



NEWSLETTER**APRIL - JULY****2008**

Major Stories

COMMUNITY 100 PROJECT

On the first week of April we were introduced to a project by Mr. Hugh Dalton that can really change the lives of the Dube and Orlando West Township residents. This project is aimed at developing and empowering people in the community through business and skills development. Teboho Trust saw this as a vehicle to empower our guardians of our children. Specifically, we are considering opening a store that can generate where our families can purchase food and household items at reduced prices. This will ensure that our children are able to eat nutritious meals. The Community 100 is first of its kind social empowerment project in the whole of the world. It's a win/win for the families, Teboho Trust and the suppliers.

It takes a village to raise a child – help us to help the village

**XENOPHOBIC ATTACKS
AGAINST OUR AFRICAN
BROTHERS & SISTERS**

These are the years where South Africans are closing up the wounds of the Apartheid era and are battling the rising cost of food, petrol and interest rates. Some are finding the current economic realities a real struggle. In May, the country experienced xenophobic attacks against black Africans in our poorer communities. The hatred has really awakened a dialogue on how to address the violence and abuse against Black African foreign nationals and the economic woes of poor South Africans. Some South Africans say that the African foreigners come to take our jobs, others comment that they don't belong here and they need to go back to their countries and die. This kind of inhumane mindset and behavior makes us South Africans ashamed, as we all know that they come to the country for hope and security and a better life for their children. Many add great value to our economy by establishing business and employing our people.

The influx of African tourist also is welcomed by our retail owners, transport operators, hotels / guest houses, restaurateurs, etc. Most of these people come from war torn countries where infrastructure is lacking, food insecurity and threats of death. The attacks were mostly against foreign nationals from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Nigeria, Rwanda, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Teboho Trust held several workshops to help our children and teens cope with the carnage around them. They couldn't understand why their elders complained of the African foreigners as in Teboho Trust, our children and teens have experienced the generosity of African foreigners in providing school shoes, stationery, free academic tutorials and other resources to assist them with their education. The workshops helped the children and teens cope with their feelings and thoughts. Moreover, our children and teens decided to show support and love to their African brothers & sisters. Some stopped attacks by teens, others fed those in need. This year, we opened our doors to children / teens from other parts of the African continent, especially Zimbabwe and the DRC. These children and teens found it astounding that the Teboho Trust children and teens didn't discriminate against them. As a result the children / teens have developed genuine friendships.

But if anyone has this world's goods and sees his brother and fellow believer in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him, how can the love of God live and remain in him? 1 John 17

YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION



On the 16th of June, the public holiday a group of 80 Teboho Trust learners visited the Apartheid Museum in Gold Reef City. The tour was based on understanding the legacy of Apartheid. The learners gained knowledge on the many discriminatory practices against blacks and how the liberation movement grew across all spheres of black life. 32 Years ago, the children and teens created history in what was to be called the June 16th Riots in Soweto. Our children and teens became aware of the many sacrifices that were made for them to have real opportunities in the New South Africa. Our children and teens appreciate those sacrifices and are more eager to excel in school and continue to build South Africa. Many now have heroes and sheroes from the struggle days that keep them focused. Kingsley a grade 7 learner says, "I want to be like Solomon Plaatje (one of South Africa's greatest writers and founding member of the ANC) when I grow up". Sibongile another grade 7 learner says, "I am grateful for those that made it possible for me to have choices in life".

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY DURING COLD WINTER



On the 21st of June it was an incredible day for the learners of Teboho Trust and the many elders that received blankets to keep them warm. It was a celebration of humanity and prosperity as the U.S Embassy, My Fathers House Christian Fellowship Church gave 100 blankets to the elderly in Soweto and another 100 blankets to our learners at the Saturday School Academy. The elders and learners very happy and rejoiced in song, poetry and dance. The elders were overwhelmed and grateful for being seen as part of the Teboho Trust family. All felt blessed and were overjoyed at the generosity offered.

BIG BOOST - FIRST AID OFFICERS AT TEBOHO TRUST

On the 1st to the 4th of July, two staff members (Mr. Thabiso Maesela and Mr. David Rantho) and three learners (Lungile Buhale, Tumelo Maumakwe and Obbie Monthato) of the Teboho Trust attended a First Aid course. This course was based on CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and other illnesses (symptoms and treatments) for any emergency that may arise at home or at the workplace. The staff and learners all passed the course exceptionally well and are now certificated by the South African Government for the next three years to utilise their newly acquired skills at home, school, community and Teboho Trust. The new first aid officers are now able to keep someone alive until the paramedics arrive on the scene. The course was of great benefit to the participants and the Teboho Trust, as the growing number of our children and teens are now in safe hands should any emergency arise during Teboho Trust programmes and activities. We would like to thank the Global Fund for Children for donating funds for tuition and Mr. Bright for providing transport and lunch each day for the participants.

UNIVERSITY PREP ACADEMY, DETROIT, MICHIGAN VISITS TEBOHO TRUST



On the 14th - 19th of July we were visited by a delegation from University Prep Academy in Detroit, Michigan. The delegation was composed of teenaged learners, educators and facilitators. The purpose of the visit was to attend an exchange programme designed to share an understanding of our communities, our personal stories and craft a youth agenda for teens on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. This workshop had a lot of impact for both groups, hence they learnt so much from one another's culture, social challenges and to address the myths on black teens in America and teens in Soweto. The teens quickly realised the many similarities of their cultures and the challenges that the youth encounter in their communities. The teens from Detroit also had the opportunity to go out into the Soweto township through a community service project. Some of our elders are housebound and could not receive their blankets when handed out by the leadership of My Fathers House Christian Fellowship Church. Thus, the teens delivered blankets to

keep them warm during this extremely cold winter. The elders were very impressed to meet the teens from America and were proud of their teens from Soweto; to see them concerned for the elderly and doing something with compassion. During the community service day, the teens from America also visited the homes of some of our young people. We also took them to visit our grannies and the churches in the community. At the end of the workshop, the Soweto teens gave African names to their new brothers and sisters while the Teboho Trust staff gave African names to the adults accompanying the Detroit teens. It was a moving experience for all and we really feel a strong connection to work together more with one another. We are looking forward to developing the youth agenda further and are very hopeful to send a delegation of Teboho Trust teens to visit Detroit to continue the exchange.

The delegation also donated needed toiletries, clothes and stationery for the Teboho Trust beneficiaries. The Soweto youth were delighted by their generosity.

We wish to thank Mr. Matthew Marks - Principal, Mr. Damon Pitt – teacher from University Prep Academy for their efforts to reach out to us at Teboho Trust from Detroit. We also want to thank Mr. Michael Sudarkasa a local business consultant for connecting us to University Prep Academy. We also want to thank the teens from America for enriching the lives of our young people here at Teboho Trust.

UNIVERSITY PREP ACADEMY DELEGATIONS JOINS TEBOHO TRUST IN FUN DAY AT GOLD REEF CITY THEME PARK



100 children and teens visited Gold Reef City Theme Park. Some were part of the University Prep Academy exchange delegation. It was a time for fun, fun and more fun. It gave the teens from Soweto and America an opportunity to get to know one another informally and to bond further.

This was a great experience for the children, teens and adults separated by the Atlantic Ocean and thus we hope the relationship will grow much stronger in the future.

***Fundraising Efforts
Help us to send teens to Detroit!***

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION MAKES ANNUAL VISIT TO TEBOHO TRUST



On the 25th - 26th of July Teboho Trust had another gracious visit from the Rutgers University delegation. Day one (25th July which was on Friday) Teboho Trust prepared lunch for them and held a workshop on education in South Africa and the role of Teboho Trust in the community. We also celebrated Victoria's (one of the delegate's) birthday by presenting her with a birthday cake with her name on it. She was very happy and came to tears when the children sang happy birthday to her. On day two (26th July which was on Saturday), the delegation visited our Saturday School Academy where they actually taught all the classes. Our children and teens were very excited with such highly qualified educators assisting them in English, Maths, Sciences and Life Skills. Many of our children wanted them to come again next week as they were so delighted. They also had the opportunity to be entertained by the learners through song, dance and performance art. With high

anticipations we had the chance to showcase the arts and crafts that the learners make and sell.



We like to thank Dr. Darren Clarke and the Rutgers University School of Education – South African Initiative for their generous contribution that enabled us to provide meals and learning materials. We are also grateful for the many gifts given to the children and teens (e.g., Rutgers t-shirts and stationery). It was really a great experience as most of our children are not motivated to go into the education field as a career choice. Some have suggested that they may have to look into education as a career. The children and teens were very happy and humbly appreciative for the loving feeling.

Learners Section

THOUGHTS ON XENOPOBIC ATTACKS

On the 24th of May the learners of Teboho trust held discussions on the xenophobic attacks on black Africans. It was an opportunity to ascertain the facts and voice their views on xenophobia. Moreover, they were very concerned about their

image depicted negatively in the rest of the world. During the discussions tensions were high and everyone expressed himself / herself accordingly to what they have heard, saw and how they felt. They came up with ways of addressing the issue in their own environment.

To me xenophobia is such a terrible thing to happen to human beings and it makes other people live one hell of a life in this country. Many people depend on South Africa as a wonderful country with hope and opportunity, but if they are doing this to other Africans, it is not what we call a family because of their terrible actions (**Gelor, Congolese**)

I think that the people who are doing these kinds of things are illiterate because they are not thinking of what the country is going to be with no foreigners. (**Olga, Congolese**)

My thoughts are that I feel ashamed being a South African because we are acting as barbarians.

Vuyo, South African

Xenophobia is making me feel uncomfortable in my surroundings where I live. I cannot do the things I usually do. **Zanele, South African**

South Africans are discriminating against the African foreigners because of their standard of living and want to blame it on them. **Khotso, South African**

Xenophobia is very wrong and people should learn to put themselves in other people's shoes. **Ntokozo, South African**

My thoughts are that foreigners don't deserve this kind of treatment because they are the ones that boost our

economy with their skills. **Kekeletso, South African**

People that are causing the xenophobia are stereotyping .people wrongly. They need to be told that foreigners are playing contributing economic role to improve the country. **Bongani Mazibuko**

POETRY

THE POWER OF MEN

The birth of a man is a gift.
The growth of a man is life.
The knowledge sustained is a blessing.

The power of men always acknowledges.

The dream of a man forever redeemed to higher heights.
The success of a man never measured.
The process of change must not age.

The power of men always tested to the limit.

As all is in the time keeper's hands,
Let's force the power of change in every individual's life everyday.

Poet: Thabiso Maesela

SUPPORT YOUNG CREATORS COOPERATIVE

We are a group of teens in Teboho Trust that have established a business where we specialise in handmade jewellery, soaps and lip balms. Contact us through Teboho Trust.

Educators Section

A HUMBLE MAN AT OUR SATURDAY SCHOOL ACADEMY

Mr. Mguni Mathibe was born at Mole, Soweto on the 19th of December 1957 (Saturday). He matriculated at Turnet College and attempted to study CIS through correspondence education and was unable to finish the course. He is a single father of two boys. Mr. Mathibe is a Mathematics instructor at the Saturday at our Saturday School Academy. He started teaching in 1999 to the present date, to ensure that young adolescents are capable of defeating the subject. He was inspired by the myth that mathematics is difficult and has fooled many potential learners particularly those that attend in the township schools. He also wanted to leave a legacy for himself as one valuable member of the society, because he believes that the potential in disadvantage areas are grossly neglected. He achieved his goals through discipline and respect for others as his key to success. "I am not a teacher but a motivator of the youth in general."

Mr. Mnguni is a very humble man that has inspired many teens to be victorious in maths. Our children are now excelling in school and have real hopes in engineering and other fields that require high marks in maths.

Mr. Mnguni, we love you and salute you as a dedicated man to empowering our future leaders.

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We are grateful for the many volunteers that give freely. Gogo Kathy, Baba Ronald and Mum Kay we love you all very much!!!!!!!



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