



Thlonolofatso Sekonyela

(Klo-knee)

Birthdate:

December 15, 2013



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Joined The Pines family on April 28, 2022.

Thlonolofatso came into care back in April 2022 as a shy insecure little boy. His life has been anything but easy. As do most children coming to The Pines, he knew no English and struggled to communicate with us. He does very well with his house mama and the other children in care because there is no language barrier. He is way behind in his schooling and is only in grade 2. We could not place him at the school where most of our children attend so Morning Star a ministry to HIV children agreed to allow him to attend school at their facility. It has not been an easy adjustment for him due to his age and lack of any schooling.

His mom passed away and there is no known father. He was staying with his grandmother but due to her health and age she could not longer care for him properly. It became very evident to us that this little boy was lacking in confidence and was seeking attention and would do things to bring sympathy and attention to himself. We are still learning how to deal with him and helping him face his struggles. He has some behavior issues that are concerning and we are seeking counseling for him with the hope this will make a difference.

He does not have a birth certificate but the courts have issued a mandate that he receive one. Many children who are left in the care of family do not have birth certificates this has been a big concern in later years when the child needs a South African I.D. or when they are enrolled into school. Most schools will not accept children without a birth certificate.

Please pray with us that “klo-knee” will one day realize his need for Christ as his savior. We count it a blessing to be able to make a difference in his life.