



Newsletter

An Easter Miracle

Tony is 16 years of age. He was living in Zimbabwe with his parents when they both died of TB. Alone, with no place to call home, and no money, he embarked on a journey, walking and catching rides in the back of trucks to connect with an uncle who lives in Cape Town. At the border crossing, many people were prevented from entering South Africa and much to his surprise, he just walked passed the border station without anyone stopping him.

Tony felt sick the entire time, and he knew something was wrong. When he reached Cape Town, he sought medical treatment, and was put on TB medication as a precaution and was treated for malnutrition. He was diagnosed with diabetes and was placed at St. Joseph's in June of 2009. Tony feels that St. Joseph's has given him a chance to get his life back and says "this is the first time in a long time that I don't feel sick

and I can sleep at night without being worried".

Today, Tony has obtained refugee status and attends Athone School. He is in grade 11 and has an aptitude for science. Tony is one of their top students. He is also considered a strong student leader. He wants to become a doctor, and when asked why, he said "I have seen so many children suffering, and I want to do something with my life



to help them to get better".

Tony injects himself four times a day with insulin, and tests his sugar levels six times a day. He has learned to manage his diabetes and he feels proud of the manner in which the nurses trained him to monitor and treat his illness. He shares a section of the medical ward which is exclusively for children with Diabetes.

Tony enjoys playing chess, and would like to start a chess club at St. Joseph's. When he is discharged from the Home, Tony hopes to live with his uncle, who has remained his only link to his parents.

He is loved by all who meet him, and we walk away, with an appreciation for all that he has been through, and overcome. Tony is our miracle child for our Easter edition.

Easter Message



We are not spared dark nights. They are clearly necessary, so that we can learn freedom and maturity and above all else a capacity for sympathy with others... A part of every human love is that it is only truly great and enriching if I am ready to deny myself for this other person, to come out of myself, to give of myself. And that is certainly true of our relationship with God, out of which, in the end, all our other relationships must grow. I must begin by no longer looking at myself, but by asking what He wants. I must begin by learning to love. Pope Benedict XVI

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THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS TO LIVE YOUR LIFE. ONE IS AS THOUGH NOTHING IS A MIRACLE. THE SECOND IS AS THOUGH EVERYTHING IS A MIRACLE. *Albert Einstein*

St. Joseph's To Celebrate 75 Years Of Service

St. Joseph's Home celebrates its 75th anniversary, and has designated, September 9th as the official Birthday Celebration, marking 75 years of faithful service by the Pallottine Missionary Sisters. In celebration, we will be hosting our annual gala in honour of the Pallottine Sisters and their life's work on behalf of the children served by St. Joseph's Home.

The celebration will take place at the distinguished Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town, and we invite you to join us by booking your reservations early. More information will follow in the upcoming months.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 9th 2010 GALA CELEBRATION AT THE MT. NELSON HOTEL



Please consider making an Easter donation on behalf of the children.

Suggested levels of support

- Level one: R166 per month
- Level two: R1 000 per month
- Level three: R2 000 per month



I believe that if an angel were to wing his way from earth up to Heaven, and were to say that there was one poor, ragged boy, without father or mother, with no one to care for him and teach him the way of life; and if God were to ask who among them were willing to come down to this earth and live here for fifty years and lead that one to Jesus Christ, every angel in Heaven would volunteer to go.

D. Moody

The Archives

Peter Hughes has been selected as Chairman of the Board of Directors for St. Joseph's Home for Children by the Pallottine Missionary Sisters to fill the role of the retiring chairman, Archbishop Henry Lawrence.

Peter has served on the Board for over a year as a member of the Executive Committee. In one of Peter's first acts as Chairperson, the Archbishop Henry will be invited to serve as a Patron of St. Joseph's Home.

Peter brings 17 years of experience as the CEO of the Spar Group Limited, and 10 years as a Spar International Director. Peter continues to serve as a Non-Executive Chairman of the Spar Group Ltd.

His work experience and leadership will serve St. Joseph's well, as the continuing winds of change challenges us to do more with less. We are confident that Peter, along with the Pallottine Sisters and the twelve Board members, will help St. Joseph's Home to achieve continued success in the years to come.



Mother Teresa visited St. Joseph's home in 1988

"What we do is less than a drop in the ocean, but if it were missing, the ocean would lack something"

Mother Teresa

Tours of St. Joseph's Home for children are available on request. Please visit us at: www.stjosephshome.org.za to learn more.

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MAKING A DONATION

1) Deposit a once-off or a re-occurring donation through your bank:

St. Joseph's Home for Children
 Standard Bank
 Account Number: 271 1666 14
 Branch Code: 036 309
 Swift Code: SBZAZAJJ (For international donors)

2) Mail a cheque, to St. Joseph's Home. PO BOX 21, Howard Place, Cape Town 7450 South Africa

3) Remember us in your will and/or name St. Joseph's Home in your life insurance policy.

4) Donations of supplies and food are welcome.

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If you would like to tour the Home and see the manner in which God expresses love for his children please call our Resource Development office (021-934-0352) to arrange your visit or e-mail us your request to:

info@stjosephshome.org.za

We are available to share the story of St. Joseph's Home with your club or organization.

"St. Joseph's Home for Children" is a registered Non-Profit organization based on the Non-Profit Organization Act (Act 71 of 1997). NPO # 002-908.

Donations received are used for and by "St. Joseph's Home for Children" in carrying out its mission to serve medically fragile and handicapped children.

We are audited on an annual basis, and our statements are available on request.

