

Become a part of Our Family!

The Kerus Orphan Care Center is not a ministry . . . it is a family. Many of you are already a part of the Soshanguve family, and this Christmas, we invite many more of you to become a part of our family in a very practical way. Would you consider taking a small piece of the financial support needed to keep the Orphan Care Center running and make it your own? And would you commit to praying specifically for one of the many members of our community - a precious orphan, a loving but weary granny caring for multiple children or perhaps one of our committed staff members who sacrifice so much to meet the needs of all those who walk through our doors.

A gift of \$50 per month helps the entire Soshanguve community thrive and grow, while your prayers are a personal gift of love and encouragement for one precious life!

As the kids love to say . . . We are family!

Will you join us?

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Join our **OUR SOSHANGUVE FAMILY**

See what you can do with just **\$50 a month!**

- Care for 138 Orphans
- Monthly Food Parcels
- Discipleship Training
- Spiritual & Academic Enrichment
- Granny Training & Microenterprise
- Safe House for Sex Traffic Prevention
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

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SAFE HOUSE UPDATE

Just Around the *Corner*

TIA...This Is Africa is a common saying on the continent, so we have not been surprised by the challenges of launching the Safe House. We envisioned our first safe house to be on two acres of land that was going to include a huge gardening initiative as well as a Kerus Training Center. After waiting almost a year, the developer has still not finished all the essentials for us to take over the property.

We recently decided that we couldn't wait any longer. Our children need the house now! Instead we have opted to purchase a house at a property close to our existing orphan care center. The house will need considerable renovation, but we are on schedule to open in March or April as was planned on the previous property. We are also attempting to purchase a plot of land adjacent to the house. Lord willing we will have two safe houses up and functional in 2019!

Please pray for all of the necessary logistics to fall into place over the next few months. Renovations of the new house are scheduled to begin on November 15th.

We are excited to see this very important piece of the Kerus Orphan Care Center becoming a reality and are so thankful for the expanding international community coming together to protect and care for our dear children! We keep promising them, **help is just around the corner!**

The Greek word *Kerus* means "of the heart" or "to do something with *passion*."

This word *captures* the spirit and vision of Kerus founders Dr. Jennie Cerullo and Dr. Marcia Ball, who share a *common goal*: to offer *hope* and better health through practical, character-based programs. Their *diverse* backgrounds make them uniquely suited for this exciting *outreach*.



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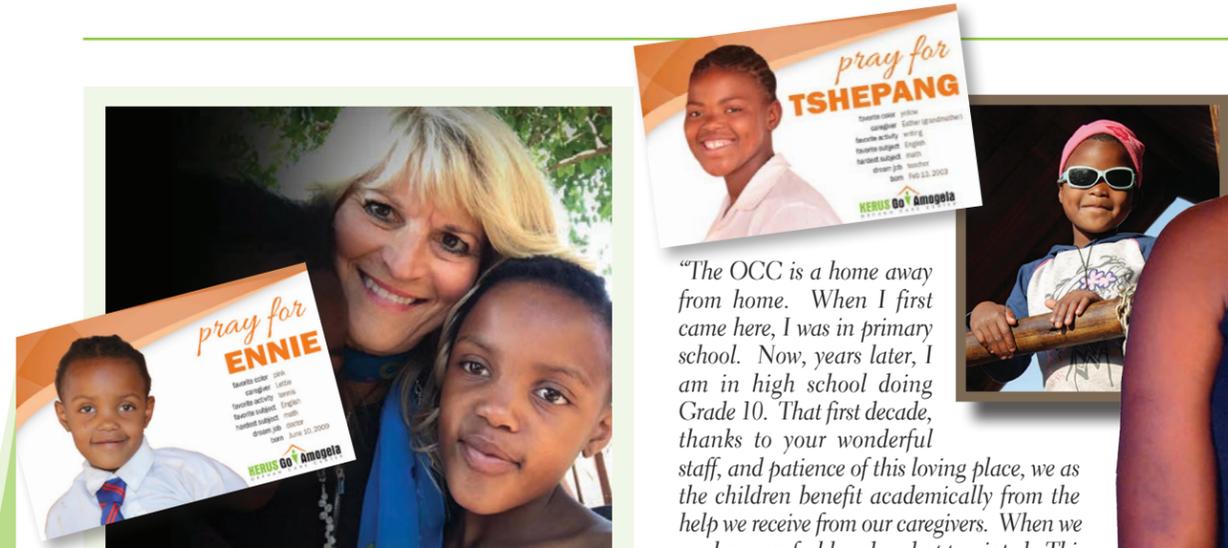


update

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The difference *a Decade* can make!

In October, we celebrated ten years since the beginning of our Soshanguve Orphan Care Center project. We were thrilled as the whole community came together for a day of celebration, worship and thanksgiving for all that God has done over the past decade in Soshanguve. Several of the children at the center shared their thoughts, expressing themselves with passion and excitement, bringing an exuberant crowd to their feet in affirmation of their powerful words. Grannies lifted themselves out of their wheelchairs, dancing despite their infirmities, filled with gratitude for these young people who are being raised up through the center to be men and women of God. As we celebrated in South Africa, we were aware of the greater community in America and around the world that has walked with us through these past ten years, providing prayer and financial support, many coming to Soshanguve to aid and encourage in person. Thank you for your tireless commitment and investment! We celebrate with you this milestone of tremendous ministry in Soshanguve. May God bless your heart as much as He has ours as we look back over all He has done. And may this be the door to an even more amazing road ahead!



"Children need at least one person in their life who thinks the sun rises and sets on them, someone who delights in their existence and loves them unconditionally'. We are grateful for this warm and loving environment that has shown us this love and has taught us about our God who loves us even more. We as the children will always and forever cherish the memories. I thank you!"

Ennie

"The OCC is a home away from home. When I first came here, I was in primary school. Now, years later, I am in high school doing Grade 10. That first decade, thanks to your wonderful staff, and patience of this loving place, we as the children benefit academically from the help we receive from our caregivers. When we are here, we feel loved and appreciated. This is where we pray, cry, learn and grow. We are well taken care of and are taught about Jesus. We appreciate the hearts, minds and hands that make all this possible. We will always and forever cherish this wonderful place and will come back to mentor and to be role models to the next generation who will benefit like us. We as the children thank you all for celebrating this milestone with us."

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2008



2018

It began with 20 children in a shack church . . . and now we have a thriving Soshanguve family!



We Are Family

TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Currently we are caring for 130+ children as well as 95 grannies & caregivers. Today we celebrate all God has done in Soshanguve over the past ten years:

- 2008 Orphan Care Center Building
- 2015 *It Takes Courage!* Teen Center
- 2018 Academic Enrichment Center
- 2019 Safe House for our vulnerable girls to be completed

- >> *It Takes Courage!* Life Skills Education taught in 50 schools
- >> Discipleship Training for 60 churches
- >> Granny & Caregiver Spiritual Support Groups & Community Outreach
- >> 40 Teams from America who have come and worked alongside Kerus

With your partnership, we have been able to accomplish so much and touch so many lives in these short ten years!

