



ACAT Partnership Report

January to June 2019

ACAT's Partnership Programme seeks to multiply ACAT's reach and impact in promoting an improved physical, mental and spiritual quality of life for the poor, marginalized or disadvantaged people of Africa

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ACAT LILIMA SWAZILAND March – August 2019 Narrative Report

Introduction

This report covers programme activities undertaken by the organisation during the first half of the our FY 2019/20.

1.0 Finance and Administration

This section continued to provide guidance, coordination, monitoring and administrative support to our core programmes in order to ensure proper implementation of planned programme activities for the period under review.

- ❖ The section performed the necessary preparations for scheduled Board meetings for ACAT Swaziland, ACAT SA and KZN.
- ❖ It has also responded to numerous requests from field staff as part of the much necessary support from this section to ensure proper and timely implementation of their plans for the quarter under review.
- ❖ We note that this period was also loaded with numerous external audits, mainly for our Bread for the World partner as a result of their new audit requirements.
- ❖ We are grateful that all 6 donor audits were done and approved accordingly by the respective funders.
- ❖ However, until the end of the reporting period, we were still working to finalise on our consolidated audit for presentation to a special AGM so that we are in compliance with our Trust Deed.
- ❖ We are grateful for the Lord's provision for new funding from KNH, in addition to the climate change project, they funded a five months project (June – October) to support children's feeding in our target communities.
- ❖ Our partnership with Sahee foundation ended and until the reporting period renewal negotiations were still under discussion at the end of the reporting period.
- ❖ As has been the practice, during the period under review, we continued to explore opportunities for resource mobilisation which is critical for sustaining our work even in the following year.
- ❖ Such processes included making sure that our current funders are kept informed of our work, at times through emails exchange and telephone calls.
- ❖ During the period we received visitors from our partner KNH, Sahee and Ecosolidar as part of their regular monitoring and partnership strengthening.
- ❖ Once again we are grateful that at the end of their visits, their feedback was positive as they were happy that our work was in line with our various partnership agreements.

- ❖ The much awaited comparative evaluation of our two savings models, both funded by KNH, at the end of the reporting period had still not been done pending finalisation of its Terms of Reference (TORs).

2.0 Human Resource Management (HRM) issues

- ❖ As part of the function of this section, it has been dealing with numerous human resources issues, which is also critical in making sure that all our staff are contributing towards the objectives of the organisation as promised to our Board and funding partners.
- ❖ As the number of staff has increased, due to additional work, the need for a well-trained and experienced person who shall be dedicated to HR issues has become obvious.
- ❖ Guidance, again in this area shall be solicited from the Board through the appropriate Board sub-committees so that it is done well.
- ❖ Once again during the reporting period, one extension officer resigned with immediate effect, where in her resignation letter she cited questionable health reasons that she had to attend to in South Africa.
- ❖ All ACAT staff has been cautioned against the act of violating their employment agreement with the organisation.

- ❖ As we reflect on the whole reporting period, we see God's intervention throughout our work and are grateful to the Lord for His continued protection and provision as we work to bring hope to those in need through our **Food, Faith and Work for Africa** Ministry.

3.0. ENTREPRENUERIAL AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (ESDP)

This programme is working in 8 rural constituencies; these are Hlane, Shiselweni 1, Zombodze Emuva, Ntondozi, Bhekinkhosi, Mhlambanyatsi, Mahlalini and Hosea. In these communities the Programme promotes the savings and Credit Cooperative (SACCO) model of savings, while in 6 other communities, these are Gege, Ngudzeni, Sigwe, Ekukhanyeni (Sthobela), Dzakasini and Jericho, the programme promotes the Self Help Group (SHG) savings model. Work in all these communities has been closely monitored by community based extension officers who directly spearheads development activities for the programme.

This section of the report gives key highlights of achievements recorded by the ESDP during the reporting period, which is the first half of the financial year 2019/20.

The following are specific achievements for the programme based on set targets for the 6 months under review;

- ❖ **23** Savings and Credit groups formed, against a set target of **15** groups for the programme, this places the programme at an advantage because the annual target on this activity is **22** groups.
- ❖ **3** Area Coordinating Committees (ACCs) have been formed against a target of **6** ACCs for the period. The underperformance in this activity has been attributed to some groups in selected areas where the SACCOs are still weak to form an ACC, otherwise at year end the situation should have improved.
- ❖ A total of **110** people against a set target of **278** people have been sent to the ACAT Training Centre for residential trainings on various SACCO management trainings. The variance shall be carried forward to third quarter.
- ❖ **101** SACCO members were trained on Business Management, against a set target of **100** members for the reporting period.
- ❖ On another note, a total of **346** compared to a set target of **120** people were trained on the spot. This training was mainly on awareness creation on HIV/AIDs using facilitators from the Ministry of Health.
- ❖ A total of **117** new businesses compared to a set target of **40** businesses were started during the reporting period. This involves a range of Income generation activities.
- ❖ **8** Improved maize storage facilities were constructed against a target of **40** storages for the period. Experience suggests that due to seasonality of this activity, the target may not be achieved this financial year. Further, this activity depends on food availability to be stored.
- ❖ While **101** Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrines against a target of **60** was achieved by the programme during the period.
- ❖ **28** new households against a target of **35** were assisted to harvest rainwater for household use and irrigation for their backyard gardens.
- ❖ **2** SACCOs from Mhlambanyatsi Inkhundla were registered as legal cooperatives during the reporting period. This was against a set target of **3** groups during the period. Unfortunately one group has to fulfil registration requirements for the Department of Cooperatives.
- ❖ **14** children's groups have been formed against a target of **5** groups for the period and **10** for the year 2019/20.
- ❖ During the reporting period, the programme recorded **448** extension visits to support and promote SACCO activities in the target communities.
- ❖ On a similar note, **348** homestead visits were conducted by staff to support individual household activities that are supported by the programme.

- ❖ While a total of **505** people were exposed to the reading and sharing of the word by the programme staff during the reporting period.

4.0. Performance of the Self Help Group approach

The Self Help Groups activities recorded the following progress during the reporting period;

- **15** out of **20** groups have been formed during the reporting period.
- While **62** out of **20** children's groups have been formed during the period. This performance is already above the set target of 40 for the year.
- **35** backyard gardens have been formed, compared to a target of 45 gardens for the period.
- **45** Improved food storage facilities were constructed during the reporting period, against a target of **17** structures during the period.

A total of **1300** people from the SHG communities were exposed to the Gospel through the reading and sharing of the word of God.

5.0. Performance of the Savings and credit

- ❖ With regards to the overall performance of the savings activities promoted by the organisation, the following performances for the reporting period were recorded as follows;
- There were **473** groups that were supported by the organisation in the various communities and under the ACAT programmes
- While membership was recorded at **6 894** people. These are the total households that are being supported by ACAT through her development programmes.
- Total savings was recorded at **E83 577.50** during the period under review while total deposits stood at **E277 365.50**.
- Total withdrawals of deposits for the period stood at **E236 710.20** such withdrawal are normal done for the purchasing of farming inputs.
- On another note, total loans issued during the period were recorded at **E315 043.00**. These loans were issued to **366** group members.
- Loan repayment for the period stood at **E 243 519.70** while Interest received during the period was a total of **E67 854.80**.
- Interests charged by SACCOs ranged between **1%** and **5 %** compared to **10%** for SHGs, where for both savings models, groups members decide on the interest rate they would charge themselves for loans issued.
- The total accumulated closing balance, at the end of the period, stood at **E3 725 343.00**.

- Further analysis revealed that there was Cash on Hand to a total of **E1 331 372.90** while Cash in bank was only **E660 290.00** and the deference of **E1 733 679.00** which all programme staff had to make follow up with groups to account for this huge shortfall.

6.0 SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SAIDP)

This programme, reporting period, continued to work in the five communities under the Lubombo region. These are Maphungwane, Mambane, Sitsatsaweni, KaLanga and Dvokodweni.

During the reporting period, the SAIDP recorded the following achievements against planned activities for the period; while in 6 other communities, which are Mpolonjeni, Hosea, Shiselweni 1, Zombodze Emuva, Shiselweni 2 and Hlane ,the programme implements a three year climate change project. Work in all these communities has also been closely monitored by community based extension officers who directly spearheads development activities for the programme.

This section of the report gives key highlights of achievements recorded by the SAIDP during the reporting period, which is the first half of the financial year 2019/20.

The following are specific achievements for the programme based on set targets for the 6 months under review;

- ❖ **54** out of **63** new groups have been formed during the reporting period. It is hoped that by the next quarter, the programme should be able to make up for the variance.
- ❖ On another note, 20 youth groups have been formed against a target of 32 youth groups for the reporting period.
- ❖ While **204** group members attended Centre trainings on SACCO management skills. This was against a target of **260** people to have been trained by the end of the reporting period. Efforts shall be made to ensure that this shortfall is covered in the next quarter of our financial year 2019/20
- ❖ Following **15** demonstrations done on strategic areas in the communities, **68** new Backyard gardens have been established during the period. The is set target was **57** Backyard gardens for the period.
- ❖ With regards to exposure to the Gospel during group meetings, the programme recorded **1 446** people who have been exposed to the Gospel. Further, **5** people committed their lives to Christ.

7.0. TRAINING CENTRE AND DEMONSTRATION UNIT (TCDU)

The following highlights present progress made on activities undertaken by the Mbuluzi and Buseleni farms, during the fourth quarter under review:

7.1. Mbuluzi Training and Demonstration Centre

The fourth quarter is normally the quietest time of our financial year in terms of community training activities; however the following activities have been done;

- ❖ During the reporting period the Centre facilitated two ACAT staff reviews and planning meetings where all ACAT staff participated in the review of programme performances as well as planning for the year ahead.
- ❖ Further, the Centre facilitated four week long staff trainings, covering Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Bookkeeping and the theory and Construction of Biogas digesters as part of our climate change intervention.
- ❖ On another note, the Centre facilitated in the training of 405 people coming from the various ACAT communities and covering different topics as decided by our core programmes.
- ❖ In terms of animals around the Mbuluzi farm, at the end of the reporting period they stood at as follows;
 - ✓ 18 Cows (2 bulls, 12 cows and 3 calves)
 - ✓ 34 Goats
 - ✓ 20 chickens
- ❖ It is worth noting that at the end of the reporting period, the farm suffered a huge loss due to wild fires that destroyed our pastures.
- ❖ Further, with regards to chickens that the low number has been due to sales and culling of old breeding stock.

7.2. Buseleni Farm

Like the Mbuluzi centre, the Buseleni farm, during the period under review was involved in the following activities;

- ✓ Harvesting and shelling of Opening Pollinated Variety (OPV) Maize seed for sell in the planting season beginning September 2019.09.20 at the time of compiling the report, packaging of the seed was in progress.
- ✓ It should be noted also that the Buseleni seed had been certified by the Seed Quality Control, a department under the Department of Agricultural Research and Specialised Services (DARSS) in the Ministry of agriculture giving it a go ahead to be sold officially
- ✓ During the period, the farm made some sales of Cotton, beans and dry maize, details are reflected in the financial report for the period.

8.0. SUMMARY OF OUR PERFORMANCE DURING THE FIRST HALY OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

In summary, the overall performance of the organisations in the implementation of key activities against set targets in our strategic plan is summarised as follows:

- 92 Groups have been formed against a target of 98 for the period
- For children's groups, 76 groups against a set target of 25 children's groups for the period
- 3 Area Coordinating committees formed against as set target of 6 ACCs for the period
- While 314 people trained SACCO management skills at our Centre compared to a target of 538 people
- 346 people trained on the sport where the set target was at least 120 people for the period
- 101 people were trained on Business management skills against a target of 100 people
- 117 New Businesses started against a target of 40 businesses for the period under review
- A total of 103 new backyard gardens against a target of 102 for the period under review
- 53 New Improved Maize Storage facilities contracted against a target of 57 storage facilities
- While on VIP Latrines, 101 VIPs achieved against a target of 60 for the period.
- On water harvesting we achieved only 28 against 35 homesteads harvesting rainwater
- On our promotion of registration of our groups as cooperatives, 2 groups compared to a target of 3 groups were registered as legal cooperatives during the period.
- Collectively, 3,251 people were exposed to the sharing of the Gospel where 5 people were reported to have given their lives to the Lord.
- A total of 796 extension visits to support our members have been recorded during the period.

9.0. Conclusion

With addition projects, for which we are grateful for, we see the need to consistently assess and improve our capacity in order to be able to cope with the growth of our operations.

Food Faith and Work for Africa remains our motto!

© September, 2019

(Email: 3rd May 2019)

Hello Gerald,

I received a wonderful visit of some people from the community we served for now 5 years on Worker's Day; and it was of great encouragement to hear great things that are happening among the community and in their families.

They are ladies who have been abused in marriage for long time; when they joined the program they learnt the way to behave differently and their husbands were amazed by their change, they become humbled and started to respect them. One of them said that she was useless in the family because she did not contribute in providing for the family, after joining the programme, she started to work and generate income, she bought furnitures, clothes for children and implemented HFS at very high standard. Her husband became proud of her and started to tell to other to join the programme.

The second one did not a child after 9 years of marriage and was very hated by the family inlaw including her husband. After joining the program the word of God changed her deeply and stopped visiting witch doctors, she trusted God and start to pray for the situation. Together with her group members, they implemented the trainings and could live a good example lifestyle in the community until her husband started to trust her and she requested her husband to visit clinic to know where the problem is (many think that birth problem is only for women) and her husband accepted; they found the husband is the one having the problem . He was treated and now they are expecting a hild in one month.

They all testifed how healthy they are because of balanced diet, and how children do lose wheight after breast feeding because now they have enough food. It wasn't like that before.

They said that everyone in the community is looking at them as model and they are respected by all because they listen to them and the come to ask for assistance.

I was very encouraged to see how sustainable the work is because now they leading their own community toward sustainable development.

I now appreciate more and more ACAT approach for development and Spiritual development.

Best Regards and Love
Lambert

CTM MID-YEAR REPORT 2019





INTRODUCTION

2019 started for CTM with special blessing of accessing a large compound and other facilities including spacious offices, kitchen and sanitation, and training room with enough land for practicing garden and other farming technics to implement Home Food Security.

With all facilities and efforts, CTM programme has reached a number of people in different categories from amongst the target group where we are called to serve. This includes families, churches, and other organizations touching individuals in different age classes with various trainings which were run both at our center and in the field depending on strategies that can serve more to reach the set objectives in respective communities according to CTM vision.

We have witnessed behavioral changes in lives of group members (e.g. family relationship restored as husbands and wives stopped to abuse one another) through addressing real causes of poverty which is sin, that can only be fixed when the person believes in God's Jesus centered word.

The Jesus centered programme requires the holistic mission which leads CTM to train alongside both Spiritual and skills to help individuals, families and communities to access a sustainable lifestyle.

The training of skills is helping people to increase harvest, generate income, improve the clothing, improve health through the improvement of food quality and hygiene; therefore improve their lifestyle.

This report is aimed to provide information on activities conducted in the last 6 months from January to June and the results observed in communities that CTM is serving.

ACTIVITIES

- 72 homesteads have been visited for evaluation purposes
- 565 individuals have been exposed to the causes of poverty in various meetings
- 77 group representatives have been trained in BLS course
- 208 individuals have been trained in basic Business practices
- 34 HFS workshops were conducted and 636 individuals from group members participated
- 13 CVs have been trained in CV2 course
- 14 CV meetings have been held
- 50 pastors from 32 churches have been trained as church leaders
- 18 mentoring and monitoring visits were conducted to make sure group making and program implementation are being done in a right way
- Women issues were exposed to 105 women and their behavior have changed. e.g. Hygienic conditions are highly changed, relationship in marriages has improved in appositive ways
- A total number of 1668 individuals attended various trainings in the last 6 months.

RESULTS

- 94 new groups of 7 people have been made making a total of 658 individuals representing 658 families
- 172 people committed their lives to Jesus in this 6 reporting period
- 595 gardens have been made by group members
- 674 compost heap have been made by group members
- 138 new businesses have been initiated in this period
- 241 families possess livestock
- 9 SLGs have been initiated
- All the 75 families whose group representatives attended nutrition workshop, reported to be making children nutritious food, 4 individuals and one group made business out of training received in food technology
- Among the 72 families visited in our evaluation visits, 95% have 3 meals per day while they use to have only one meal before joining the programme
- The same families witness that, they don't fall sick as often as it was before: e.g. One of the mothers said that almost a year is complete without taking children to the clinic while she used to have them sick every month; others had malnutrition problems and they are now healthy
- Relationship is now improved in homes of programme participants and children and wives are more secure as behaviors both for husband and wives are changed.

SUCCESS STORIES

Many of the ladies in the programme have been abused in marriages for long time before. After joining the programme they learnt the way to behave differently because they knew that they can contribute to the development of the family which they did in starting to implement trainings that they receive from the programme. Their husbands were amazed by their changes, became humbled and started to respect them. They all testified how healthy they are because of balanced diet, and how children keep healthy even after breast feeding because now they have enough food while before to join the programme, their children use to be ill from several sicknesses including malnutrition. They said that everyone in the community is looking at them as model and they are respected by all the community members and listen to them. They have become influencers and others come to them to request for assistance.



Figure 1: Francine testimony of her change

Francine did not have a child after 9 years of marriage and was very hated by the family in-law including her husband. After joining the programme, the word of God changed her deeply and stopped visiting witch doctors because she trusted God and started to pray for the situation. Together with her group members, they implemented the trainings and could live a good example lifestyle in the community until her husband started to trust her. For three years now, she started a business of selling Bananas and she makes enough profit to help her family. She then wisely and prayerfully requested her husband to visit clinic to know where the problem is (many think that birth problem is only for women) and her husband accepted; after health test, it was found that the husband was the one having the problem. He was treated and now they have their baby boy.

Sylvain is a military that joined the programme in 2012. In first time, he came to request for assistance because he was in dept and could not payback with his very little salary. He was very sad to not being able help his family with required food, clothing and school for children.

The programme was introduced to him in response for him to get capacity required to overcome all his challenges. He attended BLS course as well as various field workshops. After training he started gardens himself. He then sold vegies from the garden and from the money he got from vegies he brought a land with stones which he started to exploit using 6 workers that he paid the wage. From the stones he begun to buy and resell the lands. He has now built a decent house to stay with the family. Since he started implementing what he learnt, Sylvain has inspired so many people including his colleagues. He is passionate to see others accessing to the blessings like him.

He went in Central African Republic in UN mission, and once there, he started to teach people there about gardening because he found they are dependent to imported products while they have very big lands for planting. He cameback to Burundi after he had made groups that were dynamic with planting. Sylvain is eager to help them further if he ever get a chance to go back to Central African Republic



Figure 2: Sylvain from 2012





Figure 3: Jeanine and Jovanie

Jovanie joined programme later 2018 and attended HFS workshops together with other group members. She quickly understood that change is possible as it is said in CTM groups. She started implementing HFS at homestead level and could plant vegetables near her house to feed the entire family throughout the year. She testified about the increase of bean harvest that she planted in last season. Like many other programme participants, she has never seen the yield of land before. Jovanie is now full of hope, she confident of overcoming the lack in her house. When she realized the increase and the success, her group reached out and influenced others to mae groups and learn the same skills as them. She even took us to these groups initiated through

Isaie graduated in secondary school and could not afford university because his parents were very poor. He was very sad to not carry on his studies and could neither get a job that could provide him an income. He met Jeremie, one of the CVs who also graduated at secondary school and could not access university because of poverty. When he heard his testimony, he was motivated because Jeremie is no longer poor since he implemented HFS and Entrepreneurship trainings and generate income without waiting employment as he can innovate business through plating and selling. Isaie joined the programme and started to use a piece of land to plant vegeta-



Figure 4: Isaie

Through selling these vegies, he made the following statement: *“I am content with the income I get from the work I am currently doing. I am not sure if I could get employment that could pay a wage equal to what I get from selling my vegies. I am happy to develop my life and I getting lots of experience because I am my own boss.”*

Figure 5: Aloys progress

Aloys joined the programme in 2016. His community is located in high mountains with rocks making the access very difficult. There no roads to link his area and others. He travelled long distance to get to the first meeting when first group were being made in his closest area. He was pleased with the programme and since then he attended various trainings which quickly implemented. He is happy to have crop production increased, and he is generating income from selling products that his community need.



He lived a very good example to his neighbors because they realize big difference between his life before the programme and the life he is now living. Here is his testimony: *“My new way of planting made my crops different, and everyone could see. My neighbors saw the difference from the way I started and continued to do things at my homestead, and wanted to do the same in their families. I was happy to help them with my experience although some of them could not implement it. With them we started to implement and learn how we can transform our area. We start to make the road that can connect us with other areas. When the rest of the community saw our initiatives, they joined and asked me to be the leader of this area in helping them to organize the community. I now feel to have authority to help even wider areas because of the trust they have in me. I thank CTM for helping me to become so beneficial to others including my church.”*



Figure 6: Pascal Testimony

Pascal is in the programme since 2016. He is one of the first people who joined the programme when we started in his area. He liked the approach of development through capacity building because it could help him become capable to change himself.

He put much attention in all the training and read through books that were given after training to make sure he implements training correctly. He explained how he carefully followed instruction to plant vegies, to water them and to make com-posts. He was very poor before because he didn't know how to use his land. After joining the programme he started to use his land efficiently and could harvest enough for the family. He is currently making much money from vegetables. He bought a cow and he is happy that he can have good quality organic compost to improve more his soil fertility.

Dear friends and brothers in Christ, it's with a great joy that I am writing to you for reporting what God has allowed us to achieve during this first half of 2019. We are praying that the rest of this year we will be able to do more better for God's glory. We have titled our report: Ending hunger starts with me!

In the D R Congo, there is no national plan to fight hunger. No plan for employment. Individuals are responsible of their survival in any circumstances.

International NGOs are multiplying but no positive impact on the population; instead, people are transformed into more poor and dependent for everything, even for daily food.

The population is more than 60% young. That's why we decided to walk alongside our communities to fight hunger. Everyone is hungry but everyone is waiting for politician leaders to provide salaries and good conditions for a better life. Unfortunately, it's now 60 years that the country is independent but nothing special happened. People continue to suffer of poverty and hunger before disappearing in front of poor children and relatives.

We have decided to do something to end hunger in our community. It's possible! That's why our motto is: Ending hunger starts with me! (Kumaliza njaa ina anza na mimi).

Major goals of this campaign

- Produce food and contribute to the economic growth
- Contribute to the reduction of poverty
- create employment for the youth

With our last year experience and under the guidance of our coach Lambert NKU-RUNZIZA, here is the summary of what we have done the last 6 months.

1. Leadership and trainings.

We were forced to reduce our leadership trainings to a small amount of people for the following reasons:

- a) Over-ambitious people who claim more than they can possibly achieve in the time specified and for the funds requested
- b) People who wanted an infrastructure, payment and capital investment, instead of volunteering and bringing in ideas and initiatives to become self-sustained.
- c) People who wanted Travel (air fares, rail fares, renting vehicles, running vehicles, taking taxis), Per diem (for travel for project staff, for trainees etc.), Training, workshops, conferences, Publications, Office supplies and ser-

vices (electricity, phones, fax, paper etc.), Office equipment (computers, printers, copiers), Office space, Farm equipment etc. Because of these issues, without abandoning the rest of our 69 churches scattered in 35 villages, we focused on 5 villages only. They are: WALUNGU, NSHESHA, CHIBANDA, KAZIMU and CAGALA.

2. Why the 5 villages?

To be effective and have a positive effect, we choose to focus on these villages where we have Poor people many are displaced from neighboring war-torn vil-lages with many AIDS orphans, Pregnant or nursing mothers, Unemployed youth, Landless laborers and smallholder farmers.

3. What we have done?

It was hard but here is the main achievement:

- 3 businesses were started(food for children to fight malnutrition)
- 23 new families can keep animals for home food security (rabbits).
- 123 people committed their life to Jesus

4. What is next?

Because it's easy to walk in different places and the church or local leaders were attracted with the ending hunger campaign, we will be going to launch the cam-paign to fight hunger in the 35 villages where we have churches during this dry season, but our focus will remain on the chosen 5 villages.

5. What Special role of the Youth!

What stood out for this period is the engagement of the youth. We thank God be-cause the role of young people in agriculture and the ending hunger campaign is effective and we hope that it will continue to make impact as long as all the new Cvs trained this period, the new 3 business started and most of the group mem-bers are young adults.

Blessings,

Herman

Bienvenu Polepole has started a small business. He is making food for children and conducting educational workshops to train ladies the importance of feeding kids with healthy food.

Two ladies have also started food business . In total, 3 businesses were started.

A women group

Planning for nutrition and food technology.

In general, they said, we have seen changes with the health of our family members.





Small business with the youth.

They started with a home garden, using just a hoe and now ELIA, ANACLET and SAIDI have now goats.



God's glory was manifested in the obedient life of a Spirit-transformed disciple of Christ. The MCM staff is living out that Biblical principle every day. 123 people came to Jesus. Here are some pictures of the baptism service last May 2019.





Global Women Leadership Network – Uganda

Good evening Mr Dedeking,
Greetings from Uganda! leadership training has enabled me to start Uganda Sister's Society :Global Women Leadership network.

On the 29th June 2019 we had our first year general meeting! see pictures!
Materials that i came with especially basic book keeping and starting up and managing your own business has been of great help.

Using the material in the books ,some of the executives of Uganda Sister Society have taught a lady who locally bakes and sells cakes,to operate a simple exercise book of cash flow,in and out.

She is now saving her money in one of the microfinance.

I played the DVD of Awesome God prior to the meeting,

Attached see pictures.

God bless!

Regards,

Habiba Kent

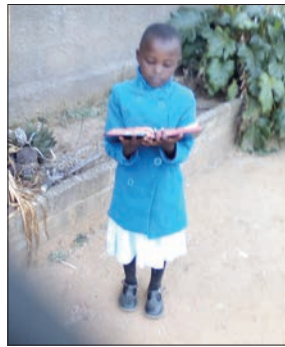


Pastor James Qhobela – Lesotho

Mrs Manoosi was very motivated when she came back from the ACAT training course. She began to mobilize the women in her community and formed a Women's Association called Kopanang Ramophapi Broiler Association with 11 women. They started the project with 100 chickens, but are now rearing between 700 - 1000. Their main market is Seoche Hospital. Selling at R75 per chicken.

They have helped 7 double orphans by buying shoes for them. And through other donations they were able to build a shelter for their chickens.

They were able to share R176,000 from their savings and loans scheme last year. Out of 11 members each received R16,000.



Mr Ntlaba in partnership with his friend have started a piggery and plan to expand to free-range poultry and beekeeping.



In Motete where we have planted a new church and trained the new converts on savings and loans, and food security followed by seed distribution.

Reports from that area are that in the midst of severe drought, their vegetable production was so successful that people in the community commented that maybe it was because they have prayed for their gardens. They were trained on doorsize gardens. In the midst of a severe drought. Pastor James planted spinach on 1/4 of a hectare and by the time rain fell the crop survived and we had a wonderful harvest which we were able to eat and sell to the local market. The savings and loans needs more training. The Jesus film was shown and many gave their lives to the Lord.



Mr Machefo Thobileng and Mantahli Thobileng in an effort to become a sustainable homestead, ventured into both vegetable production and livestock projects (piggery and layers). Their main challenge with the layers has been the marketing of eggs.



Also Pastor Lehlohonolo Kha-bo who also attended the training started a savings and loans at his church but more training is needed. Bibles were also issued to new converts in the church. Mrs Noosi as one of the trainees at ACAT and a local government counsellor mobilised women in her community on issues of HIV and AIDS after the training. I will forward a full report .



Dunamis – East London, SA

It has been a long time, now we are in the middle of the second about to close the first term of the year. By the grace of God, the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit we have started the programme early January, we started to visit communities as from the 13th Jan. Just a bit of an update, we are slowly and gradually progressing well with the initial stages of the programme-

The response for the Home Food Security (HFS)Phase 1- Survivalist Food Garden, Sunday School and Savings/ Loan Scheme programmes has been positively welcomed and accepted by the communities and churches. We are currently working in 2 villages, now we are doing house hold visits and conducting surveys using the ACAT's survey form.

There is a bit of a shift in our planned programme.... Staff Capacitation dates was overlooked.... we intend to first send our new staff member to ACAT for training on the 24 - 29th February, then in March we train the groups in the 2 villages, whilst we enter new communities to present the programme.

Kindly send us the Application and Booking form for the period of 24- 29th February. I would like to confirm that we will be able to transport the staff by bus and kindly request that ACAT sponsor us with all other costs including accommodation and course fees.

I have done a research for Xhosa bibles in our local Christian Bookshops and the cheapest Xhosa bible is R150, I couldn't get through the Bible Society, will keep trying. For now we would like to have about 60 XhosaBibles, Sunday School resource that we can give to Sunday School teachers, a minimum of ten will attend training this term. We would appreciate that you sponsor us with these.

A full report will be submitted to ACAT by end of the 1st term, though small progress like these will be shared now and again.

Please continue to pray for us , the team (staff), communities and churches. The registration to be completed, the identified board members who showed interest as the programme was presented them to finally commit in being part.

I trust that God will continue to walk with us I am excited the response has been good so far.

Blessings

Nomgqibelo Ludidi - Nxoyi
Dunamis Group

Pastor Mtshali – Nkandla, KZN



Pastor Mtshali attended the ACAT Pastors' course. He returned home, and called a local farmers meeting, where he gave a general overview of ACAT's Integrated Livelihoods Programme. Together with his congregation, they planted cabbages in a well fenced, irrigated vegetable garden. They have a strong water storage/supply where a large amount of water is available to be used for irrigation. They now supply supermarkets such as Boxer and Inkanyezi Cash & Carry, as well as schools for government's feeding schemes. They have sold 6 bakkie loads (200 heads) of cabbages at R8 each. Pastor Mtshali delivers 200 cabbages on each trip 3 days a week using R300 a day for petrol costs. There are no salaries being paid as yet, and there are still plenty of cabbages in the garden to be sold. Now Pastor Mtshali is on a mission to send a few members of his congregation to ACAT's Sunday School course in October, as well as the Basic Life Skills course next year, and even to send a few members of his Church Council to ACAT's Pastors course in 2020!



Life Changing Ministries – Nkandla, KZN

A VISIT TO PASTOR NALA'S AGRICULTURAL SITE DATE : 14TH FEBRUARY 2019

1. INTRODUCTION :

- 1.1 Ps Nala presently resides at Dannhauser but originally grew up from Nkandla.
- 1.2 He is a spiritual leader of Life Changing Ministries based at Nquthu where his congregation is.
- 1.3 He has built a private primary school with ECD and all the phases. The school has all the necessary facilities to cater for the children needs right in town.
- 1.4 He has also built a private secondary school outside Nquthu town in a rural settlement where the tribal authority has granted him an agricultural site for learners doing agriculture as a subject to do practical work.
- 1.5 He has attended Acat's Pastors' Course on the 4th to the 8th of February 2019.

2. OVERALL IMPRESSION OF THE VISIT :

- 2.1 On the 14th of February 2019 a meeting was held as requested by Ps Nala with the local EC whereby he intends to have a partnership with Acat.
- 2.2 The agricultural site is about 5 km from Nquthu town totalling 6.4 hectares which he wants to use for crop production.
- 2.3 He is in the process of hiring a tractor to do mechanical land operations (land preparation).
- 2.4 It is envisaged that the work will be done in phases.
- 2.5 It was clearly explained to him that Acat can help with technical advices and guidance not doing spade work.
- 2.6 He is willing to allow interested community members to learn new practices when Acat does demonstrations in the site.
- 2.7 Students doing agriculture as a subject and interested community members will be exposed to organic farming coupled with new practices.
- 2.8 He was advised to network with the Department of Agriculture and other development agencies who may be useful to his work to bring assistance and services to both students and community wherein he operates.
- 2.9 There was a leadership seminar held for 16 church leaders on the same day in his congregation. Ps. Nala asked the local EC to briefly explain how the Acat ILP works and informed those Pastors that Acat will be invited to come and give a talk on reviving Sunday school teachings in the near future.

3. CONCLUSION :

- 3.1 Ps. Nala is well respected in the area and has the ability to lobby development agencies and church leaders to come on board bringing services to the communities.
- 3.2 The area has a potential to become an Acat operational zone where ILP can be done.

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HOPE TRUST DEVELOPMENT- HALF YEAR REPORT 2019

Observation

Vulindlela is characterised by many problems like sickness, economic issues that limit progress and discourage people to continue in life with hope. There is an increasing number of people and employment in the area is limited. This, with the pressures on the formal economy means that the informal economy is attracting more and more people, especially in form of drug and alcohol dealers. However, many of the members of the community are resilient people and do believe that change is imminent.

The demand for support from the Hope Trust programme is increasing annually. With the present situation in the economy in the country, there is a growing demand for financial literacy in the area. Our aim with this programme is to help the community move from financial slavery to financial freedom. As we have witnessed in the past ten years of running Saving and Credit Groups (SCG's) they prove to be highly effective, CHANGING FAMILY LIFE, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME.

Parenting Skills

There is an increasing number of boys and girls that are migrating closer to town, leaving their families and communities behind. It's obvious that there is a problem with family life and the problem can't be fixed by the government alone. It is crucial for NGO's, churches and other entities to join hands in addressing this problem.

We are proud of the *Parenting Programme* that Hope Trust is involved with. In the past months we have had training courses with members of the community from Sweetwaters to Nxamalala. The aim is to restore and rebuild family values. We believe that through Jesus Christ all things are possible. We have had good reports from those who participated in the training courses which open the eyes of the trainees to ways they were brought up and how they perpetuate the problems of their past. The training addresses values based parenting and gives encouragement and steps towards making the changes that are needed.

Financial literacy

The fruits of financial education are noticeable throughout Sweetwater area, where we have people who are members of Saving and Credit Groups. From December to May we managed to

do 546 financial education sessions. The increasing number of people interested in savings we believe is in response to the numbers who have been instructed in how to understand their finances and manage them well.

Small Business Skills

Hope Trust encourages a 'self-help' methodology as it empowers and gives people the basic understanding of how to manage small enterprises and use them to make money. This is done using the training materials provided by ACAT which are pitched at a level at which most people can engage and begin to explore how they can be involved in a business of their own. People are to use what they have and do what they can do to generate income. This is an important initiative because it is one of the only likely means of helping people to find financial provision.

Savings and Credit Groups

It is with great excitement we report that this year we have a very strong likelihood of reaching savings of a MILLION Rand or more. At the beginning of this year more people became members of the existing SCG's. The number of groups declined from 30 to 27 by the end of the first quarter. By the middle of the year the team managed to start 3 more groups, returning the number to 30. This year we have a direct contact with about 320 group members. It is becoming increasingly prevalent for a group member to also save on behalf of another family member who, for whatever reason, does not or cannot get to the group. If we add the number of those who are saving in the background the total number of savers increases to 360 or more.

Mobilisation (promoting membership of savings and credit groups) was done in three areas Zayeka, KwaShange and Gandaganda. Through this mobilization we are expecting more groups to start. A total number of 174 visits to SCG's have been made between 1st December 2018 to 30th June 2019.

The accumulating saving to the end of June of the 30 groups is R 383 400.00 is R110 080.00 more than the groups had saved by the same time in 2018. The borrowings in the first half of this year amount to R 369, 739.00. Of this R 264,185.00 has been paid back by the owing group members.

We can say that we are likely to reach the MILLION rands saved this year by extrapolating past figures. The number of men who are saving has increased although they don't attend meetings

(as we have reported before) but they often save through their wives and children. The number of traditional savings (stokvels) has declined in the community because people are migrating to Hope Trust Saving and Credit Groups. People are taking ownership of the activities of the programme.

Generating Income

It is estimated that more than half of the monies saved by group members is earned through hard work. There are different means of generating income such as selling at schools to children at break times, small tuckshops, selling on the streets in town and in the community. This includes selling food as well as selling and buying of clothes and gardens products.

Garden project/Training

Nicholas Zondi, one of the team members, has been monitoring a group called Mbalenhle for one year. This group is one of many groups which generate income through selling garden produce. This group of 6 hardworking ladies are using land which belongs to one of the members. This land was about 10m x 20m although it has been extended this year. Last year they generated more than R 1500.00 a month from their harvest and they ate the surplus.

More than 67 members of SCGs were visited for gardens but few are taking good care of them. One garden training took place at Zayeka Area called eMasimini which was attended by 7 members of their local saving group and 2 non-members of the community.



Left: This picture of beetroot was planted during the training session

Left: these cabbages were also planted during the training several weeks earlier.



Tuckshops

As we have heard of Hanna Magubane in our 2018 Annual report, tuckshops are generating sustainable income. We work with 6 people who have tuckshops. The business owners are also working concurrently with Saving and Credit Groups. “*Without a saving there is no business*”, *these* were the words of one of the members of the group. She said these words because the saving feeds the business and the business feeds the savings. These small businesses generate about R 6 000.00 a month.

Spiritual Development

It's an ongoing plan of Hope Trust Team to proclaim the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people. The gospel is the root of successful change in the communities. Bible studies are done and well received by most people in Saving and Credit meetings.

Plan for the Next 5 month

- (i) Monthly monitoring of the saving groups.
 - (ii) To have 7 to 8 intense mobilization for new groups (Sweetwater's Stadium, Shange, Zayeka and Okhalweni).
 - (iii) To start not less than 10 newgroups before the end of the year.
 - (iv) To have 5 more garden trainings (two at Gandaganda, one at Zayeka, two at KwaShange).
 - (v) To have at list 3 more stable garden projects.
 - (vi) To have 9 stable small businesses before the financial year end.
 - (vii) To have one combined meeting with the groups at eBhodini (Malevus place) as an encouragement to those in business and a testimony to the power of God at work.
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Shepherds Heart Ministry – Ethekekwini, KZN

Shepherd's Heart Gardens is a group of brethren in SHBM; they started planting vegetables in 2014. They started to feed a few needy families in their area. The second reaping/harvest was sold to the community with reasonable prices. Their gardens are still giving them good vegetables. They are a group of 7, of which their Pastor Malusi Gumede, is one.

Challenges: The irrigation system is not in a balanced condition and shortage of garden tools. The mission is to hand out Christmas gifts to children, full of goodies (e.g. books, pencils, crayons, toys, calculators, T-shirts and shoes) depends in the child's lucky box. They have handed out 250 boxes to kids each year since 2018. Now they are busy with the structure building, three rooms so that they start a crèche. They have fresh vegetables from their garden. They also have future plans for computer literacy, once their rooms are started.



Matimatolo – Greytown, KZN



This group of church members was formed after one of our team preached at their church in Greytown (KZN). They then became interested in ACAT and attended the Leadership and Basic Life Skills Courses. They have made great progress implementing what they learned and are very excited to see such promising results after such a short time.



KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) in South Africa has a unique, diverse community, with a very strong (78%) isiZulu speaking population. The community is mainly urbanised with people in the cities sustaining their rural family members. With one of the highest unemployment rates in the world, there are many poverty-related challenges, like absent father households and high levels of violent and sexual crime.

The mainline churches struggle to survive as fulltime clergy become less affordable, resulting in more vacancies in the ministry. Most independent churches that minister to a large part of the population lack pastors with adequate theological training and in many cases the poor are exploited by the prosperity gospel.

It is within this context that Veritas College South Africa provides training for denominations and networks of churches. Six facilitators have been trained and all of them are facilitating Module 1. The Uniting Reformed Church in South Africa has just given Veritas the green light to train 14 facilitators for Module 1 who in turn will train 140 preachers, Sunday school teachers and ministry leaders in KZN.

KwaZulu-Natal – Dr. Lourens Schoeman, Veritas Training Coordinator



Gerald

Your Bibles is a real blessing. Our communication officer will soon give you a detailed report on the distribution, use and value of the Bibles at our youth camps, where we again could camp almost 1000 teenagers this year at our youth camp.

We could now extent the campsite to accommodate from 100 to 150 campers. We are 50% there in preparing an overflow for another 50, eventually camping 200 campers. Our hall is back on its feet, accommodating 500 people. Our solar panels that were stolen are almost replaced.

We recently also started a structure to do youth life coaching in uMsinga, with a full time coordinator and volunteers. We trust the Lord for funding for the running cost and funding to camp teenagers at our church youth camp in Pomeroy. The camp is in process to be restored. Here we wish to camp the Msinga teenagers coming from Nhlalakahle (Mchunu area), Keate's Drift, Thukela Ferry, Kopi, Msinga Top, Cwaka, Pomeroy and the Majozi tribal area.

We feel called to start youth skill development centres in vacant church houses in Keates Drift, Thukela Ferry, Msinga Top, Pomeroy, Ekuvukeni and Nazareth. We know God will provide in His time.

In Pomeroy we run additional camps, funding allowing ten camps, separate from the Ladysmith camps. This is a huge jump in faith for us. But at least 500 isiZulu Bibles will be allocated to the Msinga ministry.

In Ladysmith we will continue to camp 1000 teenagers in 2019.

What is very very exciting is the fact that we now partner with Veritas Bible School. I am trained as facilitator and will train youth workers and church leaders as facilitators, who can the process further. The material is excellent for school Bible Study groups and SCMs. Also pray that the youth will grow in understanding and appreciating the wonder of God's Living Word.

After June I will also train lay counselors in Biblical Pastoral Counselling aimed at traumatized teenagers and children. Also pray for this please.

After the fire we had, we hope to resurrect our garden on our little farm, producing more food for camp catering.

Also please send us your updated prayer request so that we may also pray for you in your ministry.

Shalom

Lourens Schoeman

1. Introduction

Sweetwaters Praise Centre is a small vibrant young church. Our membership is comprised mainly of young and unemployed people who love the Lord and dream of a better life.

It was with this in mind that we requested to be in partnership with ACAT as we realized that they are champions in sustainable wholistic development. The partnership was put into action from April of 2019.

We also approached Pastor Russell Toohey and asked that we change our name from New Zion Sweetwaters to Sweetwaters Praise Centre because the former name was too related to the traditional Zionists and this was hindering our Evangelistic efforts. He allowed us. I must stress that we remain a 100% member of the New Zion Ministries International.

2. What have we done so far?

- a. Launched officially during Easter Weekend
We officially launched the partnership in our church during the Easter weekend. It was thoroughly explained what the partnership is all about and what is required from the church as per the signed agreement between the church and ACAT.
- b. We started a Forgiveness talk, using the 'Grace Story DVD'. This really hit hard at most people who eventually came to explain their issues at home with their fathers.
- c. This then led us to set a Sunday where we specifically looked at the Fatherless generation and how we could bridge the gap.
- d. We have done a basic teaching on HIV and AIDS and how to deal with this epidemic catastrophe
- e. Every Sunday morning we spend about an hour dealing with issues pertaining to personal development or development in general. We sit down and discuss. Everyone can ask questions and give feedback. This has had a significant effect on people as they have changed the way they see themselves and view themselves. Hope and trust in the Lord has also been restored!!
- f. We have done a teaching on Diabetes. The main aim on this day was to explain what Diabetes is and show how it works, and look at how to eat properly.
- g. We have also started a basic hard skills training where we teach young people how to cook, clean, and some basic craftwork like making earrings, beadwork etc. We even teach them table manners and how to use fork and knife to eat.
- h. A total of 8 people have attended either the Youth Basic Life Skills or the Sunday School Training courses.
- i. This has lead to starting Kid's Clubs which currently touch around 110 children in various parts of Sweetwaters. About 80% of these children are not of a church that preaches true salvation.
- j. Children are helped with their school work and study skills.
- k. The SLG has been formed. We have subdivided this into three groups which are the Children's Church SLG, The Youth SLG and the Adults SLG. We also decided to treat the Church itself as a person so that the money from offerings etc will be saved in the SLG as well. This will be the money used to improve the building and Developmental work. The "Church" will make its first savings in October.
- l. So far, with so few people working, we have been able to save over R10000.00. Amazingly the children (up to 12 years) have saved R1326, this is only 8 children who are a part of this. (I must emphasize that not the whole church is part of the SLG, we have 15 adults, 10 youth and 8 children. Others are still thinking)

- m. Through the ACAT trainings and SLG a total of 8 young people have started their own small businesses averaging between R15 and R280 per week in profit. These young people use this money to save in the SLG and don't rely on parents on this. We are now encouraging them to contribute even at home, even if it means buying just a loaf of bread per week as we are teaching them to be responsible young people.
- n. Some have started vegetable gardens which are growing very well. The amazing one was the one from Imbali and the parents of this child are amazed at her change.
- o. We have taught on the significance of ungodly traditional celebrations and their impact on our spiritual journey. We looked at things like Heritage Day, Lobola, Valentine's Day, Clan Praise names, among other things.
- p. Hosted pastor Kurunziza from Burundi whose church has started the similar program and is already seeing notable success.

3. The way forward

We are now working on consolidating the Kid's Clubs and we will soon be encouraging every one to have their own gardens. The hope is that some of these kids will start contributing towards the family income as they will sell some of their produce

As a test drive, I took some samples from my our own garden) to Mugg and Bean and Tatham Art Gallery Café to see if they would be interested in buying from us. They were very impressed and willing to purchase from us. Mugg and Bean has even sent us their price list show what they normally buy and at what price. **I must stress that this was just a verbal agreement. We are now gearing ourselves up to make this a reality.**

The money from the children's church SLG will be saved with Tyme Bank. Their Goal Save interest rate is 6%. After ninety days the interest rate is 9%. This is vital because children do not regularly borrow money and we have to find a way to grow it.

We are now starting to teach some of the ACAT modules so that we can achieve our goal of wholistic development

4. Progress through Pictures



Small Group prayer after the lessons during the Kid's Club in Mbutshane



Some children playing with tins before the lessons



The Newly Formed Kid's Club, Kwa Mpande

Some Businesses that have been started because of SLG





Nathi Makes Braai stands using old geysers. These are very strong

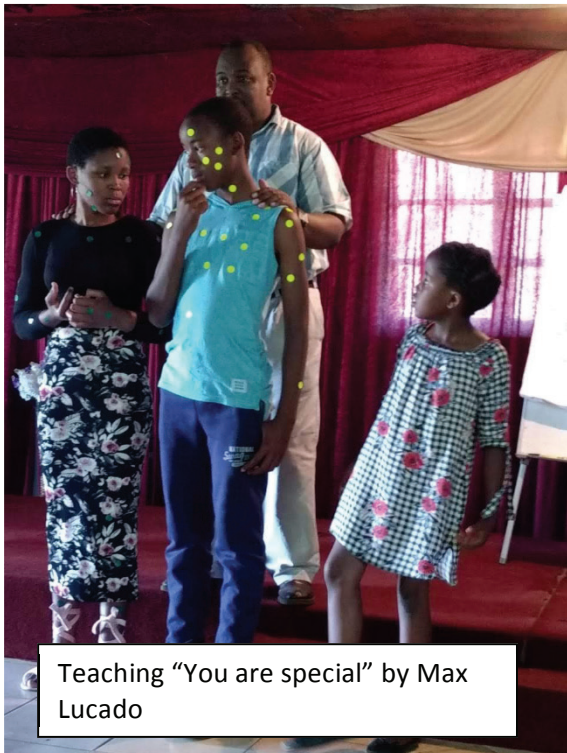




Teaching the young ones how to use Fork and knife



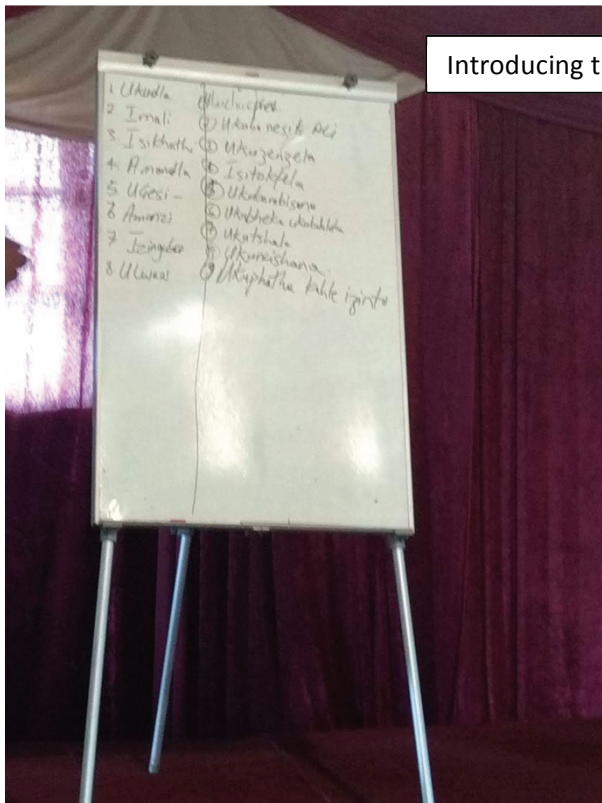
Mrs Mbanjwa teaching about HIV and Aids. She is a nurse



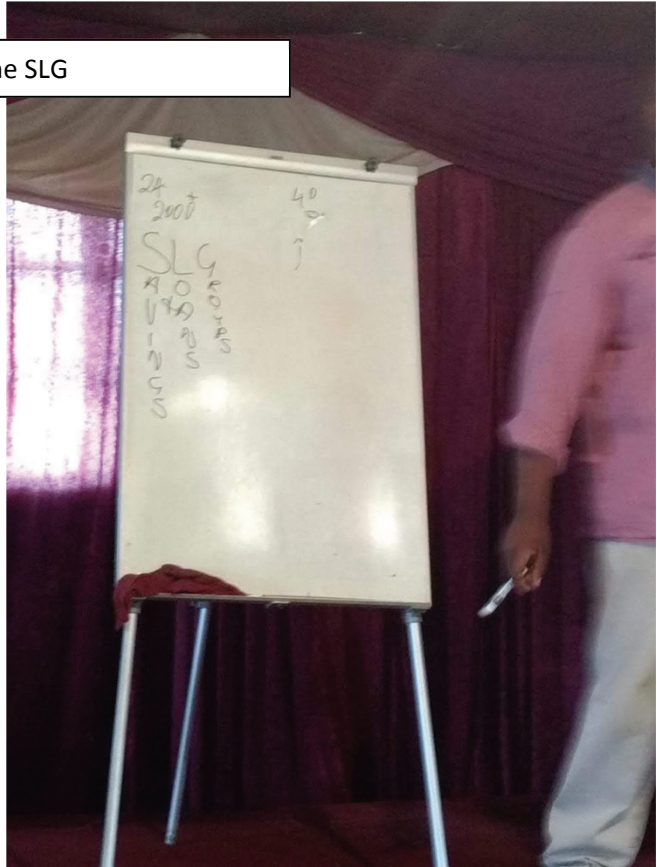
Teaching "You are special" by Max Lucado



We have taught on eating for health



Introducing the SLG



Group discussions on Forgiveness after watching a DVD on Goliath Must Fall



Hereby attached the most recent report of Lungani Mandlakasi and some pictures of the work of the care workers who have been trained at ACAT. Some of them passed away, some left to other places, new members are added - they are still going strong and keeping on with the work. It is interesting how slowly people change, but through the years you can really see how they have been changed due to what we invested in their life. What I see among the Care Workers that come along with us through the years (been trained by ACAT) is that they become more self confident and taking more initiative in running projects to serve the needs of their community. Lungani Mandlakasi is not a healthy person and got his ups and downs, but things are going well in our midst. God is really good to us here in Makhathini.

God bless

Louwrens van der Westhuizen



4.1 .KwaGedleza Support Group

This is group for 11 women who are living with HIV/AIDS virus they use to come together two times per week to share their problems & challenges as well as to encouraging one another.

4.2. Makhonyeni Support Group

It consist of 12 women who are also living with HIV/AIDS 3 of them have passed away they also meet two times a week to share their problems and challenges but what is different from them is that they also do hand work such as beadwork & knitting.

4.3 Ndumo Support Group

This is the support group for 10 women it started early this year they also meet once a week to discuss their problems and challenges they have not yet started any income generating activity.

5. LIFESKILLS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The programme is still running well in the schools and there are two volunteers who visit different Schools two times per a week.

The aim of this programme is to equip young people with the knowledge that will lead them to positive behaviour change so that they will be able to make right choices in their lives .and this can lead to healthy society based on dignity and respect.

Since we are the Christian organisation the programme that we are using is based on the bible in order to help young people them to know the Lord.

We are using the material printed by an organisation called **SCRIPTURE UNION** they provide us with books and during the programme we try by all means to build friendship with children so that it will become easy to work with them.

We focus on primary and high schools this year we also visited three schools these are the following.

5.1. Nonjinjikazi Primary School

There are 72 children in this school who are involved in this programme 33 girls and 39 boys grade 6 &7 combined and the programme have been running for more than 3 years in this school

5.2. Madeya Primary School

There are 64 children 35 girls and 29 boys we combine grade 6& 7 together during our session and the programme have also been running for more than three years in this school

5.3 KwaBamba High School

The number of children involved in the programme is 83 grade 8 learners 46 boys and 37 girls the programme have started this year and the children are very excited.

6. INCOME GENERATING PROJECTS

The Purpose of this programme is to encourage community members to work together as groups and start some small income generating projects like sewing clubs or garden projects where they can produce food for themselves and also generate small income. These are the following projects.

6.1. Hambasambe Garden Projects

The garden is made up of 9 women at kwaLulwane area they plant different crops such as maize meal during summer & also vegetable this year they planted tomatoes they already harvested and sell their produce to the community members although it did not go well

MAKHATHINI FIELD WORKER'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF USIZO COMMITTEE

DATE: 20 MAY 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

This report is about an overall work of usizo at Makhathini congregation

2. HOME BASED CARE

The purpose of this programme is to provide home base care to the sick and vulnerable people by helping in their sickness and also to access social support grants.

There are 12 home base care givers who are working as volunteers in 7 branches.

The volunteers are working very hard to help their communities in the capacity they feel possible, the programme is running well but there are some challenges previously most of them were leaving for better opportunities.

The church is trying by all means to provide R500 stipend for each volunteer every two months so that they can get soap for washing and other belongings.

The following activities have been conducted by home base care volunteers.

2.1. Home visits

The number of families visited by care givers is 470 for needs assessment and also to provide care and health education

Among these families 288 people have been identified as sick patients with various diseases such as Tuberculosis Diabetic and HIV/AIDS etc. some of these patients have been provided with care such as bathing wound cleaning changing of adult nappies for those who are bed ridden people, cleaning of wounds, accompany others to the Hospitals etc.

2.2. Referrals

42 clients who do not have vital documents have been assisted and referred to government departments to apply for their documents and grants.

2.3. Material Support

There are 130 people who received food parcels more especially those who have serious condition and does not have something to eat, most of them are taking medication without something to eat so it is very important to provide them with food

Last year we have received box of Soup mix that was given to sick patients and orphaned children and it was donated Container a ministry which is the caring and support programme of Grace Family Church

We also received buckets of food from the project called Bucket of Love with food and cosmetics inside they were distributed to sick people.

We have also bought food parcels for orphans and sick people with the money that was received from Usizo.

3. CARING FOR ORPHAN

The number of orphans who are not receiving foster care grants is decreasing we have 56 orphaned children in our list and 36 of them have applied already they are still waiting but 20 of them are still struggling to get birth certificates.

These orphans have also benefited from food parcels which were bought by Usizo.

4. SUPPORT GROUPS

There are 3 support groups in different areas and the home based care volunteers are helping those support groups to be effective.

6.2 Sakhumnotho Garden project

The project is owned by 5 women and 1 male at kwaNdaba area and they also plant maize meal and some vegetables they are struggling with irrigation because they have to borrow water pump for irrigation but their garden is running well.

6.3.0phansi garden project

The garden is made up of 14 women who started; they were planting vegetable separate on the same land and they are depending on the Mkhuzi river for irrigation but now the river is very dry there is no water at all so they decided to shift their focus and start planting another thing their land is now prepared so that they can plant banana.

6.4. Zisebenze Sewing Club

This is the group of 8 women at Zama Zama who came together and start sewing club they are making different kinds of things like school uniforms curtains and traditional clothes they sell their product to the community members but they need to register as the co-operative and supply schools with uniforms.

6.5 Bambanani Group of 5

This is the group that was started by Care givers who attended the training on basic life skills at ACAT which was sponsored by the church , the members of this group collect money and support one another in order to do business.

7.WALKING WITH WOUNDED CHILD

The purpose of this programme is to give emotional healing to children who are going through traumatic phases.

There are 5 children who are going through the counselling session four girls and one boy.

8. TRAINING AND AWARENES CAMPAIGN

8.1 Human Trafficking

The field worker has conducted some awareness campaign on Human trafficking through the help of Maputaland Community Radio.

The purpose of this awareness was to warn people about the tactics than can be used to people who might lead to trafficking and to inform people on what can be done to prevent human trafficking in the country.

8.2 Child and Women Abuse

The awareness campaign was conducted in different places the first one at Makhonyeni and the second one at Gedleza area .The purpose of this awareness was to encourage women and children to speak out and not be silent if they facing any form of abuse and to encourage to treat children and women with respect and dignity .

9. CRECHES

There are 6 chreches which are operating in the church buildings 4 of them are registered in the Department of Social Development and they received gorvement grants every month others are still in the process of registration but the parents are paying for their children. The Makhathini leadership is helping chreches to get some sponsors and two of these chreches KwaNdaba and ZamaZama now they have built new houses for their chreche There is group from willington dutch Reformed congregation who visited and they are helping a lot with training of chreche teachers and they also provide teaching aids and toise for children.

There is another group of students from Portchefsroom who visited this year who helped some of our chreches without door play and painting their buildings.

FUTURE PLANS

1. To start more Youth development programs.
2. Involvement of the church members to participate in helping the community
3. Income generating Business for care workers as part of raising funds for their stipend

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