist the foundation. Take care Mama Becky and Papa Stanley.

God Bless your hearts, Solly

MATCHING GIFT UPDATE



We are beyond excited and truly in awe to announce the \$29,500 matching gift has been abundantly met! Praise God for this joyous gift. God “who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine” used loyal supporters and first time givers to finish what He started. This matching gift enables Ya Bana Village to meet some tremendous needs; including a second passenger van for the growing village of 50+ children, reliable internet for the Ya Bana staff, school, and youth for studies, skill improvement, and employment, plus scholarships for continued education or skills training to the young men and women of the Youth Living Center. Thank you EVERYONE for your generosity and thank you to our generous “Match Gifter”. You may still contribute directly to Ya Bana Village or any other designated area through our [Online Giving](#) . 100% given to Ya Bana Village supports the ongoing monthly operational costs, including the soon to be opened “White House”.

YA BANA VILLAGE SOON TO HAVE ITS’ OWN “WHITE HOUSE”

Ya Bana Children’s Village is nearing completion of the eighth Cluster House. Ron Whitehouse, a faithful volunteer, ministry partner of many years, and two term board member of the Mabopane Foundation, raised full funding for building this house by donating his time painting houses. This endeavor of love and perseverance took almost four years to accomplish. Jeanne, Ron’s wife, also faithfully served the Foundation during this time by working directly at the Mission House to prepare for sales and during sale events. The new Cluster House will be named the “White House” in honor of Ron and Jeanne’s tremendous love and sacrifice.

The 2018 golf tournament is dedicated to raising the necessary funds for the first operational months of the White House. Giving eight more children the opportunity to live, grow, and discover all that God has purposed for their lives.

GET SIGNED UP!!! IT IS TEE TIME!

Mabopane Foundation's 2018 fundraising golf tournament will be held at the Lonnie Poole Golf Course at NC State University on Monday, November 5 from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Come have fun while supporting the eighth YaBana Village Cluster House. Team captains and players needed!! See our website and flyer for information on how to sponsor or play in the tournament at www.mabopanekids.org/golf-tournament.html

PRAYERS FOR BECKY'S NEXT TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA

Becky is traveling to South Africa from August 26th through September 24th and seeks your prayers for travel mercies. During her stay, please pray doors are opened for her to share the Gospel; the time she shares with Carina, the Volunteer Executive Director, is fruitful; especially as they discern God's way forward for Ya Bana and that they seek God's voice before making decisions. She seeks time to spend with the children and the opportunity for many photos and videos of our Ya Bana family. Both will be used for a new DVD to show God's Bountiful Blessings. While she is away, pray for her family in the States, as well as the Mabopane family of volunteers as they "hold down the fort" of monthly Mission House Pop-up Sales and donation collections at the shelter each day. One last request, pray that each sale bring bountiful amounts of revenue. The monthly operational cost to support Ya Bana Village will permanently increase with the opening of the eighth Cluster House.

MORE GOOD NEWS!

World of Vision, a South African company, recently provided free eye examinations and prescription glasses to children at Ya Bana Village. Eight children benefited from this service. This was the first time since 2005 that a service of this type has been available. In 2005 Dr. John Marshall and three of his associates from Carolina Vision Associates traveled to South Africa, with Becky and Stanley's family, to render these services. Praise God for the gift of clear sight!!!



Ya Bana Village recently arranged for a Driver's License Agency representative to offer driving classes to staff and folks from the surrounding community at the Village. This was a rare opportunity and generated quite a bit of excitement as shown in this picture.

MISSION HOUSE NEEDS

1. A kitchen/dining room table and chairs are needed to create a focal point when our shoppers enter the Mission House. Used for displaying sets of china, silverware, and glassware; these items are always a significant source of revenue. Please consider donating or asking someone else who has a table/chair set that "needs a new home".
2. Small Electronic Cash Register needed for checkout. Our cashiers have been extremely patient with the use of a money box and calculator all these years. God continues to grow the Pop-up Sales and a cash register or designated monetary donation for the purchase of a cash register would be a tremendous blessing. Contact Marjorie at admin@mabopanekids.org or make a Mission House Expenses designated contribution through [Online Giving](#). Enter "cash register" under Notes on the second page.
3. Saturday volunteers needed. Starting in July, the Saturday Pop-up Sale time changed to 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in hopes of attracting more shoppers AND volunteers who prefer to sleep a little late on Saturday mornings. With the time change, perhaps an entire family can volunteer to serve together—a wonderful opportunity for children to witness the blessing of serving others. There are numerous opportunities that require no special training, just a willing heart. Contact Marjorie at admin@mabopanekids.org to learn more and sign up.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mabopane Foundation is accepting Board of Director applications for the January 2019 term. We are seeking individuals with passion, humor, and creativity to play a role in the building of Ya Bana Village – people who will donate their "time, treasure, and talent". All talents are welcomed but we are particularly seeking applicants skilled in Marketing/Advertising, Engineers, and/or Contractors to complement the current Board of Directors.

Contact Marjorie at admin@mabopanekids.org for additional details and/or an application.

WEBSITE 2.0

We hope you enjoy our recently updated website and learn something new about the glorious ministry supported through your time, talent, treasure, and prayers. <http://www.mabopanekids.org/>