

# Kasisi Children's Home

December 2017

## A word from Sister Mariola

*In this season of gift-giving, those of us responsible for the well-being of our children at Kasisi are especially thankful for the gift that each and every one of you is to us. We so greatly appreciate the many good gifts of love, prayer and financial support that enable us to feed, clothe and educate our children and to help them to thrive just like any other child.*

*So with extremely thankful hearts for our many blessings, especially those from each one of you, we wish you and your family a very joy-and peace-filled Christmas.*

*With a grateful heart for the gift of Infant Jesus,*

**Sr. Mariola**

## Our children

### New children

Within 2017 we have opened our home and our hearts to 39 new children. They all need special care and attention. Thankfully they are growing into healthy and happy children. Looking at them one can think that time at Kasisi flies much faster than anywhere else.

Anastasia who came to Kasisi at the age of two and weighing 2kg is growing well and her weight is nearly 10 kg now!



Anastasia

## Kasisi Children's Home

The home was founded in 1926. It is being run by the Congregation of the Little Servants of Mary Immaculate. Since 1926 it has grown to be the largest and best-known orphanage in Zambia. The children's home is situated 37 km from Lusaka, out in the countryside.

The main objective of the children's home is to provide the children with basic needs, care, love and protection and to ensure that

these children will be self-supporting once they reach adulthood. All the children go to school and after secondary school the children's home supports them in further education or in finding a job.

As a family is the best place for a child, Kasisi Children's Home tries to find solutions to bring the children back to members of their extended family, if necessary with support.

At the moment, the children's home has a separate wing for babies and younger children, a small house for older girls, a street kids house and two wings for children who are infected with HIV/AIDS, namely The House of Hope and Martin's Room. Four Polish Sisters, three Zambian Sisters and about fifty Zambian Housemothers run the children's home.



### ***Discharged children***



During this ending year we said goodbye to 28 of our children. We are always happy for those who are reunited with their relatives and the older children who become independent and after graduation from various colleges start their adult life.

On the photo above you can see our little baby Justina who was abandoned on the street in Lusaka. After three months of staying with us she was reunited with her parents. It was revealed that the baby was in fact kidnapped from the mother in one of the health centres in Lusaka. You can see the joy of her parents when we presented their lost baby to them!

### ***Examination Class children***

Five of our children have just finished primary school, three finished junior secondary school and one finished senior secondary school. We are very proud of them and with the help of all the friends of Kasisi we will do our best to allow these children to continue their education which will enable them to start independent life in the near future.



### ***New activity room for children***

Thanks to Friends of Kasisi in the USA, especially Grant Snyder, we will soon have a new playroom for the children. The building is almost ready and soon our children will be able to play inside during rains or cold season. The room will be equipped with a TV, toys, books and other interesting things.



**Doris with her friend Bella**

### ***Music Class***

We have a new and very talented music teacher! Several children are learning how to play the keyboard and others formed a choir. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December Kasisi choir will present a Christmas Carol concert to the Kasisi family and all the friends of Kasisi from the neighbouring area.



### ***General news***

Sr. Jolanta with our boys who have already left our home but still visit us on many occasions. They are the example for younger boys.



## Nelly's trip to Poland



Nelly has experienced various health problems in the past year. It was suggested by the doctor in Lusaka that she needs another brain surgery. We have decided to travel with her to Poland and consult the neurosurgeon Dr. Adam Zaborowski who operated Nelly fifteen years ago. After all the necessary tests and investigations it was decided that she does not need any operation at this time. We were more than happy to come back to Kasisi and continue the treatment prescribed by her great Dr. Adam.



Dr Ola has been coming to Kasisi for several years helping us with her knowledge and hard work. This year she has also brought her daughter Alicja who shares with her mom the same love for the children.

## Help wanted!

Kasisi Children's Home urgently needs:

- Computers
- Black school shoes – any size
- School bags – any type or colour
- Washing powder
- Bathing soap
- Pampers
- Blankets
- Toys

## Some special helpers

We would like to thank the Friends of Kasisi Children's Home for their continuous support. For details, please see our website:

[www.kasisichildren.org](http://www.kasisichildren.org)

*Thank You All*

*For Your Kind Support!*

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