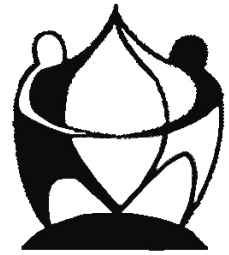




PHAKAMISA

A Ministry of the Pinetown Methodist Church



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A little taste of heaven:

Glenda enjoyed a wonderful fundraising trip to the U.K. in April. The weather was perfect, the bulbs and blossom were exquisite, but most of all, our Phakamisa friends simply overwhelmed her with their loving hospitality and support. It never ceases to amaze her just how much time, energy, passion, love and money they invest in a little project, way down in the south of Africa. Our heartfelt thanks to each one of you!

Volunteers:

Danielle and J.T. Hamilton Slade, of the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, are assisting in our Psychomotor classes, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Danielle is also offering Literacy lessons on Mondays and Fridays to the Caregivers for the rest of the year. It's great to have them!

Taxi Fund/ Food vouchers:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have terminated the Taxi service we were offering and have replaced it with food vouchers equivalent to the cost of the taxi fare.

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



Educare

Elaine and Cathy are busy revising the Educare teaching manuals that each student receives for each of the 4 terms. The manuals give the teachers all their lessons and stories for each day. They are simplifying the layout and are trying to make the lessons and stories more ethnic so that they will be better understood by both the teacher and her pupils. So far 3 of the 4 manuals have

been completed and they have been very positively received. The students say they are much easier to use. This, together with our very practical training, has meant that our educare ladies are teaching with more confidence and understanding. It is truly wonderful when they report back excitedly to tell us how well the children are responding and how much they are loving school!

Childminder's Course

A new Childminder's Course started on 13 April. The course will run for six months, ending at the end of the third term. There are many new students, with a total of 87 people registering from the 5 areas we serve. We are delighted at the interest shown as we feel the numbers confirm the need for such a basic course within the Early Childhood Development structure

Phakamisa South

A new venture was started in February this year as Phakamisa formed a partnership with the Port Shepstone Circuit. An educare trainer from the Pinetown branch, Elaine Green, travels down to Hibberdene (100 kms south) every two weeks to take our Educare course to folk in that area where no other training is available. Some of the schools are

more rural than we usually deal with and the training has been well received. Most of the learners travel vast distances to get to the venue. Twenty-two people registered for the course, including one gentleman, who is on the governing body of the school he represents. We see this as a positive move as we are now able to reach people who otherwise would

not be able to access the course material we offer.

An official opening was held in February, where the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of South Africa, Ivan Abrahams, spoke. It was a day of celebration and joy. We hope this partnership is the beginning of a long and happy association with the Inkunzi Creche Network.

Caregivers

Because we are providing food vouchers, equivalent to the cost of their travel expenses, to the caregivers, our number of participants has increased enormously. As a result, Nellie Magudulela has been employed to teach traditional beadwork for ceremonial occasions. The ladies are thoroughly enjoying their classes. Unfortunately, however, many struggle to see the tiny beads because of their poor eyesight. Fortunately, Operation Bright Sight, a Lions' project, provides us with some eye testing appointments.

Condolences: Lindiwe Mkhize, one of our dearly loved Educare Monitors, passed away on 6 April 2010 after a long illness bravely borne. Our love and prayers are with her family and friends as they mourn her passing.

Vegetable garden trainer:

Isaac Chatapura, a qualified agronomist, has joined our staff. He has transformed our demonstration vegetable garden and built a great compost heap. We do believe the vegetable garden production will increase hugely under his supervision.

Home based care training:

Our Caregiver monitors and others from Phakamisa are being trained in Home Based Care skills by Hillcrest Aids Centre. This course is giving them both a theoretical and practical approach to caring for those who are HIV +ve.

New cooking classes:

Zola is now training the Educare cooks in meal preparation for the children in the Educare Centres. Menu planning, nutrition, healthy cooking methods and tasty recipes all forms part of the syllabus.

A very sincere thank you to Pinetown Methodist Church for the tracksuits we received from their Trackathon, where 120 tracksuits were sewn!

**You and
Phakamisa
can help to make
life worth living.**



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Economic Empowerment News

PHAKAMISA HAS A NEW SHOP!

We have moved upstairs near the gallery. All the beadwork, sewing and jams are on display and the shop is open during Phakamisa's working hours: 7.30am till 2pm every day . If anyone wishes to see the shop at any other time please contact me: Hilary at Phakamisa 031 7020516.

The sewing group have been busy making food warmers following a wonderful article on the food warmers in the Sunday tribune. I will be displaying them and demonstrating how to use the food warmer at a *Green Gadget Fair* at St Thomas Anglican Church on 5 June from 8.30 to 2 pm.

We have a table at Hillcrest Aids Centre on the first Saturday of every month and also at the I Heart Market at the DLI hall in Durban. I would love to have PMC friends visiting these markets and thereby supporting the work of Phakamisa.

Glenda launched a new beadwork product

while speaking to our donors and supporters in the UK. It is a prayer bracelet, which comes with a card with the following message:

*This Phakamisa prayer bracelet
reminds you
That you are loved and prayed for
and you too
Should love and pray for others.*

It makes a wonderful little gift and when wearing it is a constant reminder of God's presence in our often busy and stressful daily lives.

CATERING FOR A FAMILY/FELLOWSHIP GROUP/WORK FUNCTION?

The Phakamisa kitchen makes a variety of cakes and biscuits as well as meals:

Breyani for 10: R160

Boboti for 10: R160

Lasagne for 10: R200