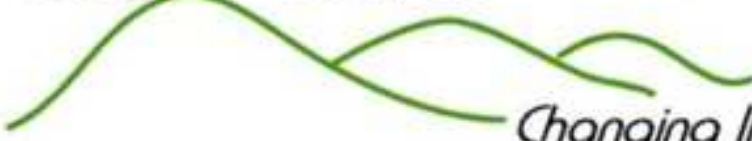




# Sethani



*Changing lives, transforming the community*



**Vegetable gardens near Sethani Centre**

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## Greetings from Sethani

It's hard to believe that we're already into another year, with all the challenges that brings to Sethani. We ended 2008 with numerous activities in all our ministries, and have reported on some of them in this issue. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, finances and prayers.

While some of our children have started a new school year – many of them for the first time – we also have a large number of recent matriculants who are now in search of careers/jobs/tertiary education. Our Resource Centre and Youth Outreach staff are busy trying to meet these needs.

In the next few issues we will update you on Sethani's Peer Education Programme, as well as some exciting new developments and staff changes in the Resource Centre.

Lastly, I am delighted to announce the appointment of a new Chairman, Dr Amon Kasambala, to our Board of Directors.

I look forward to meeting with some of you during the coming year.

God Bless, *Debbie*



*Dr Amon Kasambala*

## New Chairman

Sethani is very pleased to welcome a new Chairman to the Board of Directors.

**Dr Amon Kasambala** is an ordained minister from Zambia with a Masters and Doctoral of Theology from the University of Stellenbosch. He is also currently doing an MBA in Strategic Planning and Management at MANCOSA.

Amon is the CEO of *Focus on the Family Africa* and he brings a wealth of leadership and management skills to Sethani,

as well as experience in family outreach and donor ministry.

Amon is married to Sethani's Administration Manager, Tiba, and they have two sons, Eddie (8) and Victor (18 months). In his spare time, Amon enjoys reading, playing soccer and volleyball, travelling, sightseeing and gardening.

The Kasambala family lives in Hillcrest.

## Summer Games



Sethani hosted its annual Summer Games at the end of 2008.

The seven-day event was organized by Phumlani Cindi and more than 150 children from four youth "hubs" in the area – Mshazi, Mahlabathini, Wushwini and Samungu – took part in the popular Games.

## Staff training

An HR representative from **Focus on the Family** visited Sethani in January to give staff advice on human resource issues, eg staff contracts, notice periods, UIF etc, as well as relevant office skills training.

After lunch, the staff visited the offices of Focus on the Family, and listened to an inspiring and motivational talk on leadership skills by the CEO of FOTF, and new Sethani Chairman, Dr Amon Kasambala.



## Blue Eagles XI awards

**Mr Linda Zondi** was the guest speaker at The Blue Eagles prizegiving ceremony held at Sethani in December.



Linda (*third from left*) is pictured with coach Khumbulani Mkize (*fourth from left*) and the prize winners below.



A variety of sports and games were on offer, including soccer, basketball, table tennis (*above*), table soccer, netball, cricket, darts and indigenous games, eg shumpu, 3Tin, magalobha, amagendi and ngqatha.

## Four years on...



In September 2004, three boys with soccer potential were chosen from the KwaNgcolosi area to travel to the UK to meet and train with some of the members of the Manchester United football team, which then included Bafana Bafana star, Quinton Fortune.

Sethani Director, Debbie Wells, was chosen by the organizers, the **Starfish Greathearts Foundation**, to accompany the children to London where they also attended a Gala Dinner hosted by South African football legend (and Manchester United goal-keeper) Gary Bailey. The boys were also thrilled to meet two of their heroes, Mark Fish and Shaun Bartlett, at the Dinner.

**Hlanhla Mbambo** has since finished school and **Sboniso Dlamini** and **Khulekani Hlatswayo** attend a local high school. All three are still very keen soccer players!

These boys will never forget the exciting experience of traveling to the UK to meet their Manchester United heroes.



*Hlanhla, Sboniso and Khulekani pose with Sir Alex Ferguson (above) at Manchester United's training ground.*

## Crèche Graduation

In December, the Sethani Centre hosted the Bongimpilo Crèche annual year-end Christmas Party and Graduation Ceremony for children ready to enter Grade 0 at their local junior primary schools in 2009.

Twenty seven children, dressed proudly in their black capes and caps, sat patiently waiting their turn to be called up to receive their certificate and a Christmas gift, sponsored by **The Robin Hood Foundation**.



Sethani's Administration Manager, Tiba Kasambala, gave an inspiring address on the importance of praising, encouraging and disciplining our children.

The programme also included singing and a wonderful drum majorette routine by the children, which delighted the proud parents and siblings!



## Childrens' Christmas Party

A big thank you to **Manline** for the wonderful party provided for our MADKids in December. Father Christmas distributed toys collected by Manline staff as part of their *Truck Loads of Hope* campaign and each child also received a MADKids backpack. Hot dogs were provided and the Sethani staff were also presented with sweets and chocolates by the Manline staff.

MADKids is a fantastic initiative, sponsored by Manline, which takes groups of up to 60 children on regular outings where they are exposed to cycling, swimming and other outdoor activities.



## Against gender-based violence

**GoLD** Facilitators organized an event/campaign at the end of last year to raise awareness around violence against women and children.

On a scorching hot afternoon in November, Peer Educators from three high schools made banners and walked through the community of Maphepheteni, spreading their important message.

After the successful walk, they returned to the Clinic where they met with a number of stakeholders, including the police and officials from the Departments of Health and Social Welfare.



## Ceramic starfish display

In Sethani's first newsletter last year, we reported on a starfish painting day held at the Centre during the July school holidays.

Children between the ages of 11 and 14 painted 250 little ceramic starfish which were to be given to guests attending an annual Starfish fundraising dinner in London in November 2008.

The colourful starfish were made into fridge magnets which proved very popular. They formed part of a display on each table (right) and guests were encouraged to pledge their support for orphaned and vulnerable children and a total of £14,000 (about R217,000) was raised at the Gala Dinner for the projects Starfish supports.

**Starfish Greathearts Foundation** assists Sethani by providing funding for food parcels, school uniforms and salaries for the Bongimpilo Crèche teachers.



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Previous issues of the Sethani newsletter can be downloaded from the website [www.sethani.org](http://www.sethani.org).

## How you can help

The Sethani Centre and Bongimpilo Crèche have the following ongoing needs:

- White board & markers
- Hot plate for crèche meals
- Reference books for the Library
- Sports equipment
- Fencing for vegetable gardens
- Baby care items (eg, disposable nappies, wipes, surgical gloves)
- Furniture for staff accommodation (ie beds, kitchen appliances, desk, seating)
- Your ongoing prayers
- flip chart & pens for facilitation
- Children's ministry/activities
- Skills training
- Food, clothing, blankets
- Sponsorship for tertiary education