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NAMENYI PROJECT HOPE

NEWSLETTER

"Aspire Children To Greater Heights"

Introduction

God bless you! Welcome to our latest newsletter and we hope that it will inspire you to see what has been done with the help of your generous financial gifts! Having the power to improve the lives of others is, to us, a privilege, and one that comes with its own sense of obligation. Acting on these powerful feelings of responsibility is a great way to reinforce our own personal values and feel like we're living in a way that is true to our own ethical beliefs. I would like to thank you for enabling us to carry out the following projects during the month of October:

- 1 HIV/AIDS Seminar was held for 107 students of the Abambo Primary School;
- 3 Fruit trees and 5 soccer balls in the value of R 1,486 (\$ 86) were donated to the same school;
- 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 89,500 (\$ 5,182), was donated to the Khulani Kahle Children's Home (25 children);

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING GIFTS IN KIND: 132

TOTAL WEIGHT OF ITEMS DONATED: 1,134 kg

TOTAL VALUE OF AID DELIVERED: R 90,986 (\$ 5,268)

HIV/AIDS Seminars Held in Rural Areas

Through a US\$ 29 million grant, South Africa will enough medicine to provide HIV prevention to 450 000 people at high risk of HIV during a rollout in 23 high incidence districts across six provinces. The aim is to reach adolescent girls, young women, prostitutes, gays, people who use drugs, and other at risk populations.

Our charity's take on the HIV/AIDS crisis is completely different from the government's approach. We actually encourage individuals to take responsibility for their actions and consider consequences before engaging in high risk behavior that could lead to HIV infection.



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

**“When the solution is simple, God is answering.”
— Albert Einstein**

Since 2007, Namenyi Project Hope has been conducting HIV/AIDS Awareness Seminars in deeply rural townships. At the Abambo Primary School, 107 children have listened to and willingly participated in those activities which had been designed to build character, promote abstinence and encourage students to make wise life choices. After our presentation the Principal conveyed her deep appreciation for the time we spent with her students. "Thank you very much for visiting our school today! This was an extremely informative, enjoyable and above all, valuable session. We, as educators, are looking forward to putting some of the techniques we've learned today into practice in the classrooms", she said.



With the students of Abambo Primary – after our workshop.

**“Impossible is for the unwilling.”
— John Keats**

Bible Classes at the SIZIMISELE Primary School

Our Bible classes continued at SIZIMISELE Primary, & this time our study was taken from Genesis Chapters 37-50: Joseph in the Bible was the overconfident younger son of Jacob. He was known to his older brothers as their father's favorite. For this reason his 10 older brothers conspired against the boy and sold him to slave traders, while telling their father that his son had been mauled by an animal. Joseph had been given dreams of God's plan for his life; so with confidence and strength, he endured in this amazing story in Genesis. The slave traders took him into Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, one of the Pharaoh's officers. Joseph served his master well and gained great favor. But the master's wife tried to seduce Joseph, a young man of impeccable integrity. After he rejected her, she went to her husband with false accusations. It resulted in Joseph's imprisonment. Once again, God proved His presence and protection for Joseph. The prison keeper befriended him and learned of Joseph's divine ability to interpret dreams.



Joseph is taken by his brothers and sold into slavery.

”Every single thing that has ever happened in your life is preparing you for a moment that is yet to come.”

– John Spence

Because of earning this reputation, Joseph was called upon to interpret a dream that deeply troubled the Pharaoh. None of the Pharaoh's wise consultants had been able to decipher the dream. But Joseph accurately relayed the symbols in the dream to a future time of abundance that would be followed by a time of great famine. The Pharaoh rewarded Joseph with overseeing the lands of Egypt. In these prosperous times he stored up the abundant harvest toward the tragic times ahead. During the years of famine, Joseph's brothers came in search of grains and foods to keep their people from starvation. Not recognizing their young Hebrew brother as this matured and prominent Egyptian, he ordered them to return with their younger brother. When the brothers returned with Benjamin, Joseph revealed his identity. The brothers suffered from great remorse of their actions and Joseph forgave them. It was a joyous reunion between a grieved father and lost son. Joseph's years of steadfast reliance on God brought about not only reunion but his high position so that he was able to save a nation from starvation.



Joseph reveals his true identity to his brothers and forgives them from the heart.

“If you get tired, learn to rest, not quit.”

— Banksy

Planting Fruit Trees at Rural Schools

Our agricultural initiative aims to provide fruit-bearing trees to communities in need. We specifically choose fruit trees as we want needy schools to have the opportunity to experience the wonder of nature's cycles directly and to enjoy a tangible sweet result. On the outskirts of Durban, our non-profit organization educates students to understand the importance of trees and how to care for them. This month, at the Abambo Primary School, we planted 1 fig, 1 mango and 1 orange tree with some willing workers (Grade 4 students) who promised to look after these trees and regularly water them. Afterwards, the Principal expressed her gratitude, "We are so thankful for these trees and can hardly wait until they start producing fruit. Your organization's donation will greatly improve quality of life for our students who have been traditionally disadvantaged and even now are living in extreme poverty", she said.



The boys who have helped planting the fig tree.

"Don't let the fear of losing be greater than the excitement of winning."

– Robert Kiyosaki

Supporting the KHULANI KAHLE Children's Home

In the world, most of us take our food for granted. Three meals a day, snack when we want, buy what we want, endless choice: the essential commodity without which we cannot live. But for many there is little choice. They eat to live, not live to eat. In many cultures the husband is head of the family and the breadwinner. But if the man is missing or dead, widows and orphans are forced to beg for food, often putting strain on other poor families. What should be a basic right becomes a daily fight for survival. Widows become desperate and orphans become burdens. In South Africa, Namenyi Project Hope has been addressing the problem of malnutrition - since 2001 - through food aid and especially by providing adequate nourishment to 25 youngsters who reside at the Khulani Kahle Children's Home. Our charity ensures that the highest quality of food is delivered every week - providing the kids and teenagers here with more than just the essentials that they need.



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

"The difference between a stumbling block and a stepping stone is how high you raise your foot."

– **Benny Lewis**

Acknowledgement

We are extremely grateful to you for believing in our cause and helping us fulfill and reach our charitable goals! Your faith in us is greatly appreciated and simply put; you are the reason why we are still going strong. Thank you again for assisting us and our promise is that we won't settle for less - in serving those children who couldn't make it without your support! May God bless and reward you richly for being such an integral part of our work!



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

“Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing; and dream while others are wishing.”

– William Arthur Ward

THE FALLEN TREE, A PARABLE

- By Jorge Sola

A tree was struck by adversity—a gale, a flood, a landslide—and fell on its face on the hard ground.

It fell, and as it hit the damp earth with a crash—having never hit anything before, having only swayed softly in the breeze—it instinctively knew that it would never rise again.



The tree sobbed, from pain, sadness, rage, frustration. It saw the other trees still standing and cried. It lay for a long time among its broken branches, dormant, as if meditating on what to do with its colossal body.

Then it timidly sprouted some shoots. The shoots became twigs, which became branches, all reaching up towards the sky in an attempt to recover to some extent the aerial nature it had had before. It did what it could and allowed time to do the rest.

Soon it discovered a new purpose. Small children chose it to play “horsey” or pretended it was a castle; it became a favorite photo setting, a playground, a refuge. Hikers and squirrels alike used it to bridge the creek. And so, the tree found a new life, a happy life

—albeit vastly different from what it had known before—and it realized that this was its destiny.

It has rained a lot since then, and the fallen tree is still lying on the ground, offering up its branches. Moss has covered the wounds from its fall. Over time it has become a beautiful and important element of the landscape, so much so that the builders took it into account when they designed the park.

From time to time the tree remembers and thinks, and it gives thanks for the day when fate vented its fury on it. Although it will never again be as it once was, or like the other trees, it is content, knowing that it has found its own place and role and that its future is in the Creator's hands.

Could this perhaps also be our story? Though our lives don't usually go as we had expected in our youth, the outcome may be a richer, deeper, more meaningful one as we let God use the storms as He sees fit.

God gets some of the greatest victories out of our seeming defeats.

**"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me: your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands."
– Psalm 138:8**

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