

REYMAN E MAIL REPORT –9 MAY 2005

Good afternoon from sunny and pleasant Alberton, South Africa! This is recuperating Karen at the keyboard.

POST-SURGERY REPORT

We appreciate your prayers and emails on our behalf. I am feeling a bit better, but still have pain and am trying not to do too much. Paul is almost over his cough for which we are thankful. The last e-mail report said that the surgeon removed a lymphoma. This was incorrect as it was a lipoma, a fatty tumor that is not harmful. The doctor has sent it off to be tested just to make sure, but he is confident that it is harmless except for the pain caused to remove it!

THREE NEW CHILDREN AT KCV

Molen Mukono Sibanda, three years old, is the first born in a family of three girls. Her two sisters Monalisa, 2 years old, and Moreblessing Sibanda, nine months old, are also now living at Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV) in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Molen and her sisters were abandoned by their mother and left in a one-roomed flat under the care of their mentally ill father. Their father is a drunkard who would go for days without coming home. On the days he decided to come home, it would be in the middle of the night when the children would already be asleep and then leave very early in the morning before they were awake. For most of the time, Molen and her siblings lived on their own. As the eldest child, Molen was forced to look after her siblings, especially the nine month old who needed close attention. Then some neighbours from the residence association realised the children's plight and made a report to the police.

The police failed to locate Molen's parents. Molen and her sisters were taken to Mpilo Hospital where they were admitted for safe keeping while the police tried to look for a children's home to place them. The police, with the Bulawayo Department of Social Welfare, then contacted Khayelihle Children's Village. Fortunately for Molen and her sisters, KCV had room for two pre-school girls. Since it has always been the policy of KCV to try not to separate children from the same family if at all possible, even the nine months old girl was also taken to KCV. Molen and her sisters joined the KCV family on 6 April 2005.

Being left in charge of the family at a very tender age of three years made Molen very responsible. Molen was very protective of her sisters, especially the little one. When they arrived at KCV, Molen was a bit unsettled probably because she wasn't sure what would happen to her and her sisters, but now that she has discovered the love and care she has always lacked at home, she is very happy. She has finally realised that she doesn't need to be the "mother" in the family anymore.

When they arrived at KCV, Monalisa like her sister, Molen, was a bit unsettled, but now that she has discovered the love and care she has always

lacked while at their home, she is very happy. At KCV she has found friends of her age group to play with.

Although she was a bit malnourished, Moreblessing appeared to be a happy and healthy child. She smiles a lot and is happy to have quite a number of “grown up” mothers with a lot of experience and love around her.

These three girls need sponsors to help support them. Sponsors usually give US\$25 a month but can give more as this is not the total cost of taking care of a child. If you, your church, or your youth group are interested in sponsoring a child, please e-mail me at: preyman@mindspring.com Thanks!

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Praise for a recovery for Karen's surgery.

Praise that the three new girls are safe at KCV.

Pray for a continued recovery for Karen.

Pray for new sponsors and continued financial support for KCV.

Pray for the Board of Directors, staff and other children at KCV.