



Lungisani Indlela

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PASSING THE BATON

2008 was the year when Lungisani Indlela leaders began to take ownership of the different projects. In 2009 God gave us the following two pictures.

It was time - they were ready to fly alone. God so often teaches us through pictures and His creation. The first picture was of the eagle – how they gently nudge the young out of the nest to teach them to fly, undergirding them as they struggle and start to fall, bringing them back safely into the nest.. Now in 2009 they are ready to fly alone.

It was time to pass the baton and let go. The key to success in any relay race is the perfect timing of the passing of the baton and the letting go. The receiver needs to be running in the same direction, and every member of the team needs to be in unity, and well prepared. The picture was very clear. You cannot finish the race if you hold on to the baton.

As parents, it was like watching your own children leaving home for the first time. Our vision for Lungisani Indlela has always been to train, equip and release. As parents we continue to trust God and pray that all we have taught them will never leave them but help them to stand firm in faith, trusting always in His wisdom and strength.

We now watch closely from the stands, cheering them on. These past few months we have been in awe of how they are rising to the challenge. Their spiritual growth has been beyond what we could have imagined or hoped.

When we hear how Sifiso, our driver, who previously struggled to get to work before 9.00am, now gets up at 5.00am to read and pray, and even brought a word from the Lord for the others during their daily devotions, we can only say "how great thou art, Lord". We are trusting God to do so

much more through them than we ever could. Then we will know that we have "prepared the way" according to His will and have run our part of the race well.

At the end of January, during the mid week Amaoti Community Church service, we prayed over the 16 staff and volunteers; we anointed them with oil, read 1 Thessalonians 1 and 2 over them. We officially passed the baton and saw them leave the nest.

As representatives of the board, we continue to meet with the project leaders, receive reports of their progress and make sure the good governance continues, especially in the distribution of the finances.

We enter a new season. Please pray for all of us.

Many blessings,
Tich and Joan

BACK-TO-SCHOOL REPORT



By Zanele Brown - We have started this year off with renewed energy and hope to make a difference in the 605 children on our programme. Our team has changed slightly with some new junior youth workers added to the team. We feel that this team will have a huge impact on the children on the project. We are excited to have such a good and enthusiastic team!

Now some stories from the 'field'... The year started with positive news for our B2S project.

We have two very special families in our back-to-school program; the Mthembu's (4 orphans) and Mtolo Thusi's (7 orphans). With the help of Judy Carter and the Social Department the caregivers of these orphans will now get child support grants (R230 per child per month). Something they have never received before. What a difference this is going to make to the lives of these families! The caregivers really should receive foster care grants (R580 per child per month), but because this process takes a long time they will at least receive the child care grants, while we assist them with an application for foster care grants.

There has also been some sad news...

Hlakaniphile Ndlovu is an orphan girl looking after her 3 siblings. She is doing grade 7 at Brookdale Primary School. Their house burnt down and

they lost everything including all documents. When we heard of their situation we put her and her siblings onto our back-to-school programme. We will also assist them with food parcels. At the moment we still need shelter, clothes and blankets for them. They currently live with the neighbor, but this is only a temporary solution.

The statistics: We have 595 children on our programme, 35 orphans are on our waiting list. Please contact us if you would like to sponsor a child for R80 per month.

Note to sponsors: If you haven't received a report from your child who attends Brookdale Primary School this is due to the fact that in September they were given their reports to take home for their parents/guardian's signature and it was not returned to the school. Therefore they did not get a report for December! Each term there is a stamp on the report which has to be signed by the caregiver / parent / guardian.

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YOUTH CLUB on FRIDAY

By Zanele Brown - Each Friday from 3-5 PM about 250 children and teenagers come to Peniel Church for Youth Club. Some of the kids have been coming for over four years. The older ones have even been offered jobs with us and Indlela's Life Skills programme. Proof that investing in young lives is crucial!

The kids are taught biblical principles, and work in groups to discuss the issues and then it's time for music and dance! One of the things that young people love is showing their talents. They will discover their God given talents when they are able to express themselves through music, dance, drama and poetry. Two ladies from

Harvest Church have offered to come to our Youth Club and teach Ballet once a month, we are so excited about this! We would still appreciate assistance with our youth activities, especially with regards to developing skills and talents in young people.

Zinhle Mapphanga (Photo on the right, Zinhle is on the far right) is one of our young people. We met her at Amandlethu High School and she became one of our best. We awarded her last year for Attendance, Time management and Respect. We have met Zinhle's mother who has trusted our Youth Leaders to play an important part in her child's life.

Zinhle says, "Being part of the youth club has really changed my life and has helped me develop my potential. Being a teenager is not easy these days, but when you have support from your parents, peers who are living a positive life and youth leaders, what more can you ask for." Zinhle is one of the girls that we sent on a leadership course last year and she has initiated a teenage girls support group.



TRANSFORMATION



Pumza Rhodana works for our Teenage Empowerment Programme (TEP). She shares how Lungisani Indlela has transformed her life. "I joined Lungisani

Indlela's Teenage Empowerment Programme last year. Before I joined I had a vision which I longed to fulfill for over two years. But after my matric I stayed at home feeling hopeless and depressed because my vision seemed impossible. This year I have a job and am sponsored to study to become a social worker. Now I feel happy and excited to live again. God has changed my life through Lungisani Indlela."

THANK YOU'S

We would like to thank the following people and companies for donating finances, food and goods:

- Hayley Smith; Dawn Schmidt; Savathree Mala Scott; Nicole Holmes; Lindsay Boxshall-Smith; Colin & Coleen Baxter; Angela Fraser; Peter Lock; Anna de Vlieg; Anne Marte and her friend Gunviag Bergly.
- Container Ministries for corn flour, school bags and food.
- Loyd Meaker from Skills Bank for donating 6 tons of Soup mix
- Thank you to Mercedes Benz Commercial division for their generous donation for the upgrade of Isambulo Crèche.
- KPMG and Investec for donating toys and stationary to Siyakuja-bulela and Fisokuhle crèche

- We received a generous donation for a number of building projects from three Dutch organizations: Wilde Ganzen, NCDO, Werkgroep Christelijke Kinderboeken. Thanks a lot to Theo Aerts of E-quipe who has made this possible.
- Prospect Tennis Club for giving 24 of our students free lessons.
- SoulAction for their generous donation to our Teenage Empowerment Programme. Because of this we are now able to employ more youth workers and work in two schools!
- Thank you to all our back-to-school sponsors who gave presents to their children in 2008.

Reminder to Back-to-School Sponsors. If you would like an update on your child, please phone our office and we'll do a home visit and report back.

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Trust No:
IT1283/2007/PMB

Banking Details:

Bank: Standard Bank
Branch: Umhlanga Ridge
Branch Code: 057829
Acc No: 052373959
Name of Account:
Lungisani Indlela Trust
Swift Code: SBZAZAJJ

International Banking

You can now support Lungisani Indlela from the UK.

Soul Survivor ministries have opened the door for us to receive financial donations in the UK, whilst they assist us in setting up a registered NPO / charity in the UK.

Account Name:

Soul Survivor
Bank: Lloyds TSB,
Chesham branch,
79 High Street,
Chesham, Bucks,
HP5 1BE, UK
Sort code: 30-12-10
Account No: 0003 2382

Please mark your transfer clearly: 'Amaoti' and your name. In order to keep in

contact with you and assist us with our administration we will need you to email your name, contact and deposit details to admin@lungisani-indlela.org.za. If you wish to allocate your funds to a specific project within Lungisani Indlela please mention this in your email.