

Buckets & Mops

A visit to the village chief secured the rental of the property, so we got to work on cleaning it.



I am hoping that the annex room will be ready to be tackled by the start of June.



The house has got two rooms and a small annex room. There is electricity to the house and running water - there is even a tap inside the house. We have lifted the floor coverings, cemented the floor, plastered the cracks, washed the walls and repainted in the back room. I hope to do the front room/kitchen in the next couple of weeks.

The small annex room needs a bit more work and I am waiting for the builder to finish fixing the lintel. Please pray - he is causing me a little bit of a problem!



More About the Boys

Earlier last month, I took a young lad, Kelebohile, down to MIS. He had not been on the street very long, and I was worried about him, not least that he was missing school and he appears to be a very bright boy indeed. Our place is not ready yet for him, and he was desperate to move off the street.

The good news is that Kelebohile is still at MIS. He is doing really well, attending school every day and impressing every one there with his brilliant English. He has adapted to the rules and is settling in well.

Having Faith before Understanding

People regularly tell me that the boys on the streets are a waste of time and that they will steal from you as soon as look at you. At times, it makes me worry. The other day I was in Shoprite and Tankiso, one of the thirteen year olds, came up to me and asked if he could help. I said yes to him and suggested 2 rand as a price. I wanted to agree this at the beginning so that he would know I was not going to give him more. This would be the first time I have given any of the boys any money, but I did feel at least he was trying to earn it.

Tankiso does not have very good English and he kept repeating the same word in Sesotho. Eventually I said that I didn't understand and that two rand was the most I would pay. He answered - "No two rand, M'e mapalesa. No money."

I was humbled. Tankiso was offering to help me simply because I had helped him. God is in charge and He knows people's hearts. I should trust in Him to lead me and guide my thoughts.

Want to be more involved? Know someone who does? We are looking for:

- Someone to come for a short period of time who has DIY skills e.g. bed building, plastering, making a table
- Someone who might come for six months or so to work with the house father in counselling the boys
- Used clothes for boys aged twelve and thirteen
- A regulator so that young babies from MIS can have oxygen given without having to be hospitalised

For more information and contact details, check out www.robyninlesotho.wordpress.com

The Boys

Tsebang's mother is now well enough and economically able to support him and look after him, but unfortunately he shows no willingness to go home.

I am teaching Matsebang to plant at time intervals so that she has a constant and steady income and the work is spread over the weeks, rather than having two hundred bags of peas ready at the same time. Her garden is looking lovely.



Family News

We were happy to have Auntie Beth staying with us again this month. Auntie Beth helped clean out the back room in the house and re-cement the uneven floor.

Palesa continues to enjoy school and is starting music lessons soon. She is learning to ride her bike, and can peddle on the grass now! She is learning to write and now can put letters together to make words. My girl!



Prayer Points

- For Tsebang - that he returns home now that his mother is well enough and in an economic position to have him
- That God provides the right person locally to act as house father
- That the wee room is fixed up nicely enough to house someone
- For safe travel for Ingrid, Stephen and Fiona when they come to visit at the start of June - just in time to help with the wee room!