



Lungisani Indlela

PREPARE THE WAY

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COMPETENCE & EXCELLENCE

May we never cease to dig deeper, go further and reach higher as we strive to be more competent and do everything with excellence. May we never be satisfied with yesterday's results, always seeking fresh new 'manna' each day. May we always stay on the cutting edge, alert to the call on our lives to GO...TOUCH...CHANGE. "Seek ye, first, the Kingdom of God and all else shall be added."

Our Father's heart is at the coalface with the broken, abused, lonely and neglected. "Whatever we do for these little ones we do it for Him".

He is in the streets cheering on the community members who are bringing His Spirit of 'ubuntu' back into Amaoti. He is in the schools guiding our youth workers on how to better reach the hurting children. He is in the Shoji family shack with the sick old Gogo and her three

grandchildren who are not attending school.

He sends our L.I. workers to be His hands and feet, to make a difference in these lives, and as we bring food, clean the house, get the kids back at school and care for the old Gogo, we tell them about the love of the Father and how He sent His Son, especially for them.

He is with Nkanyiso, the young boy who behaves in a destructive way and runs away to try to get rid of the pain he feels, and He sends L.I. workers to find him and love him with the Father's Love.

The Village

We have a dream... a safe, healthy environment to restore and build lives, future leaders. A place for the abandoned, mistreated and abused. A place they can call their own. A place where their Heavenly Father will be their Father. We have a dream, and NOW is the time.

We are looking for 100 acres of farmland in the Verulam area north of Amaoti. Join us in prayer for His doors to open and for us to be able to walk through.

We thank you, one and all, for your continued support. Together we ARE making a difference.

*Many blessings,
Tich and Joan.*



BACK-TO-SCHOOL REPORT

By Nosipho Nxande – The **VISION** of the Back-to-School team is to glorify God by serving the orphans and vulnerable children of Amaoti. We currently attend to 611 children in 14 different schools. Quite a job! But our team (see photo) is up to the task!



STRATEGY

We have divided the schools between ourselves and the TEP team members, so that the children will have two Lungisani Indlela staff members stationed, more or less permanently, at their school.

A key term for this year has been **GOING DEEPER**. We want to go deeper spiritually with each child, encourage them to attend school and do their best. When we get a chance, we pray with them at school. Being stationed at a school makes it easier for us to track the attendance, appearance and academic progress of each child.

Now that we have become familiar faces to the children, it has been amazing to see that the kids really trust us. Several children have opened up to us with regards to problems at home. Abuse, lack of proper housing, no bed, or lack of food are problems that we encounter frequently.

More recently we have started to implement an intervention with regards to reading and spelling problems in the primary schools. With the help of Paula Wright & Raine Dancaster, our team has been

trained to assist our children with learning difficulties.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Sometimes the work we do seems so small in comparison to the huge need, but our achievements are real and make a big difference in the lives of each child. We have provided each child with a uniform this year; quite a logistical puzzle, but we did it! The children don't have to worry about their school fees, as we take care of that. We have had numerous (too many to count) counselling sessions with children in need and the After Care at Brookdale Primary is really running smoothly now. We see that several children have improved academically because of the homework assistance we provide.

Our aim is that every one of 'our' children will become whole and successful in life!

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AMAOTI COMMUNITY CHURCH

By Pastor Derek Gumede - The Amaoti Community Church has been operating for five years this year and we have seen a real maturing this last year, which has excited all of us. We see a maturing in believers and in our church's leadership structure. Our pastoral team currently has twelve people, with one young man who is still in training. He assists me in my pastoral duties.

The **VISION** of our church is to glorify God by bringing



Amaoti community

transformation to the Amaoti community through the gospel.

The congregation has grown considerably this last year and every Sunday about 350 people and over 200 children visit our 11 am service.

Our Sunday school team is being trained by Dan & Rachel, who are missionaries from America (www.keyofhope.org). The imparted skills have been immensely valuable and we see a real change in our children; they have learned how to pray and are living in relationship with Jesus.

The Amaoti community is under attack; crime, women & children abuse, drugs, alcohol and unemployment are rife in this community that we have so come to love. But through the Gospel we see change in the lives of the



Pastor Derek & Maureen Gumede

people. God has been faithful in helping us to find and create jobs for some of our members.

Needs

Please contact us if you know of job opportunities and help us fight the war against poverty in our community.

**“Join us
in the
fight
against
poverty.”**

TRANSFORMATION

My name is Innocent Msani. I am 25 years old. I started working for Lungisani Indlela in 2008. Meeting people of this organisation has changed my life because of the support and love I get from them.

Growing up I had a vision of being a Mechanical Engineer, but after I went for life skills training through Campus Crusade, I realized that being a mechanical engineer was not really what God has planned for me for now. God had a plan for me to serve him through empowering young people in the community, so that their lives will be transformed.

Lungisani Indlela went out of its way to look for a learnership. I was able to do a learnership in Development Practice.

God is great, for he always gives me strength when I stumble upon challenges and troubles. I want to say to young people out there, “Let's not sit back and relax, stand up and set your own goals, so that they will be fulfilled. And remember that God is the source of every thing we do in our daily lives”.



THANK YOU'S & NEEDS

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

- Prospect Tennis Club/Boiler Industrial Plant - Canopy for our Isuzu pick-up
- Bernie Miles - donation to purchase shorts for tennis players
- Alan Walker / Mike & Pauline Altern - wheelchair
- Carol Bennet & friends - Easter Eggs for Easter Parade
- Phambilo & Phiri for A4 Paper
- Hailey Smith - Bunk Bed
- Nedbank - Easter Eggs and clothing
- Northlands Primary School - Easter Eggs
- Remos Café for bread
- Virgin Active - towels
- Leslie Slater - radio, clothing and furniture
- Camilla Singh (KPMG) - leather couches
- Peter Wallace - 2 TV's,

bedroom Suite, crockery, cutlery and other furniture.

- Anne Wakefield - Cotton Knit and clothing
- Carol Bennet & boys for donating their jungle gym
- Margie Murrell for donating paving bricks and a TV

General Needs

- Soup mix, barley, vegetables
- Stationary, pens, paper, etc for office
- Fabric for sewing project, sewing machines
- Second hand clothing
- Contributions (in kind or finances) towards food parcels for families from Child & Family support project
- Winter blankets
- Puzzles and books for children under 6
- Children & adult bibles
- Anti-waste material for crèches (to hand in at Harvest church); egg and cereal boxes, glass jars, etc.

TEENAGE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

By *Pumza Rhodana* - We have been blessed this year; God has been on our side. At the beginning of the year things didn't look so promising when we found out, that after all our hard work, we were not allowed back in Amandlethu High School, because the principal wasn't happy with his own teachers' minimal involvement in our

programme. But when God closes a door, he opens a window. In this instance God opened two windows for us, one in Brookdale Secondary and another in Amaoti no 3 School. Young people are being empowered every day by the life skills lessons we give.

Every day we hold a prayer time during break time; we pray that the hearts of these young people will become dwelling places for God. We have seen change in most of the learners; we know that God will continue to use us to transform their lives.

Mbali is one of our learners at Brookdale Secondary School, she stands out. She had a traumatic experience, which made her lose faith in God. But we came along side her with support and

even invited her to church; she gave her life to Jesus! Now she is one of our most active youth members.

When we heard of Mbali's situation we put her on the back-to-school programme. We have motivated her by teaching her life skills and we support and care for her through our Child & Family support team. Mbali recently lost her father, Lungisani Indlela and Amaoti Community Church assisted with her father's burial.

This is a wonderful example of how our different teams overlap and work together.

We thank all our donors who contribute to the transformation of our children.



TEP TEAM: Xolani, Innocent, Zama, Pumza & Musa

NEW: TRAINING & CARE CENTRE

By *Renske Fitzjohn* - As briefly mentioned in our last newsletter we have received a substantial donation from three Dutch organisations; Werkgroep Christelijke Kinderboeken, NCDO and Wilde Ganzen.

their generous contribution, as we can now fulfil a long time dream!

The vision is that one building will house all these different projects. We plan to build a sizable building with classrooms around a multi-purpose hall.

We are currently in the process of drawing up a legal agreement with Brookdale Primary School, on whose grounds we plan to build the centre. The building will be at the back of the school, adjacent to the buffer zone that lies between Phoenix and Amaoti. It will be easily accessible for both the people of Amaoti and North Durban area.

Currently we are in the process of getting quotes for the construction of our centre.

We hope to start in the next two months! We will keep you

updated on the progress.

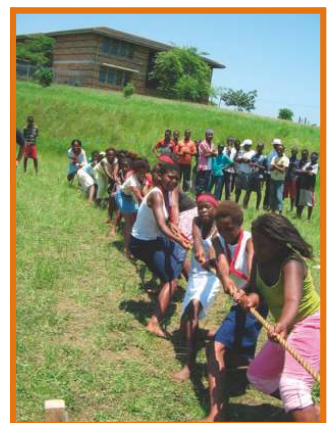
Needs

Please let us know if you can help us with the plumbing, electricity and equipping of this new centre.



This money has been awarded for the purpose of building a new crèche for our Lungisani Indlela Crèche (now in Peniel Church), an After Care facility, counselling & testing centre and an AIDS crisis centre (skill development, food support and care). There is also some funding for foster homes, but we are still in the process of deciding what location will be best for these homes.

We are very grateful to these three Dutch organisations for



The grounds at Brookdale Primary school - photo taken during a Holiday Club

FAMILY & CHILD SUPPORT PROJECT



Children doing homework outside in the rubble

By Claire Thomas and Zanele Nzimakwe
The Amaoti Community has many children who are living in homes where the caregivers are unable to offer the children a safe and stimulating environment and the

children are at risk. The Children and Family Support project was born out of this need, working with children and their families so that the home environment becomes a place where the children can flourish.

“It is our **VISION** that every orphan and child at risk is placed in a Godly family and the child and family receive healing and restoration, which will be passed onto generations”

This vision breaks down into three major areas:

1. Supporting children Orphans and children at risk, where there is no carer or very poor caring. Child headed households & those struggling at school.
2. Supporting and equipping parents and caregivers through regular visits, prayer & pastoral support, donations of food & household goods, assistance to apply for social grants, workshops and training.
3. Providing safe places for children to live. For children who are exposed to high risk, families in the Amaoti

Community Church are enabled and supported to take in these children and care for them. The child can move in and become part of the family or the child visits and spends time in their home.

Since the project began in early 2009 we have identified fifteen families in the community who need support. As the project becomes established and we become known in the community and schools, the number of children and families we work with is increasing on a regular basis.

Needs

We would like to be able to assist more families by providing a food parcel. The families and children are also in need of clothes for the children, as well as games and toys. Any contribution towards our specific needs will be greatly appreciated.

“Every child in a godly family.”



Claire Thomas & Zanele Nzimakwe

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT: SEWING & BEADING

By Maureen Gumede - From January until now God has been good to the sewing ladies, as we have been busy all along since the beginning of the year. The project is coordinated by me and we have a book keeper who gets R100 a month. She does the stock taking and administration duties.



Highlights

God fulfilled some of our dreams! We had orders from overseas and we exported 25 bags in the last two months. Recently we received an order for another 25 beaded bags to be sold at a ladies conference in the UK. A big thank you to Julie O’Callaghan for placing these two orders! We are working hard to finish these bags at the moment.

We have also been busy with 20 cushion covers for Brookdale Secondary School.

Harvest Church in Umhlanga has been a huge blessing to us; they had a Youth Conference this month and gave us an order of 300 bags which was for the conference. Our God is so amazing and when he opens the doors of blessing; we say “Lord we want to bless You with all our hearts”. I trust the Holy Spirit to show these ladies that it is about



Jesus and nothing else. I really give Him praise and glory for the mighty things that He has done for us.

Challenges

One of our biggest challenges at the



moment is that we don’t have enough machinists and beaders. We really need a lot of prayer for this, because when we get orders we need to finish them on time, yet we don’t have enough people to get the work done. I don’t know what we would do without Happiness, Irene and Agnes, ladies from Amaoti who have agreed to help with the bigger orders.

Needs

We really need sponsors for the fabrics we use to make the bags. If you have a sewing need please contact us; we make to order.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



Handing over the Cup to the winner

By Theo Brown – The Sport Development Project is growing so fast, we can hardly keep up!

At the moment we have 56 teams that are part of the Amaoti Revival Soccer League that

we have set up. We have formed a task team of ten members from the community, who are all helping to run this project.

Our **VISION** is to glorify God by using soccer as a tool to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Amaoti community.

Before the league kick-off, we had a mini tournament,

where all these teams were able to play against each other. We called this tournament the Lungisani Indlela Cup, which was funded by the organisation.

We had the launch of the league on the 7th of March. We invited a very well known former Bafana Bafana and Orlando Pirates Captain, John Moeti, who really motivated and imparted good values and principles into the young people's lives.

From the 8th of March until the 5th of April, all the games were played. The juniors, under 13, 15, 17 played on Saturdays and the seniors played on Sundays.

The finals were on the 5th of April. All these teams received floating trophies, medals, money and a team soccer kit. The total cost of the event was R11,000. Tich Smith and I had a great opportunity to minister the Gospel to all the people who were there to watch the final games.



Needs

We are trusting God for funding so we will be able to sustain this project.

We've been given everything we need, to do everything we can.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: TENNIS

By Joan DeMeillon - We are so happy to report that some of our back-to-school children have been given the opportunity of playing tennis at Prospect Tennis Club in

Durban North on a Thursday afternoon after school.

They are being coached by professional coach Judy Goss and are really loving it! Playing tennis has given them a sense of achievement and they are striving towards becoming good tennis players.

There are a number of students who, although they have only been playing a short time, are excelling!

We have been told that a selection of four students will be made and they will be trained by a professional coach, taking them from a beginner's level right up to becoming a top player!

Because we were struggling to get all our children to tennis in a safe and responsible way Prospect Tennis Club very



graciously donated a canopy for our pick-up truck, enabling us to take all 24 students to tennis each Thursday!

Needs: Tennis balls; rackets and white tennis t-shirts.

Needs

If any other sporting organization (cricket, baseball, rugby, ballet, etc) would like to train and develop our children in sports, please let us know.



Boys & Girls getting coached in tennis



CRECHE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

By Renske Fitzjohn – The **VISION** of the Crèche Development Project (CDP) is to glorify God by giving the little ones in Amaoti the best start possible. We are working hard to implement programmes that will develop both the crèche teachers and the children holistically (spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically).

This year has seen a maturing and re-structuring of the Crèche Development Project. The number of crèches that have joined the programme keeps on growing (now over 20 crèches), therefore restructuring was necessary.



A major change has been the addition of a Fieldworker, in the person of Zandile Dladla. Zandile will focus on the spiritual development and mentoring of the crèche teachers. She visits three crèches each day and works with the teachers to implement our curriculum and

resolve problems that they are facing, but most importantly she ministers to the ladies and prays for them. We are very grateful for Zandile, as she brings spiritual maturity and encouragement to the crèches.

Recently the involvement of Seedlings pre-school (based at Harvest Church) has grown. We are very thankful for this as they bring much experience and knowledge into our project.

For our last workshop Seedlings designed a detailed two week curriculum with all the necessary teaching aids. We hope that by giving the teachers detailed instructions

the implementation of the curriculum will be easier.



Needs

We need more sponsors, small or big, to come forward to help us support the crèches in Amaoti.

NEW LOGO FOR LUNGISANI INDLELA

By Renske Fitzjohn - As you can see our newsletter has a slightly different look and feel to it. We hope you will enjoy this new vibrant and colourful look!

We have recently updated our logo and have added colour and firmed up the images.

The colours of the new logo are earthy - after all we are working in a real and sometimes difficult environment. A reddish brown colour dominates and some orange and yellow were added to brighten it up. The various colours represent the people

from different backgrounds, churches and race that are all united under Lungisani Indlela and who all work so tirelessly to transform the Amaoti community. The focus point remains the cross with the road leading up to it. After all 'Lungisani Indlela' means 'Prepare the way' in English.

We felt now was the right time to change it as we are developing a new brochure and website for Lungisani Indlela.

Needs

If you are able to help with our printing, website, fundraising or marketing please contact us.



↑ **New Logo**

← **Old Logo**

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