

## Motlatsi Can't Sit, Walk, Speak, or Feed Himself - He's Valuable to God!

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Pastor Tyrone and his wife Rosanne spend time with Motlatsi at the Hope Centre



I had the humbling privilege and honor to meet Motlatsi many times at the Hope Centre, and he always had a contagious smile on his face. On one occasion, a fly was on his face and he could not get it off; he would blink his eyes as fast as he could to get it off his face. His continued “groaning” reminded me of what the Bible says about how God understands our deepest in-ward heart cries that cannot be articulated with words. Only God can understand the emotions of Motlatsi.

His mother died in 2012 and he has never known his father. In 2013, he came to the Hope Centre; it has been his home for the past five years. Motlatsi has been

diagnosed as being “mentally and physically handicapped.” He cannot sit, walk, feed himself, bathe, speak, or do anything for himself. He is 18 year’s old and is on diapers. Seeing that he only has a grandmother, who cannot afford to care for him, he has become a child of Fikile (Hope Centre Director). Motlatsi loves singing and soft marshmallow candy. I know in his heart he loves Jesus! Continue to cover Fikile in prayer as she is an amazing woman who loves these kids with all her heart, and cares for them with very little finances and resources. God bless the Hope Centre in South Africa!



A day out with the children, Fikile, and the caregivers from the Hope Centre

*“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”*

Proverbs 31:8-9

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