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# **NAMENYI PROJECT HOPE**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **"Aspire Children To Greater Heights"**

#### **Introduction**

God bless you and welcome to the latest edition of our monthly newsletter which will keep you up to date with all the projects that we were able to conduct last month! Thanks to your unfailing support we can continue to do some good deeds in this broken world... The highlights of our efforts in August are summarized as follows:

- 1 HIV/AIDS Seminar was held for 332 students of the Wiliwili Primary School;
- 3 Fruit trees and 10 soccer balls in the value of R 2,254 (\$ 128) were donated to the same school;
- 350kg of stationery worth R 23,000 (\$ 1,306) was donated to; and 1 Bible class was held for the SIZIMISELE Primary School (163 students);
- 1.1 tons of highly nutritious Woolworth's food, at the value of R 96,000 (\$ 5,451), was donated to the Khulani Kahle Children's Home (25 children);

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING GIFTS IN KIND: 520

TOTAL WEIGHT OF ITEMS DONATED: 1,489 kg

TOTAL VALUE OF AID DELIVERED: R 121,254 (\$ 6,885)

## HIV/AIDS Seminars Held in Rural Areas

It has been shown that school-based HIV education is an effective strategy for reducing HIV-related risk. Students who receive school-based HIV education interventions have been found to have significantly greater knowledge about the virus and are more likely to have fewer intimate partners and delay the age at which they start having intercourse. Since 2007, our charity has been implementing long-term, combination prevention programmes that genuinely meet the needs of young people most affected by HIV and we believe that promoting abstinence and faithfulness are keys to reducing the number of new HIV infections in rural communities.



Visual Aid Demonstration showing the difference between high-risk behaviour vs. high morals.

“The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.”

— **Bob Marley**

Our behavioural HIV awareness & prevention seminars target school children in black townships and the well-designed programs of our charity seek to achieve results on multiple levels. They promote accurate individual knowledge as well as perception of risk and increase individual motivation to avoid risky behavior. At the Wiliwili Primary School 332 learners had the opportunity to greatly benefit from our workshop. Sadly, this particular township has an extremely high rate of unemployment (over 80%) which puts an incredible pressure on children to get out of poverty at any cost.



With the students of Wiliwili Primary – after our presentation.

“If you don’t sacrifice for what you want, what you want becomes the sacrifice.”

— **Anonymous**

## **Bible Classes at the SIZIMISELE Primary School**

Our Bible classes continued at SIZIMISELE Primary, and this time our study was taken from Matthew Chapter 13: The Parable of the Sower was told to the crowd that had gathered around Christ. So Jesus tells the story of a farmer who scattered seeds on four different types of soil. The first type of ground was hard and the seed could not sprout or grow at all and became snatched up instantly. The second type of ground was stony. The seed was able to plant and begin to grow, however it could not grow deep roots and withered in the sun. The third type of ground was thorny and although the seed could plant and grow, it could not compete with the amount of thorns that overtook it. The fourth ground was good soil that allowed the seed to plant deep, grow strong, and produce fruit.



The seed that fell on stony ground grew quickly but just as fast also withered away.

**"If you're going to try, go all the way. Otherwise, don't even start."**

**– Charles Bukowski**

Jesus used this parable to explain to his followers and the disciples how there are different responses to the Gospel. The sower in the parable is Jesus and the seed is the Word of God. The hard ground represents someone with a hardened heart, full of sin and pride - who hears the word but does not accept it. Satan is able to keep this person from getting saved at all. The stony ground is someone who shows interest and awareness in the Gospel, yet his heart isn't fully convicted so when trouble comes his faith is not strong enough to withstand persecution. The thorny ground is a person who receives the Gospel but who has many other idols and distractions in life - worries, riches, and other types of lust, which take over his mind & heart thus he cannot grow in the truth of God's Word. The good soil is someone who has heard and received the Word and allows it to take root and grow within his life. This person represents true Salvation that bears good fruit.



United prayer after the class with the students of Sizimisele Primary.

**“You must not let anyone define your limits because of where you come from. Your only limit is your soul.”  
— Gusteau, Ratatouille**

## Donation of Stationery to Underprivileged Schools

Three months ago, burglars broke in and stole almost all of the stationery from the Sizimisele Primary School. At that time, the educators literally begged us to respond to their need for quality school supplies. Thankfully, this month we managed to deliver several boxes of stationery to tie them over until January - when the new financial & school year starts again.



The educators and students alike are very grateful for the school supplies delivered.

**"The creative adult is the child who has survived."  
– Ursula K. Le Guin**

## Donating and Planting Fruit Trees at Rural Schools

In 2016 our charity started reaching out, with our tree planting project, to the most vulnerable schools in the Durban townships. In our role, we build relationships in the underprivileged communities, and identify causes which support the vision of Namenyi Project hope. Through our gardening initiative, we provide students with the opportunity to learn about agriculture, planning, teamwork and giving back to the community. At the Wiliwili Primary School we planted 1 mango, 1 orange and 1 macadamia trees - together with some of the eager learners.



Tree planting is about to begin...

**“Anybody who wants to rule the world should try to rule a garden first.”**  
**– Gardening Saying**

## Supporting the KHULANI KAHLE Children's Home

Sadly, for many orphaned or vulnerable children growing up in rural South African townships life means being in a constant state of hunger. However, since the establishment of the Khulani Kahle Children's Home in 2002, over 25 children have discovered the security of having a place what they call home as well as a large provision of food. The orphans here receive three meals every day, are educated and most importantly are shown the love and care they deserve.

Our supporting roles to this centre, for over two decades, have always been different, according to the needs of the children - which also varied. From building dormitories and a basketball court to creating vegetable gardens or supplying uniforms and school materials - there's been one constant support which we've been able to provide for the last 20 years and that is a weekly supply of the highest quality Woolworth's food, sustaining all the children here.



A sample of our weekly food deliveries to the Khulani Kahle Children's Home.

”There will never be a perfect time. Just start where you are.”

– Anonymous

## Acknowledgement

I can't tell you how much we appreciate your support for our life-saving work with Durban's most vulnerable children! It is only with the assistance of people like you that we are able to make a lasting difference in the lives of orphans and disadvantaged kids. For us, it is the most wonderful gift to see the joy and pleasure the children feel as a result of our positive influence on their lives. We believe that lifting even one person from poverty can create a ripple effect in destitute communities. The vision of Namenyi Project Hope is to continue to reach thousands of children annually - giving them hope through education, character building and food parcels so we can enable them to overcome the poverty in which they find themselves. Furthermore, we are convinced that unselfish service expands, enlivens, and blesses both the servant and those served - and must be the bedrock of the process to enhance and change lives. I pray that God would bless you for trusting in us and for making our voluntary work possible! THANK YOU!



Crime Prevention Through Sport (Donation of soccer balls to the students of Wiliwili Primary).

**"When people succeed, it is because of hard work.  
Luck has nothing to do with success."**

**– Diego Maradona**

## Pearls of Wisdom

### GOD'S CHESS GAME

- By Jehnsen Enrique

Chess, often called the “game of kings,” is more than just a board game; it’s a profound metaphor for life itself. Each piece, move, and strategy in chess reflects the complexities, challenges, and decisions we face every day. Just as a chess player thinks about their next move, we navigate through life, making choices that shape our destiny.



Naturally, a grandmaster sees the board differently than a novice. They anticipate moves many steps ahead, understanding the ripple effect of each action.

Similarly, in our lives, God’s perspective is infinitely greater than ours. He sees the entirety of our existence, the connections between our choices, and the ultimate purpose behind our experiences.

God’s ways are mysterious to us, much like the strategies of a seasoned chess player are to a beginner.

We might not understand why certain events unfold the way they do, but there's a divine plan at work. Trusting in God's grand design, we learn to have faith in His timing and wisdom.

A successful chess player knows that patience is crucial. Impulsive moves can lead to defeat, while thoughtful, deliberate actions pave the way to victory. This principle applies to our spiritual journey as well. We often seek immediate answers and solutions, but God teaches us the value of patience.

In times of uncertainty, when life seems to be in a state of flux, it's essential to trust that God is orchestrating everything for our good. Just as a chess player waits for the opportune moment to strike, we must wait for God's perfect timing to reveal His plans.

In chess, sacrifices are sometimes necessary to achieve a greater advantage. Comparably, in life, we face challenges and setbacks that can seem like losses. However, these adversities often lead to personal growth and spiritual strength.

God's mysterious ways often involve allowing us to go through trials to build our character and faith. Just as a chess player learns from every game, win or lose, we grow from our experiences, understanding that every hardship is part of a larger, divine scheme.

While a chess player has a strategy, each move is not predetermined; there's room for adaptation and response. In life, God provides us with guidance and a moral compass, yet we have the free will to make our own choices. This balance between divine sovereignty and human free will is where we see the beauty of God's mysterious ways.

Our decisions, big and small, contribute to the unfolding of God's plan. By aligning our choices with His will and seeking His wisdom through prayer and reflection, we become active participants in the divine strategy. Every move we make, when guided by faith and wisdom, leads us closer to the fulfillment of His purpose for us.

Chess teaches us that every move matters, every piece has a purpose, and every game has a strategy. In the grand game of life, God is the ultimate Master, guiding us through His mysterious ways. By trusting in His plan, being patient, embracing sacrifices, and making wise choices, we align ourselves with His will.

Just as a grandmaster's strategy leads to victory, God's plan for our lives leads to our ultimate good. Embrace the journey, trust in His wisdom, and know that every move, every moment, is part of His grand design.

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