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Dear Friends,

Lumela! Greetings in the name of the One who sets the lonely in families. Your continued support of Setshabelo Family and Child Services (SFCS) in Botshabelo, South Africa, continues to have a lasting impact on families and, more importantly, on bringing hope and permanency to children left as orphans in that community.

Here's another story to share with your mission team and congregation.

Mr. Daniel (44) and Mrs. Doreen (37) Matabola had been trying to have another baby for years. Bouts of infertility, coupled with the heartbreak of miscarriages, had left the couple despondent and seemingly without hope. Then hope appeared in the office of Social Development, a partner in child welfare with Setshabelo Child and family Services [SFCS]. There they met Karabo, an SFCS social worker, who introduced them to the idea of adoption.

"Karabo made us feel comfortable and not judged. She really knows her work."

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In South Africa, infertility can easily be judged as the consequence of an immoral act, causing families to become alienated during an already difficult time of longing.

Karabo helped the Matabolas exchange their burden of shame for a bundle of love in the form of baby Mahlohonolo. Now their home is filled with CoComelon and Boss Baby, and the money once spent on treating infertility now buys lots of milk.

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This is how families are being made in Botshabelo, where, one by one, SFCS acts as an agent of God and answers our prayers for orphans and vulnerable children to find homes where cartoons and milk mingle with lasting love.

You helped make this possible with your **Prayers, Purse, and Presence.** Keep it going!

Prayers: Please continue to pray for the safety and protection of our social workers and staff in Botshabelo, South Africa, where gender-based violence is among the highest in the world. Our social workers are mostly women, and they go into difficult places to retrieve, supervise, and serve families. Let Psalm 91 be your prayer for them.

Pray also for longing families and lonely children to find each other, so that orphaned and vulnerable children in South Africa, the U.S., and around the globe can know the love and security that come from having a forever family. Let Psalm 68:4-6 be your meditation.

Purse: While children wait for placement, your support helps provide for their medical, nutritional, and educational needs. Nearly half of the children in Botshabelo are orphaned and/or vulnerable. Consider sharing this letter with a friend, colleague, or church, inviting them to support a child waiting to be adopted with a recurring gift of any size. If we each invite one person to join us in prayer, purse, and presence, more children will receive God's goodness through us.

Presence: Come with me on my 10th trip in my 10th year as RCA Mission Liaison to South Africa, February 8-19, 2027. Meet our anointed staff, enchanted adoptive families, and children waiting for homes, and see God at work in hard places. As a bonus, you'll see elephants, taste kudu, and be stirred by the rich history of the Rainbow Nation, where SFCS is reversing the effects of apartheid and the HIV/AIDS pandemic one family, one child, one act of faith at a time.

Register here.

Ke A Le Boha [Thank you in Sesotho].

Your Mission Liaison,

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