

## **PETUNIA MOON PRE-SCHOOL. VOSLOORUS.**

Chubby Chums have taken Petunia Moon Pre-School under our wing. We feed 150 Children within the community of Vosloorus. Of the 50 orphans living on the premises 6 are infected with the Virus, and are continuously in need of the relevant medication. Our immediate needs are food, nappies, clothing, food, gas etc. Although any form of assistance will be greatly appreciated. We have also started a soup kitchen that operates three days a week, and can now feed more children, especially those who receive only a bowl of porridge for the entire day. Due to our close relationship with Government we managed to get a Grant for the School. We sent Sara on an Early Child Development Course. Extensions were made to accommodate more children. A further development is that we have trained Sara as a Trainer to train other people in the area as ECD's and to help guide and monitor them.

Report also indicates that the environment in which children grow up also plays a role in their cognitive and psycho-social development. Activities that involve playing, singing or reading stimulate the brain through all the senses and help improve the ability to think and communicate. Children living in poor households, where parents are less able to spend time or money to feed and educate children, may grow up in less stimulating home environments.