

Not Viable?

Her clothes caught fire when her mother was using a paraffin stove. Her face, side, arm and leg were very badly burned - 35% of her body, the doctors estimate. She is only three months old. In her notes the doctor recorded "Right hand not viable". What a start in life for that little girl.



In many ways you could say "not viable" of the young lives we meet. They are sick, many have impoverished and unstable homes and most have very little education. What sort of life lies ahead of them?



We are there to let them know about the one who brings life, real life, life that challenges and thrills. In short, a life that is viable, a life that is worth living.



It starts with love. And we show these lonely children that there are people who care and there is a God who cares. For some we are able to

help with education, and this may help them to get qualifications and a job when they grow up.

Others have experienced abuse and neglect and need someone to talk to so that they can come to terms with their past.



Please Pray

This morning we are praying for a little girl with cancer who has recently had chemotherapy and is having her arm amputated. We ask you to join with us and pray that these children whose lives may seem to be "not viable" will come to know the one who is the source of all life - both here and in the world to come.

Khayelihle

Slaying the giants

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Over the past month we have had the privilege of welcoming a teenage girl to our family. 'N' came to us via one of the hospitals where she came for safety after an assault. She is orphaned and has a history of abuse and neglect. We can't begin to imagine how horrible her life has been. 'N' can barely read. Her writing is poor and she is barely numerate.



Henry loves cycling

We are reeling at the injustice of life where a girl can end up like this. We are thankful that we serve a God who “is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”



Sipho enjoys her birthday with a friend

Along with 'N' we have been surrounded with challenges both expected and unexpected. We have worked through some of these issues and, although these have been draining, we feel happy there has been progress and the effort has been worthwhile. We continue to be on a stressful road and we thank you for those who are praying even when we feel we can't.



Swimming is great when you get 100% of Mum's attention!

We do know that as we love 'N' and try to give her boundaries that we are wrestling against forces that have so far won in her life. A struggle is to be expected. We cling on to the fact that 'we are more than conquerors' - even when it really doesn't feel that way.



Sihle is always a happy boy when he's heading off to school.