



### *Isaack KHALID, 13 years old*

*Isaack* was born on 17 November 1997 and has been a resident of the Green Door Home in the Boona-Baana Centre since December 2003. He attends the Hekima Waldorf School and is currently in Grade 7. Prior to coming to the Green Door Home, Isaack lived with his aunt in an over-crowded household, and was a victim of domestic violence.

*Isaack* appears to be at a lower stage of mental development than that of a child his age, and suffers from learning disabilities. This condition is suspected to be due to *severe and frequent beatings* which were inflicted on him when he was very young. He does not interact well and is quiet and soft-spoken. Given his grades and learning impediments, the prognosis is that it is unlikely that Isaack will be able to make it to (or through) secondary school.

Nonetheless, Isaack is a cheery kid and enjoys non-academic activities like *football, art and hair-braiding* (a special skill he picked up from the care-givers at the Green Door Home). Isaack also plays in the school football team with Mandara and Samwel. Although Isaack is no good with his books, he has shown to be *skilled with his hands* and possessing an imaginative mind, as shown by his interest and natural talent in hair dressing and art.

Isaack says that *when he grows up*, he wants to be a lawyer. However, the harsh reality may be that this dream will never come true for a boy like him. Nonetheless, the Boona Baana Centre is committed to helping him *develop skills in areas of his interest and gifting*, and is currently in the process of looking into opportunities for Isaack to undertake vocational training and pick up marketable skills which he will be able to use to forge a living in the future.

If you have *an idea for helping Isaack* in any way, would like to be his *sponsor* or to *make a contribution* towards his financial needs, please contact [boonabaana\\_center@yahoo.com](mailto:boonabaana_center@yahoo.com).