

Abounding Hope 2017, 4th Quarter Report

Dear Stakeholders,

We are happy to present you with our 4th Report this year regarding our efforts in Masinenge. We have quite a bit to report this time and hope you enjoy reading up on our progress and successes.

Women's Prayer Day

In South Africa, unlike the rest of the world we celebrate Women's Day on the 9th of August as opposed to the 8th of March. The reason for this is our women's day commemorates the marching of 20 000 women to the Union Buildings in 1965 to protest against the pass laws. They famously sang a song which includes the line, "You strike a woman, you strike a rock," which has now become somewhat of a national proverb. Thus as the month come to an end we decided to do something special for the women of Masinenge by hosting a Women's Day event. After much deliberation and careful prayer we decided to focus it on teaching about prayer and in turn guiding them in how to pray.

With great enthusiasm Philiswa Lwana, our newest member to the team, took over the role of organizing it. We had two guest speakers, Thanti Mihla, a school teacher who volunteers as a home group leader in Masinenge, and Mrs. Ngqubula from Margate.



It was an Incredible Day! The Ladies were taught how to pray through everyday challenges and situations they face in the community. The talks were so inspiring and challenging that eight of the women present committed their lives to the Lord.

We would like to thank every single person who donated towards this event and pray that God blesses you richly.



"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." *Proverbs 31:25*

Mandela Day

The 18th of July is Nelson Mandela Day. It is an internationally recognized day, and though not a holiday, people are called upon to pledge 67 minutes of their time, (1 minute for every year of Mandela's struggle for social justice), to fight poverty promote peace, reconciliation and cultural diversity by helping in their local communities.

This year we were approached by Shelly Centre's (our local shopping mall) marketing manager Kate Hulley, to do something for the Masinenge community.



They brought toiletries, clothing, jewelry and other small gifts from Signature Cosmetics, Shelly Pharmacy and the Refinery as well as the manager of Debonairs Pizza, Shaun Nyathi and his team of 4 ladies who were just amazing! They had with them 50 donated pizzas – so each person got their own. Debonairs has also committed to deliver 50 breads weekly for our soup kitchen.

God bless you guys.

Skills training

Finally our first skills training took place on the 15th of August. It has been our Chief Operations Officer, Shirley's desire to see it up and running for a few years now.

A huge thank you to South Coast Recovery Centre for partnering with us in this regard and providing the time and resources to train our first six ladies on how to knit woolen products. The ladies were extremely enthusiastic and grateful and we look forward to seeing the positive results soon.



When you learn, teach. When you get, give.
- Maya Angelou

New Gas-Burner for Crèche



A huge thanks for the kind and generous donation of a new two plate burner table for the crèche kitchen by C-Side Gas. With the new Soup kitchen being completed, the original three plate burner was moved into the new premises. Now that the crèche has their own fully functional kitchen for the children it makes things a lot easier for the cooks. Thanks so much Jeff and Desiree!



Soup Kitchen Expansion Completed



Our new Soup Kitchen has finally been completed, the final security gate having been installed on the 6th of September. A tremendous thanks to all involved including, Kencrete, Margate Engineering, Hillside Facility Management, Build It (Margate and Port Shepstone) and Norwegian Settlers Church.





Pledges

To all our donors, thank you so much for your efforts and continued support. For those of you who feel led to assist and partner with us we would encourage you to set up monthly debit orders to our bank account. For those of you who feel led to support in means other than financial, we still require implements for the garden, equipment for the crèche, and continued support of stock for our soup kitchen.

That is it for now. Please be sure to follow us on facebook under <https://www.facebook.com/aboundinghopecd/> for more information and pictures. Again, thank you for your continued support, it is really exciting to see God's plans for this community come to life before our eyes.