

Epworth United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Birthstone: Turquoise

Flower: Narcissus

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Epworth United Methodist Church Mission Statement

To be a support at the beginning – **Birth.**

To be a support during the good times and the hard times.

To be a support at the end – **Death.**

To be a place of and for faith to bloom.

EPWORTH... A place for life:

To go from this place to love and serve the Lord,
Through service to mankind.

Amen.

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This is the year for
Fnworth to

experience the miracle of God's power "No Wind and no Rain; Yet the Valley will be filled with Water

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Remembering Zodwa Mqadi

She was a Methodist and founder of the Agape Child Care Center in Waterfall near Durban, South Africa.

Zodwa Mqadi passed on November 11, 2010. Her funeral was held on Saturday, November 20, 2010.

A memorial will be held in the near future.

The Agape Project was an advanced Special in the United Methodist Church from 2004-2008

headed by Ronald Wooding as a mission project at Epworth UMC. Read more about Zodwa Mqadi at the end of this newsletter.

Metropolitan District News

Cluster Charge Conference

December 11th; Epworth's Cluster Charge Conference for 2010 will be held on (Sat.) starting at 9:30 a.m. at Washington Park UMC. The church is located at 1955 E. Arizona Ave., Denver, CO 80210-1803. Rev. Dick Evans is the Senior Pastor. Their phone number is: 303-777-3043. The other churches who will be attending are: Grant Avenue UMC, University Park UMC and Wheat Ridge UMC (The Elder for Epworth will be Tom English).

Please plan on attending.

All forms, including a Checklist, can be found at www.rmcmc.org. Look for the "Forms" button on the left then go to "Church or Charge Conference Forms". Please do not hesitate to contact Cassy DePlato, Metro District Admin, with any questions or concerns by calling 303-325-7047 or 303-733-3736 X147.

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Messiah Sing

Along

Singers and non-singers alike will exult in this unique Messiah Sing Along, which will be led by Denver's finest professional musicians at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 5th at Littleton United Methodist Church. All donations will go to children suffering from HIV/AIDS in India and Africa.

Come to sing or to hear Handel's masterpiece as performed by the Colorado Chamber Orchestra. Solos will be sung by four of Colorado's finest – soprano Kara Guggenmos, mezzo soprano Marcia Ragonetti, tenor Joel Burcham and bass Steven Taylor. Every dollar of the suggested donation \$20.00 will go directly to children. Those wishing to sing along on choruses may bring their own scores or borrow one at the door. Church groups are encouraged to arrive early so that they can sit together. The concert is sponsored by the patrons of the Fine Arts Series of Littleton UMC.

Change the world this Christmas – lift your voice and give hope to a child!

By David Kates, DNA
Director of Music &
Worship Ministries at .
Littleton UMC
Littleton, CO
303-794-6379, X 247

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Denver Feed-

A-Family

Thank You for helping make this year's event such a great success!

The 2010 "Daddy Bruce" Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution Program was held on Saturday, November 20th. More than 1,000 volunteers were needed to build boxes, fill them with food and distribute them to more than 8,000 families from Fort Lupton, Colorado Springs and throughout the Denver Metro area. Thanks to Pastor Jeff Kanost, the weather was great (Pastor Jeff was in charge of the weather again this year). On behalf of the more than 8,000 families now able to share the joy of Thanksgiving, Rev. King Harris would like to thank you ...the volunteers, for your selfless dedication and hard work.

Denver Feed-A-Family Donation Station

This year the Denver Feed-A-Family Donation Station volunteers collected over \$500! Rather than sitting at one of two tables dedicated to the cause the hearty volunteers walked up and down the lines asking for donations. It worked! Kala Greene headed the effort and she wishes to thank the volunteers who helped her to achieve this worthy task including Jessica, Kimberly, Rashaad, Cameron and Clayton. The team has a goal of collecting \$1,000 next year.

By Kala Greene

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Thanksgiving & Praise

Thanksgiving is a time to share and bless those in need. God has given so much to us and this is a way we can share the love of Jesus with our community; and to meet new people who need our help and support. The measure of how much we have, or don't isn't the question. Everything we have came from God the

little and the plenty. But, when we add it all up we still have yet a lot that we can give to meet the needs of others. "Epworth Foundation" and Pastor King Harris you all did it again. So many walked away happy and content having a box of food to feed their family on Thanksgiving Day. So much love went into packing the gift boxes, and people of all races working together with smiles on their faces. A presence of unity and peace filled this celebration once again.

The people waited to receive their box of plenty that contained one whole Turkey, can vegetables, a 5 pound bag of potatoes and much, much more. The people that partner with the Epworth Foundation & Epworth UMC Family are some of the most "GIVING" and "CARING PEOPLE" you'll ever meet; they come every year and work to make sure that this event is a success. Young people laboring along side everyone else working happily. Sister Victoria (Vicky) Alvarado and I were selected by Pastor King Harris to meet the people in line waiting for boxes. Our assignment was to "ask if anybody had a need?" and we would pray with

them; believing God to meet that need. What a time we had; we prayed with over one hundred people or more, many needed jobs, some in foreclosure, children in trouble, and sick family members. We also invited them to come and visit on Sunday since some had no Church that they attended. At the end of the day we all gave praises to God for answered Prayer.

By Sister Jackie Perkins

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Black Nativity

The Mile High Chapter Theatre Company will present its 26th Annual Performance of "Black Nativity" at Montbello High School on December 18th and 19th. Performance times are 6 p.m. on Dec. 18th and 3 p.m. on Dec. 19th. The school is located at 5000 Crown Blvd in Montbello. This year's special guest artists are: The Ambassadors for Christ, Dare To Believe Dance Crew, Joda & Friends African Dancers & Drummers, "Charizma" and the Mile High Chapter Choir.

This great Nativity presentation written by Harlem Renaissance

poet, Langston Hughes, is a Holiday Masterpiece. In addition to this year's special guests, other local artists featured include David Sweet, Pastor Eric Munnerlyn, members of Miracle Mountain AME Zion Church, Denver School of the Arts Students, and Montbello High School Students & Alumni.

A great line-up of vendors for last minute Christmas shopping will be available both days. Don't miss the Cookies and Candy booths.

Tickets are \$8.00 at the door. For more information please call 303-371-6801 or go to www.MileHighChapter.org

Metropolitan District News

Save This

Date!

February 26, 2011 is the next Metropolitan District Annual Celebration scheduled at Wheat Ridge UMC. More details to follow. Contact Debby Lawrence at DLAWRENCE@UNIVERSITYPARKUMC.ORG or Curtis Gay at CURTIS.GAY@QWEST.

[COM](#) to offer suggestions or help with the planning.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

St. John 15:12



Spanish Speaking Worship Services

Epworth UMC has scheduled its Spanish Speaking Worship service on Saturday evenings starting at 6 p.m. Make plans to come out and join Rev. King Harris, Pastor Jeff Kanost and our Spanish speaking members every Saturday.



Around Town and Enworth.....

Another incredible Thanksgiving Basket distribution is now history and 8,160 families should have had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Over 1,000 volunteers can feel proud that they helped and all can say "thanks" to philanthropist, "Daddy" Bruce Randolph for seeing a need and attempting to fill it--alone and without funding some years ago.

And of course, a "shout out" to pastor King Harris and the Epworth Church and Foundation for carrying on the legacy of Daddy Bruce. Also, it would have been most difficult without the 1,000 or so volunteers. As a tribute to them, this writer decided to randomly conduct short interviews of a few of the volunteers to see what prompted them to do so.

Mrs. Shirlene Calhoun said she volunteered because she feels blessed and always wants to give back to her community. A member of New Hope BC, she feels that makes her part of the community and as such she felt obligated to do her part. Brenda Navarrette heard about the distribution at the University of Colorado-

Denver and felt that since she hadn't contributed to the community this year, and this was a worthy cause, she said, "I'm in." Jerry Donovan said this was his 5th year and also because it is such a worthy cause, he's already planning for his 6th year in 2011.

Maura Thompson of Aurora, said she has known Pastor King since she was 8 years old; and that with 5 sisters and brothers, food was kind of scarce at her house, so she knows what it's like to have unmet needs. She also interjected a personal note that she used to change Pastor King's daughter Joy's diapers and she has known Winifred for many years.

Alton Clark is associate director of Veterans Upward Bound and is very familiar with Daddy Bruce and in that spirit, anytime he can help the community--that's his way of giving back and he welcomes it. Kian Parise runs a youth advocate program in Northglenn and knows those can be some "mean:" streets and values the opportunity to give back.

On behalf of the Epworth UMC and the Epworth Foundation, we are not only pleased, but we also rejoice that people feel "obligated," so to speak, to help. That is exactly what "in community" means. Those 8,000 or so recipients are grateful and so are we that we had the opportunity and the resources to feed the "5,000" like our Perfect Example, Jesus the Christ, in the true spirit of Christian giving, sharing, and community.

AMEN.

Wallace Yvonne Tollette
303 830-1691
Shel-Vonne TS Gifts & Souvenirs

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Who's
Ushering In

December:

- December 5th:
Sis. Myrtle Davis
Sis. Rudy Robinson.
- December 12th:
Sis. Sharon Davis
Sis. Kimberly Smith
- December 19th:
Brother Clarence Williams
Sis. Jessica Walters
- December 26th:
Sis. Myrtle Davis
Sis. Rudy Robinson



December
Acolyte
Schedule

- December 5th:
Melissa Wilson & Kitana Aragon
- December 12th:
La'Renz Smith & La'Ronn Smith
- December 19th:
Melissa Wilson & Kitana Aragon
- December 26th:
La'Renz Smith & La'Ronn Smith

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Epworth's
Birthdays for
December
2010:

Congratulations to:

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1. Kailee Elaine Jones – 12/02
2. Kimberly Masin – 12/02
3. Victoria Castille – 12/04
4. Thomas Alan Riggs – 12/05
5. Sabrina Davis – 12/12
6. Almetra Robinson – 12/16
7. Jervay Harris – 12/19
8. Johnathan Dean – 12/27
9. Lammar Davenport – 12/29

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Epworth's Calendar

- Morning Worship Services. Rev. King Harris will be conducting Morning Worship services M – Sun. starting at 6 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Youth & Children Sunday school classes. All classes start at 9:45 a.m.
- Epworth's 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service. Rev. King Harris and Pastor Jeff Kanost conducts this service.
- Epworth's Hispanic Worship Service. Rev. King Harris, Pastor Jeff Kanost and Sis. Victoria (Vicky) Alvarado will conduct this Worship

Service starting at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

- Epworth UMC Women's Ministry. Introduction to the Bible and Bible Study every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. For more information please call 303-296-6287.
- Adult Bible Study. Every Wednesday evening a meal is served starting at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bible study starts at 6:30 p.m. All activities end at 7:30 p.m. Rev. King Harris and Pastor Jeff Kanost heads this class.
- Epworth's Adult Choir Rehearsal. They rehearse every Friday evening from 6:30-8 p.m.
- Epworth's Children's Choir / Youth Rehearsal and Fellowship. They rehearse every Friday evening from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- Epworth's UMW United Methodist Women the Hispanic Circle meet every Saturday evening in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. For more information, please call Sis. Vicky Alvarado at 720-276- 9870
- Epworth's UMYF. (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) meet on Sundays at 4 p.m. For more information, please

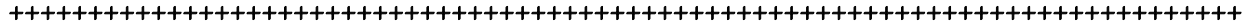
call Pastor Jeff Kanost at 720-364-8417.

- The Barber Shop (was The Fatherhood Initiative). A group of men meet every Tuesday evening to discuss fatherhood and how to become better fathers. An evening meal will be provided. Activities start at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Please call Thom Foster at 303-296-6287 for more information.
- The Beauty Shop (was The Motherhood Initiative). A group of women meet every Tuesday evening to discuss motherhood and how to become better mothers. An evening meal will be provided. Activities start at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Please call Thom Foster at 303-296-6287 for more information.

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"Pray For Those In Need / Ore Por Los Necesitados"

- Churches: Parkhill UMC, Valley Vista UMC, Scott UMC and Redemption Fellowship.
- Health: Rev. Aaron Black, Pastor Manuel Jimenez, Jeffery Brown, Joi Harker, Shirlene Sanders, Sandra Rodgers, Essie Collins

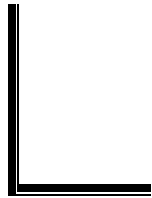


Ted White, Sherlyn Thomas, Rose Milon, Chris Davis, Lauren Watson, Jere' Procopio, Sabina Johnson, Kenneth Wells, Ronald Wells, Richard Shannon and Vera Castile and Rayford (Rashad) Tiller.

- **Bereavement:** Ocie Brown.
- **Guidance:** James Goss, Lisa Harker, Rose Milon, Robert Martinez, The Epworth Praise Team.
- **Our Missionaries:** Jose Orlando and Yolanda Rivera Argentina (Missionaries).
- **Protection:** For our Armed Forces serving here and in distant lands.

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The
Poet's
Corner



To Realize...

To realize
The value of a sister/
brother
Ask someone
Who doesn't have one.

To realize
The value of ten years
Ask a newly
Divorced couple.

To realize

The value of four years:
Ask a graduate.

To realize
The value of one year:
Ask a student who
Has failed a final exam.

To realize
The value of one month:
Ask a mother
Who has given birth to a
premature baby.

To realize
The value of one week:
Ask an editor of a
weekly newspaper.

To realize
The value of one-
second:
Ask a person
Who has survived an
accident.

Time waits for no one.
Treasure every moment
you have.
You will treasure it even
more when
You can share it with
someone special.

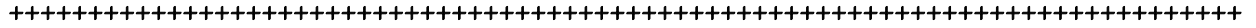
To realize the value of a
friend or family
member:
LOSE ONE!

Remember; hold on
tight to the ones you
love!

Author Unknown
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What's
Happening at
Epworth in
December?

1. **December 1st:** World AIDS Day Observance.
2. **December 2nd:** Because the Admin. Board Meeting for December has been cancelled; no reports are required to be sent to Rev. Harris.
3. **December 5th:** First Sunday Communion and Pot-Luck.
4. **December 11th:** Cluster Charge Conference for 2010 for Epworth UMC will be held on December 11, 2010 (Sat.) at 9:30 a.m. at Washington Park UMC. The other churches are: Grant Avenue UMC, University Park UMC and Wheat Ridge UMC (The Elder for Epworth will be Tom English).
5. **December 12th:** Bring a gift for a teen.
6. **December 05th, 12th, 19th & 26th:** United Methodist Youth meeting at 4 p.m. Service conducted by Rev. Felicia George, Rev. King Harris or Pastor Jeff Kanost.
7. **December 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th:** **United Methodist Women's Bible Study.** Starts at 9:30 a.m.
8. **December 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th** The Barber Shop



- (was The Fatherhood Initiative) & The Beauty Shop (was The Motherhood Initiative) meetings from 6-9 p.m.
9. **December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th**: Adult Wednesday night Bible study and meal at 6 p.m.
 10. **December 18th**: Pastor & S/PPRC meeting at 9 a.m.
 11. **December 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th**: Epworth Spanish-Speaking Worship Services. Starting at 5 p.m. Bring non-perishable foods for food bank.
 12. **December 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th**: Epworth's English-Speaking Worship Service. Starts at 11 a.m. Bring non-perishable foods for food bank.
 13. **December 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th**: Kenyan Worship Service from 2-4 p.m.
 14. **December 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st**: Adult Choir practice from 7-8:30 p.m.
 15. **December 18th**: Epworth's Membership Christmas Party 3:30-4:45 p.m.
 16. **December 21st**: First Day of winter.
 17. **December 24th**: Christmas Eve.
 18. **December 25th**: Christmas Day Worship Service. Starting at 9 a.m.
 19. **December** – Month of prayer (every week day). From 6-7 a.m. Services led by Rev. Harris.
 20. **December 31st**: Watch Night Service. Starts at (TBD). Breakfast will be

serviced following Worship Service.

21. **January 01, 2011**: First Day of the New Year.

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Some Things To Remember

- Wallace Yvonne Tollette has a catalog, Internet and souvenirs business. "Shel-Vonne TS Gifts & Souvenirs" a variety of unique, quality, gifts and souvenirs primarily made in Colorado. Please call 303-830-1691 for more information or to place an order. Wallace also conducts walking tours of historic Five Points.
- The Kenyan Worship services will be held every Sunday in September. Their services are in English, so feel free to join them. Services start at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Please call Epworth's Office at 303-296-6287 for more information.
- **Epworth UMC & Family-To-Family Office Hours:**
Mon. – Thurs. – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Friday** – Noon – 5 p.m.
Office ph. # 303-296-6287 Office Fax # 303-296-7475
E-Mail address: www.epworthumcdenver.org

- **Every (Sunday) In November** Please bring your Non-Perishable foods to the Saturday, 6 p.m. Spanish speaking worship service. On Sundays, bring your items to the 11 a.m. Worship Service for Epworth's Food Bank. All Food collected will provide more food to those who need it and eliminate the need for Chris Davis to close the Food Bank early.
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Counseling

- Rev. King H. Harris
 - Assistant Pastor, Jeff Kanost
 - Assistant Pastor, MarvManuel Jimenez
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Epworth's Ministers of Music

- Joy Harris – Choir Director
 - Loretta Lovell –Director of Choir and Music
 - Jacqueline (Jackie) Perkins – Praise Music Leader
 - Terry Jackson-Musician
 - George Nelson-Musician
 - Joshua Wilson-Musician
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**Refreshing
the Soul
Collection**

**Hello My
Friend,**

Since 1996 God has inspired me to write the "Refreshing the Soul" Collection. This article comes to you like a long drink of water on the road side of life, written and designed to inspire, encourage and uplift you on your journey. God is truly amazing, the main source of my life and it is my heart felt desire to share with you what His word has given me through a reflection of life that inspires the soul.

My prayer is that you will be blessed with all

of the love, joy and peace that are found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For those of you who are not sure about a relationship with Jesus Christ may these monthly articles inspire and encourage you to seek Him. If this email does not load correctly, you can access the article from the website at www.refreshingthesoul.com.

Until next time....

In Him,
Linda Rose

**"The
Greatest
Gift"**

Ah, the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. Everyone is making a list and checking it twice. "Yuletide carols being sung by choirs and folks are dressed up like Eskimos." The mail carrier deposits cards and gifts from loved ones far and wide in the mailboxes of many. The malls are packed with people going into serious

debt. But still unknown to many is the fact that the "**The Greatest Gift**" this world will ever know has already been given.

In Luke 2:10, the Angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds and said, "*Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*" Galatians 4:4 states, "*When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son*". Isaiah 9:6 says, "*For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.*" And when this Gift is received, you have a guarantee from this Gift in John 10:28, which says, "*I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.*" His name is a name above all names. His name is **Jesus Christ!**

As this Christmas season fast approaches, let us be reminded that "**The Greatest Gift**" we can give to one another is **Jesus Christ** and - through Him - ourselves! That's what God did for me and for you. This season is not about the

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purchasing of things, but it is about loving each other, spending time with each other, and sharing joys and sorrows with one another. So, during this blessed season and throughout the year, **"give the Gift that keeps on giving!"** *"And now abides faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love"* (I Corinthians 13:13). He gave His life so that I may live. There is no greater gift! There is no greater love!

**Receive the Gift,
Live the Gift,
And
Share the Gift with each
other!**

**Merry Christmas
And
May God Bless You**

*"I am just an Ordinary
Woman, On an
Extraordinary Journey,
With an Awesome God"*
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Zodawa Mqadi

**Through fire to love
and sing.**

Despite encountering massive resistance from the community she lived

in, founding member of the Agape Children's Centre, Zodwa Mqadi, refused to give up her quest to help orphans.

Recently her children's choir graced the stages of London, performing with international stars at the 46664 concert held in Hyde Park in London on 01/08/2008.

Her house was burnt down, and she was isolated from her community and chased away from her church, but that didn't stop Zodwa Mqadi from helping orphans.

Agape Children's Centre, home to the Agape Children's Choir, is situated in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal and is home to more than 45 children, most of whom have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS. Opened in 1996 by Mqadi, who is fondly known as "Grandma Zodwa", *agape* is a Greek word meaning "unconditional love" and that's what Grandma Zodwa gives her children every day.

Asked about the origins of Agape Children's Choir, Zodwa says: "I saw talent in these children and I contacted the music department at the University of

KwaZulu-Natal, who organised a CD recording. The choir has performed with celebrities like Alicia Keys and Bono, and there's been a documentary made about the choir entitled *We Are Together.*"

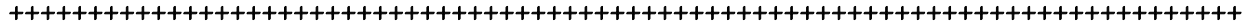
Grandma Zodwa sadly recalls the treatment she received after opening the orphanage. "I started the orphanage in 1996 because I'm passionate about community work, but it hasn't been an easy journey. My house has been burned down and I've been called names and even held at gunpoint, but I told myself that I must continue." The community persecuted her because of the stigma attached to AIDS. The church members did not understand that HIV infection does not necessarily mean that a person has been sexually promiscuous.

"I decided to dedicate myself to helping children who have been orphaned by AIDS, starting with the orphanage. I did this so that I would never have to blame myself one day – so that I wouldn't lie in my grave knowing that I never did my best to help the infected/affected children. I saw people close to me dying because of AIDS, and I was terrorized by pastors.

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so I decided to find a place in a suburb because I wanted the children to feel safe, and I'm grateful that I did," she says.

"Not all of our children are infected or affected by HIV," she mentions.

"We are a centre for distressed orphans and it doesn't matter if they have been infected or affected by HIV, just so long as we can help them."

Mqadi acknowledges the singer Zwai Bala for helping the children with the production of their CD. "The proceeds from CD sales were used to rebuild the Agape Centre, which burned down in 2005. The CD wouldn't have made as much impact if it weren't for Zwai Bala, so I would like to thank him most sincerely."

The children's choir has been overseas three times and has won awards. "46664 organizers in the UK asked if they could invite the choir to perform at Nelson Mandela's 46664 concert in London, and we agreed because we love Tata – he did a lot for us."

One of the children who performed in London says: "I enjoyed seeing everyone, and the people were friendly. I met a lot

of celebrities including Will Smith, Annie Lenox, Amy Winehouse, Nicole, Alicia Keys, Iman (the model) and Mr Mandela."

She is grateful to Grandma Zodwa for opening the Agape Centre and says: "I love this place because it doesn't remind me of home. I have everything I need here. My parents passed away when I was six, but I live here with my younger brother and we are happy."

The child says she is grateful to 46664 for giving the choir the opportunity to perform at the concert. "Going to the 46664 Hyde Park concert has opened doors for us; we have grown; we performed with Annie Lennox. We sang for Mr Mandela with Amy Winehouse and other celebrities – it was wonderful," she adds.