


get to know:
Lindokuhle

Lindokuhle (lin-doe-cool-shay) has lived at Open Arms since she was nine months old. She is a beautiful child who has a bright smile and wonderfully expressive eyes. Her name in Xhosa even means “waiting for beauty!” When she first came, she was extremely distrustful of people and was non-expressive. Thanks to a lot of love, those days are clearly gone and she is a very happy young lady! Lindokuhle will turn 4 in December and sends you her love for what you have done for her.



 *Lindokuhle* AGE *3 1/2* FAVORITE COLOR *blue*
FAVORITE FOOD *rice* WHAT MAKES HER HAPPY *Playing with other children in our on-site pre-school. She is very musical and loves being in our band.*

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A LETTER FROM BOBO

Friends,

One of my favorite sayings is: “I lamented the fact that I had no shoes until I met the man who had no feet.” All of us have problems and some of them are serious. But realistically, most of our problems range from unexpected car repairs to a lack of money to take a great vacation.

Last week, I visited Open Arms. The 39 children who call us “home” are doing very well. Despite

the heartbreaking tragedies that our children have lived through, they continue to make Open Arms a place of great joy. Their simple prayers before meals and bed reflect their gratitude for their home and their lives. Strange as it may seem, they consider themselves to be very blessed.

On my visit, a national teachers’ strike caused the children to be home all day. As an educational activity, we came up with the idea of making 50 bag lunches with the kids and visiting a local dump where people forage for food every day. Some people actually live at the dump. After announcing this plan to the kids, they were overjoyed with the idea and put great effort into making 50 lunches complete with bologna and cheese sandwiches, an apple, chips and a juice box.

The next morning, we headed out early and the kids joyously took lunches to the people living at the dump. In about 15 minutes, we distributed all

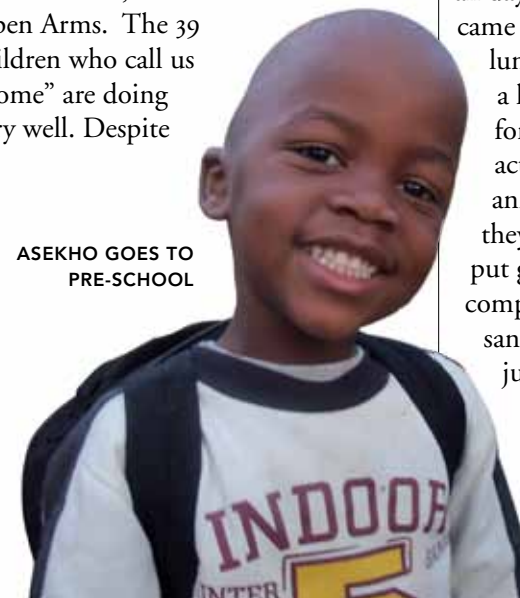
the lunches and the children felt very grateful for the opportunity to serve others in need.

Part of the mission of Open Arms is to physically feed, clothe and shelter children. But a far more important part of our mission is to raise loving human beings who will one day serve God and neighbor as adults.

As our trip to the local dump revealed, our kids are learning valuable lessons every day. Their joy to serve others and their compassion for those less fortunate is proof to me that we must be doing something right.

Thank you for opening up our children to the great possibilities in their lives. In the midst of a scene featuring orphaned children serving food to homeless people in a foul-smelling dump, I saw great hope.

Blessings,



ASEKHO GOES TO PRE-SCHOOL

MAMA BUYISWA AND MAMA NONTEMBEKO COOK FOR 50!



all we want for Christmas is...
a new Mess Hall!

We currently cook for 40 children and 10 staff each day in a residential kitchen with a four burner stove. Our current "dining hall" is no larger than an average living room. It's tight, but we manage! Open Arms is currently beginning a capital campaign to raise \$300,000 for a dining facility that will include an institutional-type kitchen and a large multi-purpose room for dining and indoor activities like dance and karate. Local authorities have limited our capacity to 40 children until the mess hall is built. Please pray for our success, especially for those kids who cannot come to live with us until we finish the facility. If you know of someone who would like to make a significant gift to this project, please let us know. We know that when God moves good people to action, anything is possible!



YOUR HOME FOR OUR HOME Bob and Sallie Solis will be featured at upcoming house parties in Minneapolis and Seattle to spread the word about Open Arms. If you would like to host such a party with your family and friends, please contact us. We are very focused on not spending money on advertisements or administrative costs, so house parties are a great way for us to share the story and benefit the kids at Open Arms.

PRUDENCE MUUSHA



**IMPROVING LIVES
 ONE CHILD AT A TIME**

We are always on the lookout for improved ways to serve our children. To that end, for the past six months we have been pleased to welcome a child psychologist, **JEANIEN MARX**, who visits one-on-one with our kids every Friday. Jeanien uses a variety of art and play therapies to help our kids deal with the many issues they face. In addition, we are pleased to welcome **PRUDENCE MUUSHA**, our new social worker who now handles our case work for 39 children. The work of these two wonderful professionals is made possible by your support.

SUNDAY,
 DECEMBER 12
 PHOENIX BOYS
 CHOIR

**MARK YOUR
 CALENDAR!**

Everyone in the Phoenix area should mark their calendars for **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**, when the award-winning Phoenix Boys Choir will sing again to benefit our kids at Open Arms. The concert will begin at 4:00 pm at the Wigwam Resort. See you there!

did you know?

Open Arms was the beneficiary of the proceeds from the **2ND ANNUAL DAVEY NELSON CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT** on June 7TH in Kohler, Wisconsin. Many thanks to **DAVE NELSON**, one of our Board members, for spearheading this effort again this year. We are pleased to report that we have already used some of the proceeds to build an 8 foot high electrified fence around our property to keep our staff and children safe. We are thankful to all who participated and to our chairperson, **JOHANNA PERRINI**, for her marvelous work.



"UNCLE" DAVEY NELSON AT OPEN ARMS

PAT AND KEATON



Open Arms had no less than 10 college-age **VOLUNTEERS** this summer. Thank you one and all for your service! A special thank you goes out to **PATRICK LLOYD** of Chicago and **KEATON VAN BEVEREN** of Portland for giving a year of service to our kids. Pat and Keaton are serving as our first post-graduate placements from the University of Notre Dame and are doing extraordinary work for us until July, 2011. **GO IRISH!**



**THANK YOU
 DR. DORF!**

Special thanks to **DR. SHELLY DORF** and his wife **PHYLLIS** who visited Open Arms earlier this year. Dr. Dorf is a Milwaukee-area dentist who came and served all of our children and staff for an entire week. He made a dental office in our computer room and did a great job for more than 60 of our children and staff.

Thank you Shelly and Phyllis!

wish list

CURRENT NEEDS

Many people ask if there are particular items or projects that need to be funded. To that end, here is a partial list of some of our more pressing needs. Please don't hesitate to call Bob or Ted if you have any questions.



COMMUNITY DINING FACILITY + KITCHEN

\$300,000.00

This will allow 70 children to eat together and give us a proper kitchen to cook for so many



USED VAN

\$15,000.00

We need a small used van for shift changes for our staff every 12 hours. Often, our big vans are in use carrying kids and we're short a vehicle.



STORAGE SHED

\$10,000.00

This permanent building will have two purposes: to store used clothing, shoes and other items and also to serve as a place to put our lawn mower and garden tools.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Open Arms has received word from two generous families that we have been included in their estate plans. If you wish to do so, please go to **WWW.OPENARMSHOME.COM** and see details under **DONATE/PLANNED GIFTS**. Thank you for your consideration and for loving our kids!

