



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

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CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: SEPTEMBER NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Exciting Times at GCF!

It's an exciting time at GCF! For the first time in our history, we have been given a specific local area where we provide social work services, in partnership with the Department of Social Development. This means that our social work team can focus fully on this area, responding to cases reported to us and intervening in ways that benefit families the most. It is hard work, but with our equipped team, we can change lives and strengthen families right where they are.

At the same time, our community work team is busy recruiting new families for the Parenting 4 Life Programme. They are referred to us by local war rooms and other key stakeholders who have insight into which households need extra support. The first round of the programme, which included services, parenting training, and support groups, was a success, and we look forward to reaching and supporting even more families.

One important observation from the programme is that some children in the families have various disabilities and special needs, and their parents often lack the support, knowledge, and services needed to care for them effectively. To address this, GCF is partnering with the local community-based organisation Siyakwazi, which has over a decade of experience working with families in similar situations. One of GCF's childcare workers, who was previously retrenched due to the closure of our child and youth care centre, has been re-employed and is now gaining additional skills from Siyakwazi. This enables us to integrate inclusion-focused practices into the Parenting 4 Life Programme. We identified a need—and we acted.



GCF Receives iZinga Assist 5-Star Verification!

We are delighted to share that Give a Child a Family Africa has achieved a 5-star verification rating through iZinga Assist. This recognition affirms our commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in the work we do with vulnerable children and families.

Being a verified organisation means that our supporters, partners, and the community can trust that we operate with integrity and uphold the highest standards. It also strengthens our reputation among our peers and helps ensure that every contribution made truly goes towards making a difference.

You can learn more about what iZinga Assist verification means [here](#).

A Special Visit from InterAct

We recently had the pleasure of hosting Anneli Dagernäs from InterAct, Sweden. It was a wonderful time to catch up, share updates on our latest developments, and reflect on the journey we have travelled together.

For many years, InterAct has stood alongside GCF, supporting our mission and partnering with us on child rights initiatives in churches across Africa. Their long-term commitment means so much to us and continues to make a real difference in strengthening families and ensuring children grow up in safe, loving environments.

We sincerely thank Anneli for her visit and for the encouragement she brought to our team.



Fundraising Trip to the Netherlands

Maria recently travelled to the Netherlands for a busy and fruitful fundraising trip on behalf of GCF. During her visit, she took part in a radio interview, shared our story in a local newspaper, and attended a fundraising conference. Supporters also gathered for a special wine and braai evening in aid of GCF — a memorable night of good food, connection, and generosity.

In addition, Maria attended meetings with funders and partners, strengthening relationships and opening doors for future support. We are truly grateful to our friends in the Netherlands who continue to stand with us in our mission to ensure that every child grows up in a safe and loving family.

Staff Info & Wellness Day

Our team recently enjoyed an Info and Wellness Day, a time set aside to invest in both knowledge and wellbeing. The day reminded us that caring for others begins with caring for ourselves.

A healthy, motivated team is essential for the important work we do, and we are grateful for opportunities like this to pause, recharge, and grow together.



If you want to know what we get up to on a more regular basis, make sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram [@givechildfamily](#)



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