the **OUTCRY!**

(Newsletter from Alan and Sheena Gaston working with children in South Africa. Dec 2013)

Proudly South African

This week in South Africa we are celebrating the life of Nelson Mandela and giving thanks to God for His merciful gift of this truly remarkable man to our country. Mandela lived, not without flaws, but sacrificially, and his actions and words, his forgiveness and his desire for unity and reconciliation certainly saved this country from civil war at the end of apartheid.

Please pray for the stability of South Africa.

A Son Is Given

After a long struggle, Nzuzo is now adopted. We could hardly believe it when we were called to bring him to court to finalise the adoption. We now have the crucial document, which gives him legal permanence as our son, and his name is now officially Nzuzo Gaston. We very much appreciate the prayers of all those round the world who helped to pray this darling boy into our family.

Please join us in giving thanks to God that this process is complete. Pray that God's hand will be on Nzuzo's life and that he would grow up to love God and live for Him.

Zanini Bantwana

This year the ZB team worked together to prepare a Christmas programme, a straightforward presentation of the Christmas story, which they took round the children's wards in all 3 government hospitals here. It was greatly appreciated.

Please pray that the children, parents and hospital staff who hear this will know the real message of the Christmas story, the Good News of the Gospel.

It's the season to be thankful!

We are very thankful that we are involved in making a difference to children's lives here. We very much appreciate your interest and support, which make this possible. We are also very thankful for our Rescuer, for the One who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

This comes with much love and best wishes to you for a meaningful Christmas, Alan and Sheena, Henhry, Sipho, Sihle and Nzuzo.