



Lungisani Indlela

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GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS!

By Joan & Tich Smith - As we move toward the end of 2008 and reflect on the past year, we also reflect on the past 7 years in Amaoti and remember the first time we heard about the starving children in this area. Never could we have imagined where God would take us, from once a week feeding children with peanut butter sandwiches, to feeding 20 crèches daily, over 600 children supported on the back-to-school programme, 520 teenagers' lives touched each year with our TEP lifeskills programme, holiday clubs with a thousand children, 30 families in crisis assisted with food parcels each month, business development and skills training, and the formation of the Amaoti Community Church in 2005.

Each year has its own growth spurts

and challenges and this year has been no exception. We continue to marvel at God's amazing grace and mercy, What stands out the most for us this year, in particular, is the spiritual, emotional and practical development of the Lungisani Indlela staff. We employ 15 previously unemployed members of the Amaoti community with little or no experience. We are extremely proud of them as they have embraced the vision of Lungisani Indlela and committed to seeing young lives transformed. They have become the "frontline fighters" in the trenches, fighting for the very lives of these children.

We welcome Anne Moodley on board who has already made a huge impact in our lives as she mentors and lays solid biblical foundations and

structures. She comes with 25 years of experience having worked with many Christian NPOs worldwide.

Thank you to all of you, our partners in this part of God's vineyard. We are grateful for your continuing and vital support. So we give you the gift of our prayers as we pray for God's richest blessings and protection for each and every one of you and your families for the Christmas season and 2009. You will never know how valuable your support is and the part you play in making a difference in these young lives. We look forward with renewed excitement to 2009.

But, first, we must rest.,
Tich and Joan Smith

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT

By Zanele Brown - The number of the children on our Back-to-School programme keeps on increasing. The Principals and teachers refer children to us who's parents have died because of AIDs and leave children to take care of themselves. We now have 621 sponsored children. Twenty-six of these kids are not sponsored as of yet. We are currently busy registering orphans from the crèches for grade I, and organizing registrations and uniforms for our children going to High School .

Some notes to our sponsors: Please note that your R80 per month covers not only school fees and uniforms, but also excursions, holiday club and After Care. Should you require information pertaining to your child please contact the office where we will do an update for you on that particular child.

Highlights this year were:

- Thank you to all the sponsors who have given their children

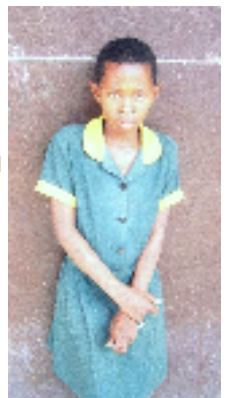
Christmas presents, we know these kids will hardly receive anything this year and your thoughtfulness and present will mean the world to them. A big thank you to Grid Construction for buying Christmas presents for the 80 kids they sponsor.

- Donation of a pre-fab classroom by Pierre and Tadek. The pre-fab has been placed at Brookdale Primary School, where 230 of our sponsored children go to school. The pre-fab will be used for the following activities: Reading intervention , team meetings, housing a small library, counselling the children in case of abuse, trauma and/or troublesome behavior, mentoring each of our B2S children, as most don't have parents and/or a healthy family environment, monitoring the home situation. This prefab will help our youth worker to be more effective in building a much stronger relationship with the children, school and caregivers. It will also help us to monitor the growth and educational progress of our Back-

to-School children.

Child of the month: Ncamisile Ngubane has been our child for three yeas she is now doing grade 7 at Amaoti I. Ncamisile stayed with her aunt and uncle

after her parents died. The uncle raped her. Recently the aunt has passed away. We are trying to get her a place to stay with one of our youth workers after the aunt's funeral. We are in desperate need of safe homes for children like Ncamisile. Please keep Ncamisile and lots of other children like her in your prayers.



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CRECHE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

By Renske Fitzjohn - We are looking back at a year with many wonderful developments and we have much to be thankful for !

Most of our crèches have improved. The teaching materials that we give them each month are implemented and the teachers are motivated to improve their crèches.

We have seen an increase in the health of the crèche children, as now 19 of our 20 crèches are fed daily with the nutritious soup we make in our soup kitchen in Phoenix and in the soup kitchen at Church of the Good Shepherd (Indlela)

Some highlights this year were:

- A visit from Brooklyn Methodist youth group, who renovated and painted Zuzokuhle crèche and helped Izimbali by smoothening their floors and putting

tiles in.

- KPMG for donating R9.000 which will be put towards building a second classroom at Siyakujabulela.
- Anne Marte Haarberg from Norway for funding a new toilet and classroom for Pinky's crèche.
- Sivest for renovating Amaqhawe crèche and hosting a Christmas party for the kids
- Investec, NMI, Nedbank (contact center), Indlela and Chrysler for donating goods, toys and Christmas presents to several of our crèches.



A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all these sponsors!

Next year the main challenge for the Crèche Development Project is to find a crèche development coordinator who will be available to visit all of our crèches weekly and develop, train, disciple and mentor the crèche teachers.

This year we ended in a positive note; we had a lovely Christmas lunch at Harvest coffee shop with all of our crèche ladies. We spoiled them with amazing food, an encouraging talk from Maureen Gumede (Pastor Derrick's wife) and a small Christmas gift.

Even though we have a long way to go in improving the lives of the little ones in Amaoti, much has changed for the better and that is worth celebrating!

THANK YOU

God has been so good to the community of Amaoti by providing through the following people and companies:

- Judy would like to thank Deon at Afrikwazi, computers, printers & Network support company for the generous support he gave her when she was having problems with her printer. They may be contacted on 031 5795648.
- Pierre Lategan of Atlas Plastics and Tadek Tomaszewski from Windworth for donating a pre-fab classroom for B2S at Brookdale Primary.
- Thank you to Ant Stott for choosing us as his preferred charity,

and enabling a donation of R10,000 to go to us

- Netconfigurations for helping us with computer system requirements
- Anna Marte Haarberg from Norway for fundraising for us and her continued generous donations
- Di at Harvest Coffee shop for cooking wonderful food and giving us a great deal for our Creche Development Party
- Container Ministries for donating tons of soup mix !

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Branch: Umhlanga Ridge
Branch Code: 057829
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Name of Account:
Lungisani Indlela Trust

INTERNATIONAL BANKING DETAILS

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 assists 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.

Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year!