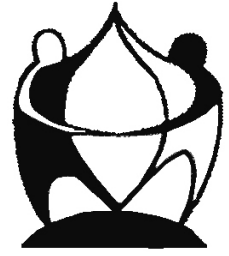




PHAKAMISA

A Ministry of the Pinetown Methodist Church



June 2009

Letter from Glenda

Welcome to the 'New Look' of our quarterly newsletter. We hope that this format will keep you abreast of the many and varied activities, in which Phakamisa is involved.

VISITORS:

Audrey Warren and her team of students from the USA visited us, but only after Audrey had volunteered in our Psychomotor classes for a full month! What an asset she was!

VISITING:

I was privileged to visit some of Phakamisa's partners in the UK in April. England was beautifully clothed in spring flowers and blossoms, with wonderful blue skies and perfect

weather- but the time was made even more perfect by the very gracious, loving hospitality and generosity of our friends. What a blessing it is to be a part of the body of Christ that does not know the limits of countries, continents, cultures and creeds! The visit culminated in a real celebration of God's amazing goodness at "The Phakamisa Extravaganza" at Teddington Methodist Church.

There, we proved beyond doubt that Christians definitely know how to have a great party!!

Our most sincere thanks to everyone who gives so generously to sustain our work!

With my love,
Glenda

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Phakamisa exists to serve, uplift and empower impoverished communities through the provision of educational training, resources and support.



Educare : Introduction Course to ECD

It has been an eventful 18 months since January 2008 when it was decided that we would attempt to get our course accredited through one of the SETA's.

Many hours of hard work went in to the setting up of our administrative processes to meet the criteria of the SETA. With the help of an expert in the field, Denise Hill, this was accomplished.

At the same time Cathy &

Elaine spent every spare moment rewriting course material and trying to create suitable assessment processes. Five of the staff, two facilitators and three field workers, attended an Assessors course.

Unfortunately, after the second audit by the SETA, we felt that in actual fact the way in which we train and organize ourselves does not fit in with the very theoretical course

expected by the SETA. We had also found by then that many of our students/learners were not coping with all the theory and in fact preferred our more practical approach. After much deliberation it was decided by the management that we would withdraw our application for accreditation and concentrate on the teachers working with the younger children in the crèches.

Childminders

Over the last few years, through visits to pre-schools and crèches, we have become aware of a growing number of very young children (and even babies) being accepted into the schools. This has come about as a result of the government setting up Grade R's in most, if not all, of the government schools.

The crèches and pre-schools are thus accepting

more of the younger children to keep their numbers up.

As a result, we are finding ladies/teachers looking after very young children with no idea as to how to stimulate and teach them. Our Childminders' Course is set up to address this need. At this point we are running 6 month courses where the teachers come for workshops every two weeks. We are experienc-

ing an increase in interest in this field as there does not seem to be many other organizations working with this group of teachers. As the interest grows we will possibly increase the size of the groups and number of workshops that we run. As we plan for the future we trust that God will lead us into the work that we can do for Him.

Elaine Green

Economic Empowerment

FACTORY

The factory has at last finished the 1800 bags for the Florida United Methodist Conference!

We have received another very generous donation from Walkden Methodist Church in Manchester UK. The money is to be used to make fantasy clothes and dolls and will be distributed to crèches via the educare teachers currently being trained at Phakamisa.



BEADWORK

It is now midyear and not too early to start planning for Christmas! You can support the Phakamisa caregivers involved in this project by ordering hand-made beaded Christmas decorations to be sold in your church or work community. World Aids Day is on 1 December 2009 and provides an opportunity to highlight the work that Phakamisa does. Aids badges can be ordered as well as other beadwork in preparation for Christmas, such as gifts and decorations.



FOOD PRODUCTS

The kitchen has started to make money! We have a small team of women who are involved in baking and making jams and pickles. We have also undertaken small catering jobs. Look out for Curried Vegetables, homemade peanut butter and delicious choc-chip cookies in the 'Shop' in the Hospitality Centre at Pinetown Methodist Church or contact Hilary on 031 702 0516 or hilaryc@phakamisa.org if you wish to place orders.

Carrot cake R60
 Vanilla Sponge Cake R50
 Chocolate Cake R50
 Milk Tart R20
 Quiche (vegetarian) R40
 Quiche (bacon) R45
 Sausage rolls 24 R50
 Beer Tray cake R70
 24 Cup Cakes R36
 24 Cheese puffs R30
 32 Chocolate brownies R55
 12 Choc Chip cookies R12

Hilary Coombe

A very sincere thank you to Pinetown Methodist Church for the tracksuits we received from their Trackathon, where 119 tracksuits were sewn!

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You and
Phakamisa
can help to make
life worth living.



Phakamisa Spring Breakfast

EARLY NOTICE:

Come and support us and
find out what we do, at our
Phakamisa Spring Break-
fast on 12 September at
8:30 am in the Pinetown
Methodist Church Hall.

Cape to Kosi

Alan and Chummy
have been walking
in our 'neck of
the woods' or
should I say,
along our 'part of
the coastline' re-
cently, so they
spent time visit-
ing Phakamisa and
the townships.
It was most in-
spiring for our
participants and
our congregation
to hear their sto-

ries and be chal-
lenged by their
perseverance as
they walk from
Cape Point to
Kosi Bay to raise
money for
Phakamisa! They
have continued
their 'Long Walk
To (their own)
Freedom' and
that of our pro-
ject, hoping to
complete the ad-
venture by 1 July

09, having cov-
ered 2600 km in
5 ½ months! If
you would like to
contribute to
their huge ef-
forts, please de-
posit your dona-
tion into the
Phakamisa ac-
count, a/c no:
1339 476 711,
branch code:
1339 62; ref C2K
and your name.



"Chummy and Alan
relaxing for a
brief moment!"