

N & P

These girls are at High School in Grade 9 & 10. They lost the parents last year, but were already known to us from one of our After Schools Club (although they were not orphans, the parents were sick, so they qualified to attend). Now they live by themselves – they are 18 & 16. They cannot yet access the foster grant because the parents did not have any documentation. The coordinator has been to Home Affairs & discussed the problem and has a way forward & the process of sorting this out has started. We have been helping them through the After Schools Club in the past (this club is now closed), through PSS workshops & with food parcels and school uniform. The current problem arose when these girls had a huge argument & fell out to the point that one even tried to poison the other. The school & the church tried to help, but they would not respond. The school contacted Saziso, the coordinator, who was able to counsel them, and by the grace of God they were reconciled, forgave each other, and are now living in harmony again. As we are supporting them with food parcels, with the last food parcel they received, they cooked together and ate together for the first time in two months.

NM

This 14 year old was a foster child under LK. Now her case is under DSD. It was reported to Saziso that she had dropped school and had gone missing. The foster parent found her living with the boyfriend. She had been out of school for three months. The foster parent was intimidated by the boyfriend who is a person who causes chaos in the community. Saziso accompanied her to talk with the child, and was able to persuade her to return home and go back to school. The next challenge was the school who were unwilling to take her back because she had been out for three months. However, Saziso was able to explain the whole situation, and eventually they agreed to take her back. She is now living back with the foster parent, and attending school regularly. DSD have been contacted so that they continue to be involved with the situation.

FN

This young lady was helped when growing up with school uniform & food parcels & PSS workshops. She has now completed school and has managed to get a learnership in tourism under the municipality. She is still studying but is also on placement in a hotel near Hluhluwe, getting a stipend of R2500 per month which she is using to help her family.

AN

We picked up this case when the young man was too old for the foster grant. He has been helped through attending our teen support group, & also through careers advice & assistance to apply. He is now registered with UNISA doing a degree in education, but is doing this part time as he has been able to get the learnership in tourism as well, so is supported through the stipend of R2500. He is an orphan living completely by himself with no family at all.