

Healthy children grow up in healthy homes



One of the newest initiatives in the Community Care Department at Seed of Hope is called Healthy Home Visitation (HHV.) This entails two of the staff members meeting with parents/caregivers in their homes and working through an 11 week program on building capacity in parenting.

We are in the midst of the pilot program and the results have been incredibly encouraging.

Thulile is a 42 year old lady. She is the mother of 10 year old daughter, Nokuphiwa, who is a slow learner. She was struggling to communicate with her daughter due to her condition, but since starting the HHV Program, there has been a lot of change. She has realized having a child with a disability is not a curse. This is a common myth held in our community. Her communication with her daughter has dramatically improved, and she even takes time to play with her daughter. Something else not often done in our community. Thulile often asks

Nokuphiwa to come and cook with her and she has been able to see talents in her daughter that she didn't know she had.

HHV programming gives the parents "homework" that they can do with their children before the next session and Nokuphiwa is the one who asks her mom about the homework and they do it together. Thulile had not felt any motivation to take Nokuphiwa for assessment, but is now planning to look for a special school to assist her. She is grateful to HHV coordinators for opening her eyes to new ways of caring and loving her little girl.

Four families were part of the pilot program and recently there was a party to celebrate what they had learned. Pictured above are three of the families along with our facilitators, Jabu Dlodla and Buli Cele. (One family was not able to come because the mom was able to get holiday work.)

The participants shared beautiful testimonies of how this program has given them valuable tools that they are practicing in their homes and has helped them connect with their children in new ways. Healthy children grow up in healthy homes and we are excited to see the impact this program will have in our community. We look forward to sharing more in the coming months as we see Healthy Homes grow and expand!

Please pray for our Healthy Homes program and the families that are being impacted through it.

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