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Crossroads Families

Farewell to 2025

A year of growth and achievement.

With the closing of 2025, we can proudly say that all our children passed their year. English and Mathematics remain challenging, but they try hard—and that is what matters most.



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A New Year, A Year of Growth.

Our new year, 2026, marks the beginning of the third year of existence for Kruispad Families. We are grateful to our God and to all our sponsors who make it possible for us to keep our doors open for the children who so urgently need help.



The worldwide trend of single mothers and absent fathers brings major challenges for communities and family life. Here at Kruispad, our focus is to restore family values in our children's lives—to break the cycle of single parenthood. Statistics show clearly that children who grow up in single-parent homes have a greater chance of becoming single parents or absent fathers themselves one day.

Our goal is to teach our children the value of family life, so that it not only changes their lives, but also the generations that will come from them. This requires time, patience, and constant reminders of values that feel new and unfamiliar. Some of our children have now been with us for two years, and we are truly beginning to see the lasting change.



Then there was also the hiking trail in the Montagu mountains. We did the trail and also took the opportunity to swim in an icy mountain stream. It was a very quick swim.



Reflecting on 2025 A Year of Growth & Achievement

Elrico's Inspirational Story

Elrico was our second boy to move into our boys' home, and our first boy to complete his school career while living with us. Elrico had been out of school for nearly two years due to circumstances in his parental home. We supported Elrico, and with the help and guidance of the principal of Jakes Gerwel Technical School, we were able to enroll him in the skills division of the school.

Elrico caught up on his backlog very quickly and completed his school career by standing first in his class. Today, Elrico works at Remig in Paarl, and although the living conditions are challenging and the work is very hard, Elrico tackles this new chapter of his life with dedication and drive.

We are incredibly proud of how Elrico has used the opportunity created for him, and how he is making a success of what has been entrusted to him.



Holiday Fun – First Experiences and Big Adventures!

Our holiday program was also full of fun. A few trips to the sea and a lovely ride on the River Goose riverboat on the Breede River, rounded off with a nice braai. The sea is always a winner, especially since most of our children had never been to the sea before, despite the fact that we are just over 100 km away from it.

It is such a privilege to be part of these children's first experiences—from the awe of the big blue ocean to the amazement at sea anemones growing like brightly coloured flowers in the rock pools. To see how children can enjoy the freedom of simply being children, without having to worry or wonder about their next meal or a safe, warm place to sleep.



Christmas Joy – A First for Many

We naturally also ended our year with a Christmas party for our 13 children. Christmas gifts and Christmas meals are a completely new experience for our children. Most of our children have never received a wrapped present, specially just for themselves. So, it is a highlight for me every time to watch their little faces as they open a gift.

And we could not end the year properly without giving all our children a special Christmas meal with Christmas gifts. This too is a first experience for most of our children. A beautifully wrapped present, specially just for him, is something our children have not experienced before. For some, it is their second Christmas with us, but the experience is still new. The excitement of opening the parcel is only surpassed by the excitement of taking out the gift and seeing what it is. And they are grateful for even the smallest little present.

A word of Gratitude

Thank you from the depths of each of our hearts at Crossroads, and especially from the hearts of 13 children whose lives are being completely transformed, thanks to every one of our sponsors. Without you, it would not have been possible for us to do this work. A big task, but also a humbling one.

What a privilege it is to be part of the change in these children and in the generations that will come from them.