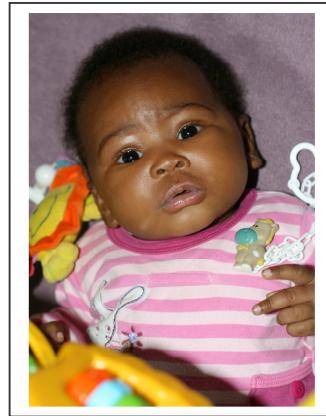


Talita's story



Sanelise

Talita fell pregnant at the age of 16.

At that stage, she had no family to support her.

Her mother died when she was 9 years old and her father left when she was a baby.

She lived with her gran since her mother died, however, her gran and her sons abused her until she was a teenager in Grade 8.

She did not know that she was being abused, until a caring teacher noticed bruises on her body and asked her about them. Talita took a long time to open up about the abuse and then went to a social worker who placed her in the care of an aunt in law.

When she discovered she was pregnant, she was told that she could no longer live with her aunt. She had to make the decision to either move in with her boyfriend's family, or abort the baby if she wanted to live with her. With the support of her boyfriend, Talita did not go through with the abortion and her aunt sent her packing.

Talita had lost faith in God and His power. She felt she had disappointed Him and herself. It was hard for her to accept that she was pregnant.

Her teacher tried to help in every possible way and gave her a collection of baby clothes. God pulled through for Talita and her faith in the Lord was somewhat restored. Her teacher introduced her to a friend of hers who was once in the same position.

This helped Talita see that she too can be a success in life. Her friend provided Talita with clothes, baby products, a pram and baby seat. She supported Talita and still does today.

Talita attended antenatal classes at Breath of Life, a pregnancy care centre. It was at Breath of Life where she developed her faith and believed that God still loved and cared for her. The people at Breath of Life prayed for Talita's courage and strength from God.

God moved mountains for her!

Von Schele, who was also a very young mother and is now a wonderful mom, wife and friend has also supported and cared for Talita and her baby girl, Sanelise.

Talita and Sanelise, are now living with a fun, loving, Christian family and Talita has returned to school.

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