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Greetings from Sethani



PRAY, WORK, GIVE!

Well here we are ... already more than half way through the year - time to give thanks to all of you for the support you have given us, to fill you in on our latest news and to reflect on all the Lord has done in our lives and at Sethani.

As the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and the associated poverty and devastation of the family and young lives continues to take its toll, we have nonetheless made the most of this much-anticipated year in the history of our country to celebrate 2010 in a community that has been largely forgotten and hidden from the glitz and glamour of the Football World Cup.

Despite the turmoil and the many problems we face - teenage pregnancy, poverty, abuse, drug addiction, the parentless, friendless and those growing up with nothing to hold on to - we have faithfully continued with the counselling, physical relief, school support, early childhood education, life skills and ministry. We have faced staff challenges and disappointments which will require new direction and a renewed focus in certain areas in the second half of this year but we look forward to this restructuring, believing that God has the resources and right people to complete our dedicated team. We welcome Smah White, formerly from World Changers Academy to Sethani and value the wealth of experience she brings to us.

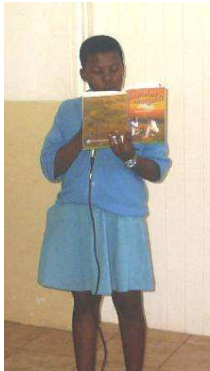
We are so grateful to all of you who support us in all areas so that we can reach out to the community effectively and continue with what we have felt called to do.

Thank you and God Bless,

Debbie



SETHANI SNIPPETS...



Readathon

Sethani hosted a successful Readathon, attended by approximately 200 children from Ndlokolo and Isishlangusabashu Schools.

The children read poems and stories in isiZulu and English and we were motivated to read and study hard by guest speakers from Hope to Educate and the local schools.

Our thanks go to Foschini, Hillcrest Stationers, Mrs DeMaine and Spar for their donations of prizes for this event.

Bongimpilo Crèche gets much-needed new ablution facilities

Long-time friend of Sethani, and founder of Starfish, Anthony Farr (*right*), was instrumental in channeling funds from Allan Gray for much-needed ablution blocks and a baby room at the Bongimpilo Creche.



Previously, the long drops and lack of running water available to the teachers and 72 children at the Crèche posed some additional problems to this already challenging job.

Our teachers benefited greatly from two weekend training workshops implemented by The Ultimate Child who also donated education toys.



Peer Education news

We were very proud that our Sethani youth worker and Resource Centre assistant, Phakamani Ndlovu (*below left*), was chosen to represent Gold and Schools 4 Schools on a speaking tour to Australia.



The three-week trip encompassed talks at Australian schools with the purpose of fundraising, as well as raising the profile of the Gold peer education programme and the work being done by them in Phaka's community.

The entire trip was a wonderful experience for Phaka and one that he will remember and benefit from in years come.

We continue to implement Gold in two high schools and we were proud to send two candidates to Enke Leadership Forum in Johannesburg.



Resource Centre Training Successes

We continue to train young school leavers in basic computer skills. Amongst other skills, trainees learn word processing, internet usage and how to put together a CV.

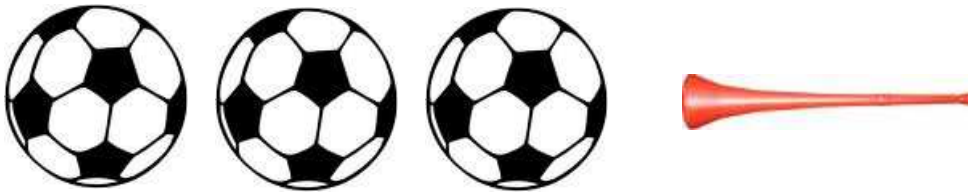
On completion of the course, they receive a certificate of attendance which assists them to find employment.



Orphan Outreach

Sethani has held a number of activities for the OVCs of our community in recent months, including two weekend workshops, community clean-up campaigns (*above right*), a child trafficking workshop for caregivers and children a fun day to end the World Cup. The highlight of the latter event was the egg and spoon race for the excited grannies (*below*)!





2010 Football World Cup

Sethani took advantage of the 2010 World Cup celebrations to hold a Holiday Club for our children and to involve them and the community in the excitement by using this opportunity to run workshops on relevant issues such as child trafficking and HIV/Aids awareness.

The long five-week holiday started with a boisterous walk through the community, displaying posters in support of Bafana Bafana, blowing vuvuzelas and dancing. The next two weeks we were blessed to host a team of eleven lads from Lions Raw, a UK-based football supporters team, who ran football clinics with the excited kids. Our grateful thanks to them for their time and the kit they left with us and we look forward to building on this relationship with them.

Youth With a Mission (YWAM) spent a few days presenting workshops, children's ministry and facilitating games. The projects mentioned here were organized to protect and entertain our children during the extra long school break and it was most successful.

The children were fed every day, thanks to support from Church on the Way (Kloof) and the last day culminated in an event that included fun and games, clowns, etc, with caregivers from the community.



With grateful thanks...

Sethani would not be able to achieve what they do without the much-needed donations of funds and equipment that we receive from our donors. We were very grateful for the donations we received in the past year, some of which are highlighted here:



The boys and staff from Magdalen College School in Oxford raised funds to hand over to Sethani during a visit to the Centre last year (above left).

Chris Norton of Lochinver House Preparatory School was instrumental in raising funds for the purchase of a new wooden hut (above right) at the Centre.

Sethani UK continues to award grants towards the running of our projects. Helen Fuller ran the 2010 London Marathon and raised over £1,000 for Sethani UK. What an achievement - well done Helen, and thank you Lynne Keeble for all the hard work you do on our behalf. See www.sethaniuk.org.



CITADEL
PRIVATE CLIENT WEALTH CARE

Staff from Citadel gave up a day of their time to do some work at Bongimpilo Creche. They put up curtains, painted the walls and jungle gym in bright colours, erected some much-needed shade cloth on the verandah and decorated the baby nursery with fun motifs.



The Starfish Greathearts Foundation continues to provide valuable support to Sethani in the form of school uniforms, food parcels, centre running costs and salaries for our crèche teachers.

Starfish also channels funds raised by the Dusi and Comrades Marathon. Sethani youngsters again supported both events this year.



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England football supporters, Simon Wheatley and Sara Quinn, visited Sethani while they were Durban for the World Cup and left a donation to help with Kidz Holiday Club expenses.

Thank you to Vuka Sikwa staff in KwaZulu-Natal for their donation (via Community Chest) which enabled us to further meet the many needs of the children of our community.



How you can help

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

- White board & markers
- Food, clothing, blankets
- Reference books for the Library
- Sports equipment
- Baby care items (eg disposable nappies, wipes, surgical gloves)
- Furniture (ie beds, kitchen appliances, desks, seating, etc.)
- Your ongoing prayers
- flip chart & pens for facilitation
- Children's ministry/activities
- Skills training
- Fencing for vegetable gardens