



Neema Lalela

listening graciously

Newsletter - July 2010

The aftermath of the soccer world cup in South Africa is upon us. Thousands of jobs were created by the building contractors, the security companies, FIFA, the hospitality industry and many other businesses. Now these jobs no longer exist and many people return to joblessness and poverty. The reality of our third world section of economy returns. AND the plight of our orphans remains our social responsibility.

Dear Members,

Neema Lalela is your chosen Social Welfare responsibility organisation and the board members, together with some enthusiastic co-workers, have silently been working to grow the organisation together with the congregations of the West Rand Community Lutheran Church (WRLCC), St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Kagiso and St. Peters Child Care.

Projects and Support

Neema Lalela Foster Homes

Our first family, mother Lovey and the 4 children, Lindiwe, Andile, Georgie and Angel have settled in well. At the request of St. Peters Child Care, the second family with mother Marentina and her 4 children Charmaine, Eddy, Willy and Snonhle relocated from their home in Windsor into the ground floor section of the Neema Lalela House on 1 June 2010. The family is in the process of settling in and they are acclimatising to their new environment. The children have been integrated into the children's ministry of the WRLCC. Six of the eight children are in the Westrand Joyland Nursery School. Lindiwe our eldest girl goes to Lantern School and Georgie is at Gateway School.



Grocery Collections

About a month ago the WRLCC together with Neema Lalela started with a grocery collection programme. Our church members and friends are encouraged to add one

item of non perishable groceries to their shopping on a weekly basis and bring this to the church on Sundays or during the week. A shopping trolley is set up in the foyer of the church where these goods can be placed. Shopping lists are available. This project has started off very well and we want to encourage you to make this part of your routine shopping. We have been able to support our foster families well and might even bless other people in need as more and more people start participating on a regular basis. We also want to encourage families and individuals to maybe commit to a specific item every month on a regular basis.



Neema Lalela House



Through the generous help and support from St Peters Child Care and Adcock Ingram we were able to refurbish the kitchen and bathroom in the bottom dwelling of the Neema Lalela Foster Home. WE Geysers also kindly donated built in cupboards in two bedrooms and a linen cupboard in the passage. During the last month all broken windows around the entire house were replaced and the badly rusted window frames were painted.

Now we only need to paint the main house, the palisade fence and the wall around the property. Donations for paint would be greatly appreciated! It would be great if we could still paint the house during the remaining weeks of this winter.

Counselling and support

A need for a support committee that cares for the two families and provides support to the mothers has arisen and the following areas were identified: Social/ pastoral/ medical/ educational/ therapy/ maintenance.

The following people have volunteered their services in these areas of support.

I.Weyer – Pastoral / educational

R.Kuhn - Medical

P.Lepuru – Maintenance/ technical

A Tepper – Household

The children all have their own special needs (physically and psychologically) and the board approved the appointment of Ms. Andrea Hinze, a counsellor, to work with the children together with mothers Lovey and Marentina. A special room, which has been

made available by the WRLCC, has been equipped for this purpose and the children are able to receive therapy in a safe and familiar location.

St. Stephens Womens League raise Funds

I am proud to report that the ladies of the prayer group from the St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Kagiso, raised R1200 from their community and presented this donation to Neema Lalela on Sunday 18 July 2010 during the church service at the WRLCC.



This donation will be used to support the families of the Neema Lalela foster home in Wilro Park. Our sincere thanks for raising the donation and for supporting this cause.

WOZA LA – Incredibles Winter Week

From the 21st to the 27th of June the 6th Incredible Winter Week was held at the WRLCC for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 years. Over 200 children were registered and came to this exciting kids' week. This week was again made possible through many generous donations. Neema Lalela received over R21 000 of dedicated donations which we could pass on to the WRLCC in support of needy children at the Incredibles Winter Week. Thanks to all who opened their hearts and made it possible for us to support this wonderful ministry!

Finances, Membership and Meetings

Finances

The financial needs for the support of the two families remain challenging. The monthly income by contributing members amounts to approximately R4 500 per month. A number of other donations have made possible the improvements and repairs to the property. The Board sincerely thanks everyone for the donations which have made it possible for Neema Lalela to provide for the needs of the two families. Our current living expenses, school fees and transport for our special needs children amount to approximately R15 000.00 per month. Your continued and increased support to the families will therefore be appreciated.

Membership

Currently, the number of registered individual members total 79. Two companies have registered as company members. We request that members assist the Board to adver-

tise Neema Lalela to their friends and encourage them to become members of the organisation. The more contributing members Neema Lalela has, the more the organisation will be able to assist the families with the basic needs which any family requires to survive. Neema Lalela members are requested to donate a minimum of R20 per month by preferably depositing the funds into the organisation's bank account by means of a stop order or by an EFT transfer. You may also continue to provide your cash donations to the WRLCC or St. Stephens Lutheran Church in an envelope clearly marked "NEEMA LALELA".

Please contact us if you would like to get involved with Neema Lalela.

Meetings

Neema Lalela meetings usually take place once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. All members and anybody who would like to get involved in Neema Lalela are welcome to attend the meetings. We can never have enough people getting involved in the causes of Neema Lalela! Please come and join us and share your ideas with us of how we can grow this wonderful organisation. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 August 2010 at 19:00 in the WRLCC.

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