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Rain, rain and more rain seem to be the never-ending story here in KZN South Africa. We are experiencing a more than usual amount of rain, after many news of half full dams finally our local dam Albert Falls is overflowing. All these wet days are hard on the staff as they have to entertain the children for hours on end inside the house whereas most of the day would normally be spent outside. And don't even mention all the wet washing. But we are certainly grateful for the rain and the security it brings to quite a dry country.

The children at Benjamin Generation are all well, and the older children have all started the year back at school fulltime after Covid had kept them from going to school every day as they had previously been doing alternate week schooling. We have 8 children in primary school and keeping up to date with all the school needs certainly keeps Vanessa busy.

The main home is full of mainly toddlers between the ages of 3 and 10, our baby home is also full with 10 babies in it at present the youngest being just a few days old. The call for us to care for babies seems to be unending and indicates to how unstable and messed up our society is that there are just so many unwanted babies around.

Michael and his boys are also well and they are growing so quickly and are becoming young men before our very eyes. Vanessa is busy teaching Anela to play the guitar so hopefully he will join Vanessa soon as she leads Praise and Worship at church. He is very keen and is learning quickly, and already joins in the singing at church.

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We are just so proud of our oldest child who just turned 18, she did exceptionally well in her final year at school and we have managed to enroll her to study a degree in foundation phase teaching and she is also working as an intern at our local school. It is a privilege for us to give her this opportunity and to help to get her a way to support herself for the rest of her life. Her year started out with her being very unsure of the new environment and roll as an intern but now just over 2 months later she is loving it.

Our plans for opening our pre-school here at Benjamin Generation are still well under way, we have had a little delay as we waited for approval from our local municipality to allow us to continue with the kitchen and verandas. Just this last week we received final confirmation from them that we may continue. So full steam ahead as soon as the weather improves a little. In the meanwhile, we have completed the classrooms, ablutions, added some concrete paths around the school and have started work in the gardens.

If you would like to get involved in any of our projects or support the home in any way you can find out more about us on our website <u>www.benjamingeneration.org</u> or

Follow us on our Facebook page. <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/Benjamin-</u> Generation/1406788702906948.

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THANK YOU AS ALWAYS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS.



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