



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

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CHILDREN
BELONG IN
SECURE
FAMILIES

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES!



Happy New Year!

We love new beginnings – new books, new pages, new pens, new starts, new thinking... God has seasons for each of us to have new beginnings during our lives. The **RESTART** buttons. We all need new beginnings!

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

Your opportunities and our opportunities will look different – the decisions we make, the way we see challenges, your purpose becomes clearer, your faith walk more confident. Thank you for your ongoing support and may your year be filled with beautiful surprises and **HOPE!**

We wish you a blessed 2023, like no other year you have ever seen.

Love,
Monica and the GCF Africa Team

Maria Hufner, HR coordinator at Give a Child a Family Africa in Margate South Africa, visited the Netherlands for a few weeks over December. She was a guest at the youth clubs of the Protestant Church of Rijnsburg where the kids are saving up for GCF Africa this season by selling stimulus tickets.

Maria enjoyed meeting the children and handed over some Christmas wishes, made by the children at GCF, and in turn received a number of drawings and colouring plates to take for the children in Margate.

The amount the youth clubs collected with the spike card campaign will be announced during the annual festival in March. Thank you for supporting GCF Africa!



In the beginning of January, two of GCF's Protective Behaviours facilitators spent a weekend in the area of Dannhauser, about five hours from Margate. KZN Christian Council, who was already familiar with excellent personal life skills safety programme, invited GCF to teach around 100 children from six different Sunday schools in the area, not only how to be safe, but also how to feel safe.

The children at the centre are back at school again. The holiday programme included various fun activities for them to be occupied with over the summer school holiday. Some of them were visiting their families for a few weeks and have now returned with the hope that they will go back for good soon. Other children were moving home to their prepared and rehabilitated families. GCF also assisted one of the long-term Child and Youth Care Centres in the municipality with host families from our database with approved foster families for some of the children, who do not have anyone to visit, while most of them went to relatives for the holidays. Reports state that they were happy and eager to visit them again when it was time for them to return to their centre.



These kind Managers from different FNB branches in our area volunteered their time to assist us with the packing of food parcels to be distributed in our communities. Thank you so much, we appreciate your time and effort!

Tracey Platt Dekker from the South Coast started a fundraiser for GCF Africa! We hope your training for the climb up Kilimanjaro goes well, and we are so excited to follow you on this journey! Click here to contribute: **Kili Challenge**



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