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FOR THE POOR IN SOUTH AFRICA

CHILDREN OF DESTINY AT HOME



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THANKS



Previous leaders CODAH

THANKS FOR:

Your prayers

Your financial help

Your help by starting:

- *Codah computer Centre*
- *Codah Fashion Design*
- *Codah Gardening*
- *Home based Care*
- *Feeding programme*
- *Pregnancy Centre*

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TO HELP**



DEAR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS,

Cordial greetings from the Team in South Africa!

With this newsletter, we would like to inform you of the activities in the Township of Mpumalanga in Hammarsdale, but first of all: a big "thank you" to all of our supporters for their gifts and their prayers for our project! Wilson and Grace Goeda, and others, will herewith report on the developments of some of the activities.

A little reminder: Wilson and Grace Goeda are the new leaders and directors of Children Of Destiny At Home (CODAH). Wilson is the Chairman of the Board and Pastor of the church and Grace is the Project Manager.

Our focus is on teaching people about God and, also, creating jobs, so that the people can leave poverty behind them. Less crime will be the result of this.

The old principle: "It is better to teach people how to catch a fish than give people a fish", still is our priority. Therefore we have the gardens, the sewing course and the computer course.

We also want to be a spiritual home for the people in the Township. To achieve this, we have a service on Friday and discussion groups during the week.

REPORT OF WILSON GOEDA:

We are still surprised about the size of the CODAH project, the daily activities and administration. They all have their own challenges and we appreciate greatly how Anneke and Simon have diligently worked for this project in previous years.

In this newsletter I would like to focus on "the army" of, to us unknown people, who made this project possible, together with Anneke and Simon in previous years.

I was reminded of the story in the Bible in Joshua 24:32 about the bones of Joseph, which were taken with the Israelites when they left Egypt. These were buried in Sichem, in the parcel of land that Jacob had bought from the sons of Hemor for 100 pieces of silver. This land had become the inheritance of Joseph's sons. In a transfer, when new leadership comes and takes over, like we have peacefully done here in CODAH, the new leadership will change things and create new structures.

However, Grace and I remembered the here above mentioned Bible verse that the bones of Joseph were taken into a new beginning. This is no magic, but a symbolic reminder that, when a new generation takes over, they should not just discard the old because it reminds us of some of the principles and values on which the service is built.

One of these values and principles is the respect for faithful partners and supporters. People who support us financially, supply goods, pray for us and encourage us. On behalf of all people here in the Township Mpumalanga in Hammarsdale, which we serve daily, we want to thank you for the generous support in all those years, which came to us through Simon and Anneke.

Please, accept a special 'thank you' because you probably never met these people and you never will. We are indeed very grateful to have so many 'silent partners'.

I realised the importance of your support some weeks ago, when our vegetable and fruit donations stopped. People waited from nine in the morning until two in the afternoon. They did not want to leave and kept on hoping that something would come in. Alas, nothing came and so these are the moments when we realise that every support and every cent given to this project is very, very necessary.

Therefore, once more, we would like to say to all the people we have never met: "Thank you so much!". Without you this project will not have any future. YOU are a part of this project and of everything God does here in the Township on a daily basis. We respect you very, very much!

The Bible says: "Blessed are they who serve the poor". Please, continue to give generously without a reluctant heart and the Lord God will bless you in all your work. He who has pity on the poor, lends to the Lord and He will reward his generosity. In His Service, *Wilson*

REPORT OF VOLUNTEERS FROM ENGLAND:

We very much enjoy participating as volunteers in the project of Children Of Destiny At Home (CODAH). We came to the Township in January of this year and delighted in going to the service as a family on Fridays. The family consists of: me (Will), Lizzy my wife and our two boys Malachi (3) and Isaac (1). The welcome there felt as a warm bath and we met really great people. In November 2017, we came to South Africa from Southampton in England as we felt that God called us to go to South Africa for some time. I am an Emergency Medicine Doctor (EMD) and my wife Lizzy worked previously as an elementary school teacher.

After attending services on Friday morning, I also went to the project on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. On Tuesday mornings I was available to give free medical advice and to pray for everybody who came to the project with medical complaints. This experience opened my eyes for the level of hardships and challenges which many of the Township people face courageously every day.

It was very helpful to have Ayanda as a translator while I try to learn Zulu and I was very encouraged to see how some people solved their problems. These were other problems than their medical problems. All glory be to God!

It was also very good to get to know the CODAH staff and the volunteers, especially Ayanda and Nkosi in the agricultural project.

Lizzy, my wife, preached a sermon in a Friday morning service, which was very well received, and we are looking forward to more of these possibilities.

Also we are very enthusiastic about the First Aid Course, which a local company freely supplied for 40 people, including the CODAH staff, volunteers and some people from the community.

Finally, we felt blessed and overjoyed to experience what God is doing through CODAH in Hammarsdale. We therefore look forward to seeing what God will do more for His beloved people here in Hammarsdale.
Will

CODAH "FARMING GOD'S WAY"

My name is Ayanda Ntangi and I am in charge of two vegetable gardens. Crops have just been harvested and we have now planted again for a new harvest. Our goal is showing the people that 'Farming God's Way' is very important for our community. We want them to know that they are capable of providing their own food in this way and so eliminate hunger.





We plant sweet corn cobs, cabbage, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, peas and beans. Last year we planted corn cobs and beans and had enough to supply 40 families with food. This year we planted spinach, beans, cabbage, potatoes and lettuce and will try to feed even more people.

Our vision is training more people to plant in "Farming God's Way". We then can plant and harvest a few times a year, also in winter. In this way the people will be able to provide their families with food. In our community, we would like to create, for our people, environmentally friendly surroundings, so that they can eat what they have worked for. We believe that it is God's wish to do this. God's desire for us is to create an atmosphere so that people can see the relationship between "Farming God's Way" and God, because everything we receive comes from God. We teach people to do everything in a godly manner and want to build a bridge of trust between God and the community. In His Service, *Ayanada, Manager 'Farming God's Way'*.

REPORTS OF GRACE GOEDA:

CODAH COMMUNITY COMPUTER CENTRE

Herewith I submit a short update of our Computer Training Course, which was started last year. As you can see, the faces of the children on the photos, show that they enjoy learning how to work with the computer/laptop.



We are now training children from the age of seven, who attend elementary school, children attending secondary school, other youth and unemployed people. We still try to discover the best programme, because Zulu is the prominent language that is spoken in this group. It is a great joy to see how they use what they have learned on the computer and how they help new children.



To get a job nowadays, takes a lot of computer skills beside the normal skills. At the moment we, therefore, teach them Basic Computer skills, Internet skills, various Browsers like Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Google Chrome, Opera, email and keyboard functions. We also teach them to use nice apps to make life more pleasant.

The next programmes they will be taught are: Settings, MS Excel & Simple Formulas, MS Word, Paint, MS Powerpoint, Drawings & Art, Picture Viewer, Picasa, VLC Media Player, Skype, Joinme, and Search Engines like Google & Bing and Yahoo.



The children are very excited learning all this and seeing their skills progress every day. Together with the other lessons, these skills are essential for their future and career. We therefore thank you very much for sponsoring the computer training for the underprivileged children and adults in the Township of Mpumalanga!

DIGNITY CENTRE (PREGNANCY CENTRE)

We have programmes and services for underprivileged communities to give the people more self-confidence and regain their dignity. This goes especially for vulnerable women and teenagers who are pregnant. We are planning 3 events:

- VULNERABLE WOMEN CAMPAIGN, on August 9, 2018 on the South-African Women's Day;
- CHAMPION TEENAGER CAMPAIGN, on 3-6 September 2018;
- MOTHER AND DAUGHTER'S BREAKFAST, on November 24, 2018.

This service focuses on counselling about pregnancy and the care of babies. Lots of information and counselling is given at school by us, but the number of teen mothers is growing. It is very normal here to get a baby when you are fifteen and some girls are even younger. This is the result of a lack of information about sex and pregnancy.

Last year the Mother and Daughter's breakfast was very successful. Situations and problems were being discussed between mothers and daughters. Our share in this project is that we try to assist women and teenagers before and after the delivery.



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

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

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CODAH FASHION DESIGN

This project is a sewing course project and Hllengiwe, a qualified teacher, is in charge of this project. In 2017 we trained 19 people and this year, from January until April 2018, we already trained 17 people! Now everybody has a job.

Three fulltime teachers are working in this project and the students pay 15 euros for the course. From the money that comes in, the teachers are paid. They get 25% and whatever money remains is saved in a special cash box to pay for materials.

When the students have successfully completed their training, there is a ceremony for them and they all get a diploma. Some students start their own business, but most of them go to the factories that already have a good relationship with us.

In His Service, *Grace*

GREETINGS FROM SIMON AND ANNEKE

Warm greetings from the town of Almelo in the Netherlands! At this moment, we have extremely warm temperatures in the Netherlands. They feel like the South-African temperatures and we enjoy them very much!

The transfer from South-Africa to the Netherlands and acclimatizing is a lot more difficult than we thought. Maybe you can imagine this, when you look at the following:

- from extremely hectic times to a time of rest, of course, is very good, but it also means a process of detoxing for us
- missing your nearest co-workers really hurts
- the weather in the Netherlands is disappointing many times
- the very expensive costs of living

Back in the Netherlands you realise that we were not always aware of the almost constant lovely weather in South-Africa and so, in many aspects, we have to get used to many things that we did not expect. However, it will be okay in the near future and it is just a matter of time.

It is good to know that the work in South-Africa is developing well and we are very, very grateful that almost all supporters continue the support of this project!

For years now we have been writing newsletters about the circumstances of the people in South-Africa, but we realize that the huge impact of the poverty and hardship sometimes is difficult to imagine.

We think that you must have seen and experienced the suffering, smelled the deep poverty, the Aids patients and the way in which people have to live. Also you must have seen the children, who without any guilt on their part, must grow up. For them it is impossible to live normally as a child. Often children must raise other children.

It is obvious that this work needs support. The luxurious circumstances in which most of us live, can in no way be compared with life in the Mpumalanga Township. We as partners and friends cannot work there locally, but the fulltime workers and volunteers can. However, we can pray and support them financially and, in these ways, show our love for our fellow man in South-Africa.

Blessings, *Simon and Anneke*

On behalf of all people here in the Township Mpumalanga in Hammarsdale, which we serve daily, we want to thank you for the generous support

GRACE & WILSON GOEDA