



NEWSLETTER FOR CHILDREN OF DESTINY AT HOME (CODAH)  
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## THANKS



## DEAR FRIENDS,

This time it is not with happy news that we begin our newsletter to you. A tragedy has taken place here and it is, therefore, with deep regret that we have to inform you of the sudden death of our project manager Noma Madondo. Within three short days, she died of pneumonia in a hospital. Needless to say that her family, our team, and her two sons, Tsepo (14) and Teboho (11), are in shock and terribly sad that she died so unexpectedly. At this moment the boys are staying with their grandmother in the township. Noma's parents passed already away and the boys' father also died about ten years ago. It is, therefore, a miracle that the boys are strong and are carrying on with their life and are trying to function as normally as possible. We will pray for these brave boys and hope that God's comfort may be felt closely.

When we think of Noma, we remember that she developed herself in a very good manner as a manager. Being an excellent speaker, she also had a gift to reach people and had an open mind for new developments. Noma was very much loved and very popular in the township. The memorial service, which we held for her, was attended by more than five hundred people, proved this. Everybody realized that for Noma her work was her passion and her calling.

For us it is not only very, very sad that she is no longer with us, but her passing also means that she will be sorely missed by us as her assistance in our work was very valuable.

We know that God is in control and that He will give us strength to carry on. However, we now have heavy hearts and all of us, the people in the township included, will never forget her.

To honour Noma and her great contribution to the work of "Children of Destiny at Home", we herewith post some pictures of her.

## FOR:

- Food
- Clothes
- Education
- Birth Certificate
- Identification documents
- Home Based Care
- Vegetable Garden
- Transport to the clinic
- Soccer club
- Cycling club
- Sewing ministry

## YOU HELP US TO HELP



Rafael  
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In the meantime, here in Durban, South Africa, everybody is excited about "The festival of seasons", meaning the Christmas days. The atmosphere is clearly different now. For the children and students this is summer vacation. In the township many people travel to their relatives on the family farm or relatives are coming here to the township. To us, it still is a strange situation, especially because it is so warm, We, of course, in Holland are accustomed to the fact that Christmas is celebrated when it is cold outside. The Holiday Season is also a reality for "Children of Destiny At Home". The following activities started already in November:

## CODAH DESIGN

On November 23rd, there was the graduation ceremony for the students of the sewing course.

Food and drinks were paid by the students themselves, which was a good initiative of Hlengiwe.

## CODAH CYCLING CLUB & SOCCER CLUB

On November 26th, the closure of the cycling- and soccer season took place. More than three hundred children were present. The absolute climax was the presentation of special prizes. For instance for the soccer teams, there was an award for the top scorer and an award for the best player of the year.

For the cycling team there was an award for the club champion and the boy and girl who had developed best and who are a promise for the future. All members of the clubs also received a medal.

## THANKSGIVING DAY

On December 1st, thirty five families were invited to Thanksgiving Day. This is an initiative of the Container Ministry of the Grace Family Church. The members of the Church gave big buckets filled with (300 Rand) groceries. In total they filled more than 3000 buckets, which went to different organisations. The Container Ministry supports about 150 projects with food and other goods and we were fortunate to receive 35 buckets for CODAH.

## FILM FESTIVAL

On December 2nd, a film festival was organised for the children. Of course, with popcorn and sweet lemonade! Because of the holiday season, many children attended this festival.

## HOUSEWIVES MARKET

The Housewives Market is a big vegetables-, fruit- and other groceries' Hall. We always receive the left overs, but still good, every week and we are very happy to say that every year the number of the groceries is increasing. Every Tuesday morning we collect these left overs and, so monthly, we can give fruit and vegetables to 2000 people. People really appreciate this and are, already very early on Tuesday morning, waiting eagerly for the arrival of our car and trailer.

## CODAH GARDENING

Growing vegetables is a success and in 2017 we will start a new garden, twice as big as the one we have now. It is a pity that the fence of the first garden has partly collapsed. A cow walked through. We need a strong fence for the new garden and the old fence has to be fixed.

The first garden is used to teach the people how to grow vegetables, because our goal still is that every house will have its own vegetable garden. The second garden will be used for selling and we hope that three families will be able to get some extra money from this as the quality of all the vegetables is very good.





## CODAH DESIGN

The sewing course is, as always, a big success. There are quite some people now who place special orders for gifts and, bags are in great demand. These bags are sports bags and available in three sizes. The production of these bags gives some extra income and that is a good start. Money is handled very well by Hlengiwe and everybody benefits from this. A part of the proceeds is used to buy new materials, another part is for the ladies who have sewn the bags and 10% is for Codah.

One of the sewing course students did not go to an extra training given by Grace Aid in Durban.

We found out that she could not pay the bus fare. This lady only has R 350 to spend for the entire month. This is the equivalent of €25.--. She did not dare to ask for money and so we helped her to the next course. We try to get people a job and this remains the number one priority for us, because poverty almost always leads to crime and criminal activities.

We are therefore very happy that this year 19 persons attended the sewing course and that they all found a job. Two women even started their own little business!

We are also happy that we have received two industrial sewing machines. They are not electrical machines, but that is very handy as many times there is a power cut in the township.

## CODAH CYCLING CLUB

The cycling club had registered for the 2016 Jack Cheetham Award and was accepted as a contestant. After they visited us during a cycling-training, we were invited to give a presentation in Johannesburg. This was Noma's first flight. Noma and Michael gave a very good presentation there and we were invited to the Gala Award Night, when the winners would be announced.

The entire trip was funded by the construction company Murray & Roberts. It was very exciting because we heard that we certainly had won a prize, but which prize, we did not know and so we were invited to the Gala Award 2016 Night. Sadly, Noma had died in the meantime and instead of four persons, only three persons went to the Gala Night in Johannesburg. Everything was sponsored.

The Award was presented to clubs with development projects in sports, encouraging talented youth to become champions. The club must focus on underdeveloped areas, stand out through good leadership and aim for high quality. We won the third prize! A very great achievement of our head coach Guy Watkins and his wife Josick, who now trains the girls. At the moment there are 219 boys and 81 girls in the club.

Eleven children, seven boys and four girls, participated in the Virginia Trails Christmas Ride 2016. Ten of them had never been in a race, but they were very successful. The children were very happy to experience the race and for some of them the trip alone was very special as they had never been outside the township by themselves. The children enjoyed themselves very much and really had a wonderful day.

This week, as we are writing this letter, the last race will be held for the older children. Five boys and a girl will participate. One of the boys, Andele, turns out to be a real champion and, at the moment, wins everything. During the last race, the Amashova 2016 (106 km), a race with some thousand participants, he, again, was the best of his age group.

With all these activities, we don't forget our evangelistic tasks. Parents of these children now also come to the project and participate in the services and the groups. We are starting a teenagers' group as we realize that there is a lot of hidden grief among the children who participate in sporting activities. We already experienced a suicide attempt of one of the teenagers. This deed was not a cry for attention but the boy had a heart disease and was bullied very much. The Codah Cycling Team did a good job in supporting the boy. Because of this situation, the need for a support group for teenagers was born. All support groups are doing well at the moment.

The main goal of the sporting activities is to keep the children away from crime. They simply must do something and must have a goal in life. We already had good results here with our approach.



**The help we give consists of  
(among other things):**

- ✓ A food and clothing-centre
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Life skill courses
- ✓ A church community
- ✓ Conversation groups for men, women and youth
- ✓ Aids education
- ✓ Sexual information
- ✓ Home care for aids patients
- ✓ Transport to the clinic
- ✓ Vegetable gardens at the houses
- ✓ Soccer club
- ✓ Cycling club
- ✓ Sewing ministry

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## WOMEN'S DAY, AUGUST 9, 2016

In South Africa, Women's Day is a national holiday. For the first time, Noma, all by herself, had organised the entire programme for the women here, very well. One hundred and three women attended. Noma had invited good speakers and singers and dancers performed. The catering was also organised very well. Women from the Women's Group cooked and were partly sponsored. There were even little presents, also sponsored and we are happy to say that very good contacts were established.

The following subjects were presented:

- money management;
- women in a men's world;
- education for women;
- family problems.

There was a lot of appreciation of the women for Noma and there was great harmony among the women. We regret deeply that this was the first and last time that Noma was with us to organise this event. We really miss her and we are sure that many of us will miss her for a very long time.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In our previous newsletter we mentioned that we received Christmas gifts in May and that we then celebrated Christmas with one hundred children. A follow up of this celebration was held when, in the other holidays, the children came together again. Two of our staff members, Mandla and Thanda, received a teaching training. Bibles were part of this programme, together with a little study book. When the children really attended the whole programme, they received a diploma. One Friday, our evangelistic service was completely done by these children. They worshipped, preached and there was a testimony and a little theatre play. The candor of the children was incredible. Tsepo, Noma's son was in charge and, at the end, diplomas were distributed. We feel that this course was a big success, which will certainly be repeated next year.



Now we come to the end of a rather long newsletter and we hope that you have enjoyed reading it with its good and its sad news and that you think it is interesting to know about all our activities.

Thank you very much for your attention and support!

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

Simon & Anneke Taal  
Children of Destiny At Home