

To our dear Asbury friends

As I gratefully prepare our application to you for assistance this year of 2022. I will write a story of life in our home, as our babies of yester year grow into teenagers and young men & women. I as mom to these children am so blessed, I love them dearly and they in turn are so kind, caring and a great blessing to me. We all miss our wonderful dad [\[Colin Boake passed away in 2020\]](#)--he was such an example of strong values, consideration and manners & I proudly say the children are following his example. Our home is bursting at the seams with every corner occupied. In the outside rooms we have Sean, Kayleen & four little boys. Sean's work place was completely destroyed during the unrest so they have come to stay with me. In the main house we have Joy now 24, Donny 24, Mathew 22, Siyabonga 18, Asanda 15, Lindo 15, Samuel 11, Thabiso 8. Our kitchen is a constant hive of activity as the appetites run high 24 hours a day. (I will briefly fill you in on each child) Donny at 24 is great help to me in a domestic way, she was born to very retarded parents and she herself is challenged. Joy our miracle child with brittle bone disease is a ray of light in our home. Mathew a gentle very caring young man going into his 4th year of graphic design at university. Siyabonga a wonderful caring person just finished school, we eagerly await his results, he has a serious eye condition, loss of sight on the right eye and 40 percent vision on the left, the only way forward for him is an eye transplant but the Government hospitals are difficult to work with. Asanda a beautiful bubbly girl, not too keen on studies and needs much encouragement. Lindo would prefer to play sport all day so I have my work cut out persuading these last two to work hard. Sam at 11 is a very sensitive boy and very attached to me, he's needing extra lessons and loves sport and has an amazing knowledge of cars, trucks and bikes. Thabiso now 8 is a chubby little boy who like Sam has a wonderful knowledge of anything on wheels, he does battle at school and im trying to find a new school for him, the classes everywhere are so big and he needs individual assistance. The Covid pandemic has been very kind to my family here but not so myself, in May 21 I became very ill and severe fatigue remained with me- then in October 21 I once again tested positive and am now very weak and tired. The miracle is that not one other soul in our home has been ill. I am having to rest so much but my mind remains positive for which I am so grateful.

It is with love and deep gratitude that we as a family thank you for being part of our ministry.

With love from me- an old duck turning 80 this year and still making lunch boxes at 5am in the morning.

May you all be blessed and know our Lords abundant Love
Pam Boake