

Newsletter

EASTER



Asidlale's direction for 2021 ...

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

Welcome to the Easter edition of our Newsletter - we are eternally thankful that we aren't where we were a year ago this time! Slowly, we are beginning to experience the effects of what 2020 has done not only globally, but in our country as well. But, there is SO much to be thankful for - our work continues and we are allowed to be out in the mission fields once more.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Easter month with your families, as we take this time to pause and reflect once more on the enormous sacrifice our Saviour made for us at Calvary. God bless you all.



Ziggi's Kidz playing with the play dough - always a hit in the Asidlale Box. The Asidlale Team have given them PLENTY of play dough to keep them busy on Sundays!



The Asidlale Team's Production Days were impeded by the lock-down levels of 2020, but while the coast is clear we are busy bees again!

On Friday, 5 March 2021 we kicked off the year with our first Production Morning. Our hostess Antoinette put on a delicious spread for breakfast, and 11 ladies joined us for the morning - a great start in making the much needed supplies for the next round of Boxes.

Key areas in our vision for 2021:

ZIGGI'S KIDZ: during the lock-down of 2020, the Asidlale Team handed out two rounds of Asidlale Bags to the children Siggie was feeding while the schools were closed. This year, we are going to focus some of the Asidlale supplies and distribution to the Moolman Sunday School, where Siggie teaches about 60 children every Sunday. She has specifically requested colouring in sheets, play-dough, wooden blocks and supplies which we have donated to the Sunday School. The Asidlale Team are going to pay Siggie a visit in April, and will report on how it is going in the next edition of the Newsletter.

KOMATIPOORT: we are very excited that a satellite branch of Fontana Church is operating in Komatipoort/Marloth Park. Through Abel Lugar, we will be able to impact the rural community of Hoyi - and work with Sydney and the Rapinga family to supply these communities with Asidlale Boxes. A very exciting development for 2021!

THOBILE NGWENYA: Thobile has been Siggie's right hand in the administration of the six Mobile Clinics for a few years. She has also accompanied Wendy on Asidlale training, and has a deep love for children. Thobile has started a little afternoon play centre at her home in Phola Park (eThandakuhanya township) and the Asidlale Team have dropped off five boxes to get her started. We are hoping that she will become a key training and distribution point in engaging other women with the Asidlale Box.

Asidlale in Zambia up next ...



Wendy and Siggie visit Thobile's play centre - lots of interested kids!



Asidlale impacts Zambia

by Wendy McSeveney

Last month we hosted Pastor Billy Chondwe and Abuid Nyaende from Zambia for a few days. The two pastors visited Pastor Phillip at Shalom House, where they learned more about the Galilee Farming Methods, as well as how to run a rural Tuck shop. Mpho Monare who runs the Active Youth ministry was also able to share his successful programme with the visitors, and show them how to reach the rural youth to help them with many of the social issues they face daily.

The visitors then met with Wendy, for a discussion on the Asidlale Box Project. During the Zambian pastors' visit early in 2020, the Asidlale Box made a phenomenal impact and they immediately saw the potential of the box as a tool that can be distributed to rural homes in Zambia and other African countries. They returned home with some sample boxes and spent the past year looking at the means to obtain the items and assemble teams that can manufacture, pack and distribute them.

On this visit Wendy prepared a folder and some additional games/materials that Pastor Billie could take home. They were also able to discuss the sponsorship of certain items, the project's challenges, as well as how to engage people and teams to help to collect items, pack and distribute the boxes.

operate in homes. In Zambia there are currently DBS Groups in 46 villages (in the seven provinces), and the aim is to give families in the groups a box, and then move further afield to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Namibia and Botswana (and the DBS Groups there).

We often host visitors that are excited by the work we are doing, only to have them return home where the excitement fizzles out as many of the harsh realities set in.

It is encouraging to see people like Pastor Billie and Abuid who engage us, take what we are doing to heart and then go and replicate what they have seen.

Disciple making in it's truest form! By teaching others who in turn teach others, we stand a greater chance of impacting rural communities and taking the Asidlale Box further afield to countries in Africa far worse off than we are.

We will keep in touch with Pastor Billie as he begins distributing Asidale boxes through his ministry, and report more on Asidlale Zambia soon.

Training 27 March 2021 ...

Back home in Zambia, Pastor Billie hosted an Asidlale teaching day in Kapiri Mphoshi, to show the gogos (grannies) and young women the Asidlale Box. He laid a solid foundation as to why the Box is important and how it develops skills and creativity in children. The women participated in the activities outlined in the programme and are eager to receive a box of their own.

Teams: the most efficient way to distribute the Boxes is through the DBS (Discovery Bible Study) groups, as they

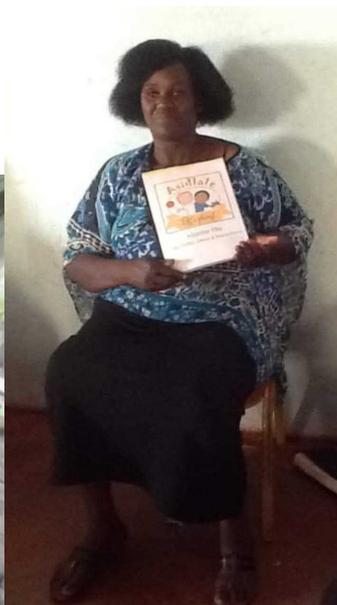


The ladies in Zambia learning to use the Asidlale Box

activities - the play dough is one of the most popular items in the Asidlale Box



A target of 3000 children to reach with Asidlale.



by Inge Engelbrecht

At the moment the Masifunde crèches are busy with the theme: 'My Body'.

During this theme, each child receives a little Masifunde doll. While teaching several truths during the theme, the children hold their doll in their hands to see how unique the dolls are and how unique and special *they* (themselves) are, wonderfully created by God.

In this way, as they are holding the dolls in their hands, they can experience and learn that God is also holding them in His hands.

The seven crèches are continuing strongly, despite the fact that they don't have as many children enrolled as last

year. The teachers are getting used to their Day Plans and prescribed materials, and we are seeing an improvement every time we visit them at their crèches.

The children are enjoying the games, songs and stories, and work hard, always trying their best. They appear to be happy, and feel a sense of safety in the hands of their teachers, who are trying very hard on a daily basis.

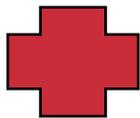
Our next training theme will be 'My Senses' on 9 & 10 April at the Family Tree Venue at Dusk to Dawn.



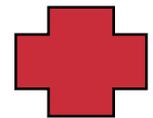
Buyisile Nkosi's creche at Horingkloof - they don't have a building yet, so Buyisile is teaching the children at her home. What a bright, happy environment!



This little girl at the Nederland creche hugs her Masifunde Doll. The doll represents how they are uniquely made in the image of God and are very precious to Him.



MOBILE CLINIC UPDATE



By Sigi van Niekerk

Due to mechanical problems with our Isuzu vehicle, we could not be in the field as much this month. Nonetheless, we managed to reach 12 sites and were able to hand out 270 bags of mielie-meel. These families are starving, and this donation enabled us to feed 1,432 people.

The food donations are extremely beneficial to patients on chronic medication. They *have to* eat something before they take their medication, and stand a better chance of the medicine taking effect if there is something in their stomachs. If not, they feel very ill before the medicine starts takes effect.

Many of the rural roads still present enormous challenges for communities, in that they are dilapidated and hard to negotiate. This forces many of our patients to walk long distances in order to reach the mobile clinics to receive primary healthcare services.

The Peer Educator volunteers were trained on HIV/AIDS this month, in order to refresh their knowledge on the condition and treatment. Thanks so much Irma Lammerding for presenting the training for us in Zulu.

TTN Mobile Clinics would like to thank our Sponsors for your continuing support - you keep our clinics on the roads ... even the undriveable ones!



The mobiles not only dispense Primary Healthcare services and medicine - they help feed families that are taking severe strain in the Covid-19 pandemic.



TOM & PASTOR RIAAN VISIT KOMATIPOORT

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In March 2021, Tom and Pastor Riaan de Bruyn paid a follow up visit to Komatipoort to meet Abel Lugar and Sydney Rapinga regarding the upliftment of the community of Hoyi (Komatipoort).

The visit followed the departure of the first two American volunteer groups, who had spent some time in the community (through the *Experience Africa* organisation). The first group's visit was very successful, and Abel was able to integrate them into the rural community of Hoyi.

The second group were accompanied by members of their organisation, and didn't have the same unrestricted movement as the first, so unfortunately their

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expectations weren't met and this group was not as successful. It did however, provide a valuable lesson in the planning and supervision of future volunteer groups.

The focus for the project in Hoyi is to integrate volunteers within the community - to work among them and (through various nationalities) expose them to a bigger world vision. This is not a programme where volunteers do the usual activities such as painting buildings and then return home, without impacting the lives of the community in the long term.

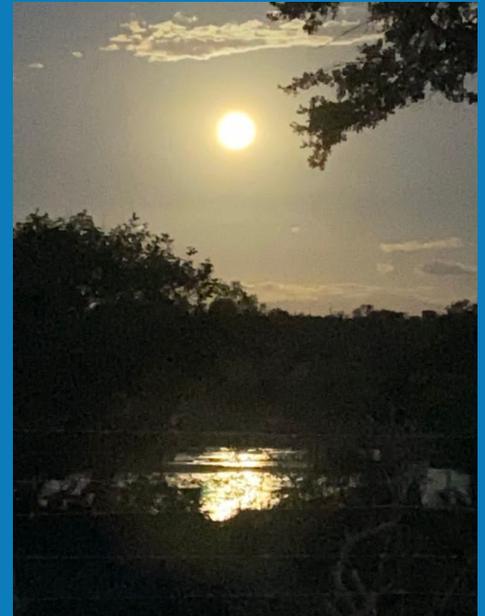
Abel was able to share a little about his background and engineering experience in the UK, as well as his involvement in the establishment of the Haraka and Spear Trusts (big organisations representing multiple interested parties). This provided valuable insight into the vision and proposed direction of the work envisaged in Hoyi.

Tom also met with Sydney - the community leader and 'man of peace' - to discuss his vision and expectations. Sydney's vision is to create an 'off the grid' community that has its own water supply, community support and sustainability - based on the Kingdom of God.

The community has dwindled to about 5,000 people, as many have left to seek work in Malelane, Tonga or Komatipoort. There is a lot of unemployment, schools with fewer students, Mocambiquans moving in, and grandmothers caring for little children left behind, as their parents seek employment elsewhere.

TTN/Fontana Missions are excited at the prospect of working with these men of vision in Komatipoort and will continue to report on things as they develop.

Watch this space ...



Tranquility ... moonrise over the Crocodile River



Abel Lugar (left) with Pastor Phillip, Mpho Monare & Sydney Rapinga

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