



December

It is December 2024, and we are now officially in the Advent period preparing for Christmas. The exams are done, the matriculants have written their last exams of their schooling years before embarking on a new chapter in their lives. They also have matric ball celebrations to mark the milestone that they have reached and say goodbye to schoolmates they had over 12 years.

So, what does this mean for us ... for most Christians around the world this time of Advent is a time of reflection and prayer for the celebration of the birth of Christ, that culminates in feasting and sharing with family and friends.





For us in the Children’s Home it is the feeling of ambivalence. So many children have been away from home and family for many different reasons – whilst some of these children will be reunited with family for good, and some will go to families for the holidays, many of them will not be going home at all. This on-going trauma that our children experience is hard for them and for the staff working with them.

So, during this time when it’s supposed to be ‘happy holidays’ for some, and the festivities around the Christmas period, lets spare a thought for the other realities of hardships, poverty, abuse, death in our communities and institutions. Let us unite in prayer and thoughtfulness and spread positive energy where it’s needed, and let’s see where we can lend a helping hand to those who need it.



I am reminded of preparedness – am I ready for this?

Am I ready to do this?

Am I as prepared as I want to be?

Am I as prepared as I am able to be?"



Allow these few questions to resonate with you in preparation for the upcoming season. And as we journey through this let us allow ourselves the opportunity to experience newness ... whatever this may be.





Our Christmas Carols were once again a huge success as our children entertained the crowd who attended. We could feel the Christmas spirit moving among us.





As always, we appreciate your support with food and clothes during this time – however, we still need food items for the food parcels for the children who are able to go visit family, if you are able to assist us, please call the reception and make arrangements with the staff on duty.

May the blessings of Christmas reign on you and your family. Enjoy this time and rest. We look forward to your love, care and support in 2025.

God bless you all.

Francisco G Cornelius

Director





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Happy Holidays one and All



Your support means everything to us. It means we can focus on being kids, on learning, on playing, and on growing.

Some of us have found our passion in art, music, or sports. Others have discovered their love for reading. We've made lifelong friends and created unforgettable memories.

We know we're not just statistics or numbers. We're individuals with dreams, aspirations, and potential. Your investment in us is changing our lives.

Thank you for:

Believing in our worth

Seeing our potential

Helping us overcome challenges

Giving us a chance to thrive

We are forever grateful for your love, care, and support. You are our heroes, our champions, and our friends.

Thank you for being part of our Leliebloem House family.



Today, we want to say thank you. Thank you to the amazing people who care about us, who believe in us, and who invest in our future.

We are the children of Leliebloem House, and we are so grateful for this home. For 156 years, Leliebloem House has been a safe haven for children like us, providing love, care, and support.

We come from different backgrounds, but here, we are family. We have found hope, comfort, and a chance to grow.

Because of your kindness and generosity, we have:

A warm bed to sleep in

Delicious meals to eat

Education to help us dream big

Activities to explore our talents

Counsellors' to guide us through tough times



Christmas

WISH LIST:

60 Food Parcels for Dec Holidays

porridge, milk, sugar, rice, vegetables,
spaghetti, macaroni, sandwich spreads,
eggs, jam, soup mix, lentils, tomato paste,
chicken necks

29 Luxury Hampers for LBH Staff

Simba Chips, 2L cooldrink, biscuits, nuts,
chocolates, sweets

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Happy Holidays Everyone