

God is Good. Siyakwazisa is a Zulu word which means: 'We will keep you informed'.

We will issue this Siyakwazisa newsletter regularly, to keep you informed about what goes on in the Home.

A huge thank you to all who help us in so many ways

Once more be greeted in the name of Hope. We hope that you have kept your eyes wide open for our second newsletter. As I said in the first edition: hope has kept us going and we managed to put together this newsletter.



Dreams do come true, this was proven to us when Mr Theo Hopkins of Meadow Star Investment, donated a house with 8 rooms that is next door to us last October. Wow! What a breakthrough. Everybody at Siyazigabisa Home of Hope is very grateful for this donation. This extra space will enable us to be more effective in all our programmes.

Indeed, showers of blessings are pouring in at Siyazigabisa Home of Hope, recently Clover SA has committed themselves to becoming a long-term sponsor of Siyazigabisa and they have donated funds towards the renovation of the house next door. In three weeks time the house will be in a much better shape. Thank you to Clover SA and Meadow Star Investment!

Our long-standing sponsor Coca Cola Abi Midrand has donated money for the furnishing of our therapy room. We are thrilled to be developing new relationships between the Home of Hope and prospective donors daily.

A fund-raising dinner was held on the 29th September at Carnival City, organised by 3M South Africa. During this event we managed to raise R 8 000.00. Our sincerest thanks goes to all the companies, organisation, sponsors, social clubs and individuals who supported this event. Keep up the good work!



It was such a joy when the children, myself and some of the board members welcomed Marjan Bosch from the Netherlands on the 14th September. On the 9th October Siyazigabisa Home of Hope was fully packed with guests and members of the community who had come to witness an official welcoming and name-giving ceremony for Marjan Bosch. She was given an african name, S'bongile which means thanks. S'bongile will be staying with the Home of Hope over the next 10 months and she will be involved in two projects.

In the first project she will have coaching talks with each child, to establish their skills and capabilities. She will also organise a social skills training for the whole group.

In the second project S'bongile will look for companies where the children of the Home can go and visit for one day and learn about the work that's been done in these companies.



S'bongile



The Tembisa Dance Group

Opportunity favours those who go an extra mile, I am blessed to be again invited to the USA from 16th November till beginning December. This will be a fund-raising tour and I am grateful to Debra Watkins of CAAAE in San Francisco who has organised the trip for me. I hope that during this trip I will manage to raise enough funds to keep the Home of Hope running for some time.

My heart will be left here at Siyazigabisa Home, especially with my children whom I love so much, it is not an easy thing to part with them, but the home needs lots of money, so I have to go. I will tell you later about my trip.

Although Clover SA has donated funds to renovate the Home of Hope, the plan is to refurbish the whole Home in the near future. As already indicated in our business plan: the Home is much too small to accommodate 20 children. Besides that we need proper facilities like a well equipped kitchen, toilets and bathrooms, and meeting rooms. An architect is at this moment busy doing the sketch designs and a costing for this refurbishment. In our next Newsletter we will be able to give more information.

On the operational side the Home is still struggling. In the board's last bosberaad a firm commitment was made to improve on the operational side and each board member committed her/himself to contribute to this improvement. A key area for concern is still the lack of money that should cover the operational expenses. According to our budget we need R25.000 per month.

Although in the last few month we managed to do with much less, but only by incurring more debts. It is clear that we welcome each donation however small, please look for the financial details on our website.



Ms Vicky Kente

We were also very pleased to welcome a new board member Ms. Vicky Kente who joined the board in September. Vicky brings a wealth of experience in communications and marketing and as a dedicated mother of three is also very committed to the wellbeing of the children.

You must be wondering, what about the children? They are doing well. There were about 5 educational trips, an important one was the trip taken by five of the children who are in grade 8 to Rand water. I was impressed when Zodwa Thela volunteered to give a workshop to all the children and the staff at the Home of Hope about the importance of saving water. The whole Siyazigabisa Family has benefited a lot from the workshop.

Our handsome Simphiwe

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Zanele has been for a lot of check ups at the Hospital, because she is a very sick baby. She is slowly recovering. Oh, and baby Simphiwe, who is now 2 years, is tops in speaking. He can now call everybody by name. What a joy it is to see the improvement in this handsome little boy.

We are grateful to the people who come at weekends or at month's end to take a child for an outing. This helps a lot.

children are preparing for their upcoming exams. The board of Directors at Siyazigabisa would like to wish all our golden kids good luck for their exams.

Let me take this opportunity to thank everybody who has contributed in even the smallest way to make Siyazigabisa Home of Hope what it is today. I honestly appreciate all the support given to us. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, the children and myself: Sithi Umuntu Umuntu Ngabantu.

Keep a Big heart .

We wish you all a very peaceful, blessed and Happy Festive Season and a prosperous 2005.

Till next time!



God Bless U all ! Siya.....