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CHILDREN OF DESTINY AT HOME



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FEED MY PEOPLE BAKERY
is a fact. Thank you for your support.

THANKS FOR:

- Your prayers*
- Your financial help*
- Your help by starting:*

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

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TO HELP**



DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS,

Cordial greetings from Durban, Hammarsdale Township! We hope that you are all enjoying good health and that you will be pleased to read this edition of the CODAH-news.

We continue to be very, very grateful to you, our faithful partners and friends. Without your huge support, we would not have been able to continue our work; the work among the poorest of the poor, the marginalized and the forgotten.

We are already almost six months into 2019. As we waited upon the Lord, at the beginning of this year, the Lord made it very clear to us that it was a time of crossing-over (Joshua 3: 1-5) and some very special things have happened during this time. Special things like:

1. Entering a new season as a project. A season of working towards sustainability and maximizing that which we have been entrusted to. It also meant ensuring new structures and planning for effectiveness and excellence.
2. Another part of the crossing-over meant that God was taking us where we had never been before. A call to a new level of obedience and trust in Him, and not depend on our own ability and understanding. We know now that there is a difference between 'knowledge' and 'wisdom'. Knowledge is something we accumulate through experiences, but wisdom can only come from God.

We are very happy to say that many things happened faster than we expected. Things like our brand-new bakery, the expansion of our Computer Training Centre, an order for one hundred bags for a church in Holland for our CODAH-Fashion Design ministry, and many more.

Besides these, we have some ideas for a new upcoming project, and, in due time, we will share more about it. God is good all the time!

In His service,
Wilson Goeda

SEWING PROJECT – HLENGIWE

Last year we received money from a donor in Holland to fix our sewing machines and buy fabrics, so that we could design our own bags. So far we have trained 20 students, since the beginning of this year. The ongoing challenge with so many students is the weekly maintenance and and repairs of the sewing machines.

In order to continue with our sewing project, we need more students as their fees can help to buy fabrics. Our immediate need now is for more material.

We do hope and trust that orders for more bags will continue to come in.

We are very grateful that we finished our first one hundred bags. Very soon we will send these to their destination. Our goal is to use the profit that we make from these bags to buy two big sewing machines, buy fabrics and pay the people who worked so hard to finish the job.

At the moment, we are praying for more people to help us with the sewing training, because our next project is to make shoes that go with the bags.

GARDENING PROJECT – AYANDA

My name is Ayanda from CODAH and I am working as a Garden Instructor. In our gardening project, we are training people from the church and from the community how to do farming so that they will be able to feed their families. Food prices are increasing every day, and, therefore, very poor people can be helped with the gardening project.

In Genesis 2:15, the Lord our God, placed man in the Garden of Eden to take care of it. It is God's wish that we respect and take care of the earth and so we teach the people the biblical principles of farming.

Last year, our crops included sweet potatoes, beans, potatoes, cabbage, and corn. These crops were a big success and we managed to keep extra seeds to plant this year. Therefore, this year, we can feed more people. However, all this hard work would not have been possible if Mrs Ntethe and her husband had not helped us.

The continuing problem now is that we don't have enough water for our gardens. We need a pipe from our JOJO tank (a big rainwater tank, which we got) to the garden so we can use this rain water. At the moment, another great need is more garden tools, so that more people can do gardening.

One of the new initiatives we want to try is something called: "Market Wednesday". The idea is to sell, on Wednesdays, what we planted to the community. We are trusting God that all will be well.

We would now like to tell you a story. Mrs Ntethe always helps us in the garden. This elderly lady has helped in our garden since last year. She helps faithfully and continually. Her story was that now, after three years of applying to Social Services to get her pension, she finally got it!

The fact that is so amazing of this lady is, that even though she is an elderly woman, she came to serve the project despite her own problems and needs. She also got her husband to come and help us. Both of them love gardening and easily spend a whole morning in the garden. We are so blessed to have them on our Gardening Team and herewith want to thank them very much for their splendid service!

COMMUNITY COMPUTER TRAINING CENTRE – DEBBIE-ANN

We are so blessed having Debbie-Ann taking our Computer Centre to a higher level. The Computer Centre has grown very much since we started at the end of 2017. From 2-year olds to, over 60, retired community members joined our classes; the oldest being 67 years! Now there are 286 students per month and so we had to move to a bigger room to accommodate our need for space and make room for 12 more laptops. That is the good news, but the challenging news is that we are growing so rapidly that we have more students than laptops. We always do our best to make sure that all children are accommodated. Furthermore, we have made the Centre available to unemployed and disadvantaged people, who wish to gain computer skills to increase their chances of finding employment.

All facilities offered at the Computer Training Centre are completely free of charge.

There is so much excitement on the children's faces when they come for training! On Saturdays, some of them even stay all day! During that day we make sandwiches for them and supply soccer balls and other toys, so that they can play after classes have ended. They also get bread when they go home.

The Centre has become, not only a training centre, but a place for them to be children. At the Centre, they know and feel that they are loved and cared for. Therefore, there is so much more we can do besides teaching them computer basics. We trust, in the future, the Centre will evolve into a Recreational Centre for them, where they not only come to learn about computers, but where there is a space to do their homework, have fun and also get some other information, like: 'what are their rights as a child' and 'what to look out for regarding their safety', etc.

Two Primary School- and three High School students from the Township assist us weekly on a voluntary basis. These five students have developed





their computer skills greatly, since the start in 2017. They are now a part of our “young leaders program” and so we are investing and training them to become the future facilitators of our Centre.

At the moment, they assist us as we train the computer classes and each class has 22-23 students.

Our dream is to register our centre with the government and to be fully recognized as a training centre, giving all students credits and a certificate.

HOME BASED CARE – GUGU

Home based care is very important. We visit people in their homes and check how they are living. We help the very sick and we help the HIV-patients, who cannot walk, and who need to start treatment, by taking them to the clinic. Old people, who forget to take their medication, also get our assistance.

A touching situation that we experienced here was the situation of a lady of 72 years. She was staying with her daughter and she was on treatment.

We took her to the clinic together with her daughter, only to find out that the daughter also needs to start a HIV-treatment.

Our work is very demanding, hard and difficult, especially when patients die.

Visiting very sick patients, cleaning their houses and cooking for them, are part of the daily work of the Home Based Care Team. Patients are also bathed and given their medication. If necessary, patients are taken to the clinic.

Recently, we had Kim Newman, a professional nurse, to upskill and train us more on First Aid, and other health issues. Her training really helped us a lot as we, almost daily, encounter new health challenges.

Some of these challenges are that people forget to take their medication, others stop their treatment because of a lack of money to buy food and also there are persons, who deny their sickness, and, at times, are very, very sick. Sadly, an increase in the death rate among the Home Based Care-project patients, has been the result.

Transportation is a huge problem. We badly need a bigger car for the Home Based Care, so that we can transport more patients at one time. Our Volkswagen has been very faithful over the years, but now he is all the time in the garage for repair.



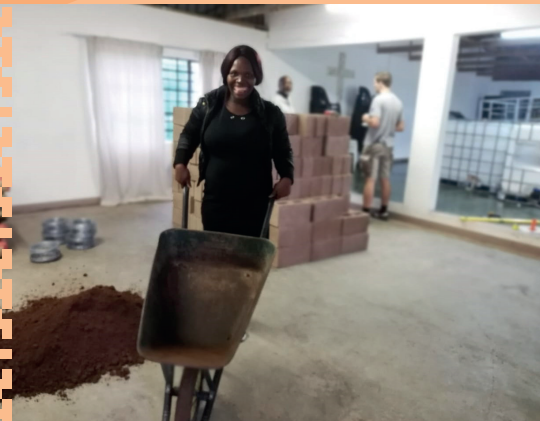
FEEDING AND DONATIONS – GRACE

As you know, CODAH is truly dedicated to help needy and vulnerable children and families. We, especially, help those who are infected with HIV/AIDS and TB. We know that our help is badly needed as the people, who are on treatment, and the people who are sick at home, don't have any income at all.

Therefore, CODAH supplies them, every month, with food, clothes and any other donations, which come in from other organisations and churches. At the moment, we are helping 2500 people on a monthly basis. You understand that, without your support, this could not be done and we, herewith want to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to everybody who supports CODAH with donations.

From the above news, you may be convinced that your donations are very, very necessary as, compared to last year, the number of needy people is still increasing.

CODAH also buys monthly groceries for ten extreme needy families and we buy 450 loaves of bread to distribute. Praise the Lord, that we are receiving help from the “Good News Centre”, the “Grace Family Church” and Container Ministries. “The Boxer Store” in Hammersdale, gives us groceries now and then, and the “Built It Hard”-warestore gives us a good discount.



BAKERY PROJECT – GRACE

The CODAH's new ministry “FEED MY PEOPLE BAKERY”, has now become a reality. We are very grateful that we were able to raise enough funds to buy our very own bakery equipment and have allocated a special room for the bakery. We built a wall so that the bakery can run smoothly on its own and installed our oven and all other equipment. Part of this process meant that we had to upgrade our electricity system.

We do hope to bake 1024 loaves of bread weekly and can then feed 2500 children and adults every month. We will cut our bread budget by 50% when we bake our own bread. Because we have a bakery now, we have already received an order from another NPO, that wants to buy 300 loaves of bread from us, weekly.

It is our fervent wish and goal of this bakery to be able to teach a trade to our volunteers, to feed people and to create an income.



**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
- ✓ Bakery

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Ofcourse, funds for this goal are badly needed. Bakery ingredients and cutlery will also be very welcome. Another challenge now is the electricity bill as we are going to bake eight hours a day. CODAH will design and buy our own plastic bread bags and provide bakery clothes for our staff with our very own logo.

Herewith I want to thank each one, who has been so generous and supportive towards this wonderful "FEED MY PEOPLE" BAKERY PROJECT.

DISCIPLESHIP OUTREACH PROGRAM – HOUSE OF PRAYER ON FRIDAY

Our church is growing from strength to strength. It is amazing to see how the people of the community are taking the initiative. We are very proud to say that we now have our very own CODAH CHOIR!

We also received visiting teams from all over the world. We had the great pleasure to have teams from YWAM Jeffreys Bay, YWAM Muizenberg, Germany, Norway, America and Sweden. They brought us great biblical teachings, powerful testimonies and acts of service.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – THANDA

Every Friday, we come together with the children. We teach them how to pray, how to read bible stories and we sing together and do drama. In this way, we, as Children of Destiny at Home, teach the gospel to the children.

However, we are facing hard challenges in teaching the children. This is because their parents have all kind of beliefs. But we will continue to teach the kids and during the holidays we have a three weeks' program for them. In the first week, we train them about God and in the second week they then must take a test and tell bible stories. In the third week, CODAH hires a jumping castle and toys, so that they can play together.

Then we also have goodies for them, like hot dogs, chips, fruit and juice. The Nalibali Project is always present during this time as they always are a wonderful help with this kids' program.

DIGNITY CENTRE – GRACE

We are very encouraged with the attendance of our teenage boys and girls at our Community Computer Centre. Every Saturday they come for the computer training. The teenagers help with setting up the computer rooms, do the cleaning and other small tasks and, in this way, learn basic life skills.

The Dignity Centre is a tremendous opportunity to teach healthy values to them. This Centre hopes to use this platform to bring an awareness and give information about sex education, teenage pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, self esteem, healthy relationships and showing respect and do career planning.

SIMON & ANNEKE TAAL

Many people have asked us how we are doing. We feel very much at home in Almelo, a cosy town in the east of the Netherlands. Unfortunately, we have many health problems. Anneke has chronic pains in her whole body and because of these, it is hard for her to move. Luckily, she can still drive.

Simon has not been driving for some years now as he has Macular Degeneration and can only see 4% in one eye and only 46% in the other eye. He has the dry form of Macular Degeneration, which cannot be healed, and so he will lose his sight more and more. Please pray for our health, but despite these health problems, we really enjoy our home here and our children.

FINALLY

At the end of this Newsletter, we are very excited to invite you to our very first CHILDREN OF DESTINY AT HOME FRIENDS' BREAKFAST!

The idea behind this is to introduce you to our different projects and to invite you to partner with us in whatever way you feel comfortable. This event will take place on August 17, 2019 and we will send out the invitations soon!