

Dear Oeboentoe Supporter,

It is Oeboentoe's 21th anniversary! As we look back, it is with grace that we experience the most precious and special time in our lives. This is such a great milestone in Oeboentoe's existence that we still cannot believe we're there yet.

Over the past 21 years a total of 307 youngsters have been cared for by Huis Oeboentoe. At present there are 11 children in the house of which are 3 big boys (already finished school), 7 scholars and a 3 year old teenager.

These children were all placed here from a fairly young age and form the core of House Oeboentoe. Here are their names, ages and periods that they already have been part of our lives:

Name	Age	Present grade	In Oeboentoe Huis since
Jean-Pierre	21		6 months old
Riaan	20		9 years old
Ruan	21		8 years old
Thia		In Matric	20 days old
Chrische		In Matric	2 years old
Onicca		In Matric	4 years old
Allen		Gr 9	10 days old
Lerato		Gr 9	10 days old
Barend		Gr 7	1 year old
Anerize		Gr7	2 months old
Elizna	3		8 months

at the beginning of 2015 we needed to make a decision not to take more children into the home as we wanted to give our full support to the 3 matriculates. We are hopeful that they will pass matric with good results as to start their journey in the adult world.

The 3 grown-up boys are settled into a job for which we are very grateful. Ruan, whom stay with his mother in Rustenburg for a period of time, returned to Pretoria. He passed his matric and his desire is to study Graphic Design. Riaan's dream is to be trained in an electrical field in order to obtain his red seal. This obvious is a very expensive process. We trust that they will receive the necessary help in order for them to play a valuable role in the community.

The 3 girls in matric will follow a "GAP" year programme at an institution like Target Life which is presented at our church. During this year they will have the opportunity to decide what it is they want to do with their lives. Their home will always be with us as they don't have any other home or family to return to. We will thus, always be their Mom and Dad. What an honour!!

Allen, whom is 15 years old, is without doubt the most active sportsman in the House. He already received North Gauteng colours for Cycling. He was also chosen to play in the Blue Bull's under 15 team and we watched him played at Loftus about 3 weeks ago. He was also named player of the match and was very excited about this! He was also chosen as second captain in his school's under 15 rugby team. Last year he play cricket in the school's first team. We praise God for his talents and looking forward to see what his sporting talents impose.

For each matric daughter "matric farewell" is one of the biggest BUZZ words of the year. Which make our year so interesting is that 3 of the girls are in matric now and the challenge is 3 times as big. The good news is that they each already have a dress for this very important occasion. We trust that all their other needs for this day will also be fulfilled.

The other children are doing well at school and extracurricular activities. Although their days are busy and full, they need to work hard in order to have a successful year.

Erica and I are doing well although we face the normal challenges at and beyond the 50 mark. After coping without a medical aid for 14 years, we now had to obtain a hospital plan. I visited the Orthopaedist and has to go for a double knee replacement and a Hospital Plan seemed to be the only way out. This is an expensive operation and Steve Biko hospital has a long waiting list.

We attend to look into a medical aid for the 7 adopted and foster children as you know medical costs are rising by the day and to receive free medical care becomes more difficult by the day.

Below are a few challenges we now face:

- Urgent: Maths & Literacy Help Gr12
- Painting of Baby house and outer building
- Sponsor for medical / hospital plan for children
- Upgrading of security system
- Stationary needs for the preliminary matric and final exams
- Replacement of outdoor lights
- Help with fishpond's pump and filter systems
- Floor for carport

Again we just want to say 'thank you' for every Oeboentoe supporter for their continuous support throughout the past 21 years. Also thank you for the difference you bring into the lives of the Oeboentoe Huis children.

We hereby attached an invitation to our 13th Golf day which is taking place on 19 November 2015 at Woodhill Country Club.

Oeboentoe Greetings / Oeboentoe Groete,

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