

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2010

In the previous newsletter - December 2009 - we set out our plans for 2010.

Last July/August we visited Schoemansdal and we are pleased to report about the actual situation.



Goodman

Mthobisi

Thembekile

Cebile

Maqhawe

Hlulile

Winile

Johan

STUDENTS

One of our objectives for 2010 included a visit to all our students in their respective study- and living environment.

■ We started off with **Goodman**. He shows us around his Hatfield campus at the University of Pretoria, nicknamed Tukkies. He is determined to graduate in Internal Auditing in 2011.

We surprise him with a used notebook from one of our sponsors. We were waived good-bye by a very happy student.

■ Later that day we meet **Mthobisi** at the Groenkloof Campus where he lives in the Residence and studies Natural Sciences and Computer Application Technology.

A nice opportunity to visit his room and enjoy there an early supper of chicken and salad. Thanks to his excellent academically results he has been invited to join the Golden Key International Honour Society, a prestigious organisation that offers extra chances to promising students.

■ We have met the Nelspruit students, **Thembekile, Cebile en Maqhawe**, at their Tshwane University of Technology. Thembekile (Marketing) and Cebile (Public Management) are enthusiastic 1st year students and Maqhawe is searching for an experiential training placement to complete his Electrical Engineering study. Like in the Netherlands, finding a suitable place for practical training is also a serious problem in South Africa.

■ **Hlulile** was at home. Even her outstanding study results and recent professional performance at the Mbombela Stadium during the FIFA Worldcup, didn't secure a practical training placement. Thanks to our network we were able to help her, she is now happily working at 5 star Thorny Bush Game Lodge.

■ **Winile** is a 2nd year (Social Work) student at Zululand University in Empangeni. While roaming the university grounds with her, we suddenly found ourselves in a Lecture Hall where we were invited to address her fellow students. An unforgettable and inspiring experience!

■ **Johan** lives at the Durban University campus in Pietermaritzburg where he studies Maths, Science and Technology. Thanks to his excellent study results he enjoys a single room with a fridge. He thoroughly enjoyed his experiential training as Math's teacher at a Highschool and received good marks.

We were touched by the students' obvious joy and their warm welcome and enjoyed their enthusiastic tour around their respective campuses. All of them achieved good results this first 2010 semester.

These very motivated young people absolutely deserve our full support.

GRADUATION - PARTY for Manqoba



In December 2009 Manqoba Mavuso graduated in Internal Auditing at the TUT.

To celebrate this happy occasion we threw him a party in the yard of the Mdaka family.

He was happily surprised with his present - an inscribed pen. In his speech he acknowledged and thanked the YEBO Foundation for their loyal support during the passed years. His future looks promising: he is working with Standard Bank and will hopefully exploit the talents he has got. Soon he will start ploughing back his financial share in the YEBO Scholarship Fund.

LIBRARY COMPLETED



In 2008, Janneke Nelis and Maaïke Rombouts, two Dutch teaching students, performed their practical training at Zithulele Primary School. They enthusiastically started building a library but ran out of fund, unfortunately. However, they didn't give up and once back home started to fundraise again. This year they spent part of their vacation to help finish the library. Their dedication payed off and on 26th August the library was festively opened. We are pleased we could assist them by mobilising our YEBO network.

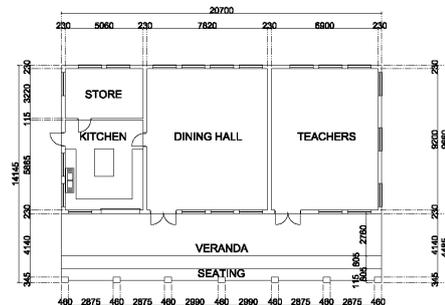


SHELTER for SCHOEMANSDAL PRIMARY SCHOOL



With financial support of YEBO the kitchen is now operational. Only the connection of the water supply needs to be fixed, the school will take care of that. In the previous newsletter we already reported about the schools' sincere desire: a shelter for the children to sit under while having their meal, adjacent to the new kitchen. Idah Themba, the schools' new Principal is an enterprising, practical lady. While YEBO considers fundraising, she and her team will start getting construction plans and the best quotations.

PROJECT LIKUSASA _ YEBO SPEARHEAD 2010



1. multifunctional facility

Through a substantial donation of TIO University in the Netherlands, and a redoubling of this donation by Dutch NGO Impulsis we now have sufficient fund to start the construction of a multifunctional building for Lugebhuta Highschool: one of the spearheads for our 2010 activities.

The architectural plans were examined and adjusted, and we discussed them in great detail with the Management Team and School Governing Body. We agreed to a building of well over 20 x 10 meters, consisting of 3 separate quarters:

1. a kitchen with storeroom,
2. a multipurpose room for home economic classes, a dining hall and extra after school training sessions.
3. a teachers' common-room.



We found a reliable builder, the contracts were signed and Mr. Steyn van Heerden, constructor from Nelspruit, agreed to supervise the project. On Monday 20th September the construction started. In the meantime we are busy fundraising for the kitchen interior etc.



Kevin en Chiara, two students from the TIO University, who happened to be in SA for their experiential training, travelled to Schoemansdal and happily presented the cheque to the Principal, Mr. Bright Mdaka. It confirmed that the construction was supported by TIO and IMPULSIS. This happy occasion was celebrated with beautiful singing and several speeches. When by the end of 2010 the facility is completed, everyone of the 1275 children will at least have one cooked meal per day. The essential ingredients will be provided by the Government. We have got a signed guaranty!

improvement of skills _ for teachers and learners

One of the urgent academically ambitions of Lugebhuta Highschool is to increase the matric pass rate as well as the level of matric results. Collectively a plan was drawn up to offer extra classes to learners from all grades. Under adequate, professional supervision theory can be repeated and homework can be completed.

At the same time we investigated the possibility of improving certain skills of the teaching staff. This autumn an inventory among the teachers will be held. YEBO is able to financially support this very important programme thanks to the generous subsidy of Impulsis and the Ivor Schlossberg Foundation.



WEBSITE

The YEBO website is urgently in need of a replacement and update. The YEBO board is busy working on it and acknowledges the kind assistance of Mrs. Mieke Noorlander. Within a few weeks we hope to airborne the renewed site. You will find news about the progress of the projects and the students. Enjoy their new initiative the YEBO STUDENT NEWSLETTER 'BAKHANYISELWE'. Please look at www.everyoneweb.com/stichtingyebo/ for checking our progress!

PS: We would love assistance with translating the website into English.

DONATIONS

With this report you hopefully are convinced that each and every donation is used in a sensible and accountable manner. We sincerely hope you will continue - or consider to start - supporting us.

Our learners, teachers and students are tremendously grateful and thank you for your assistance.

With kind regards,
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