



Abounding Hope

Community Development

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PROJECT REPORTS

2. Soup Kitchen Project 2019

If you have been following our status progress throughout the past years, you should be aware that our soup kitchen started as a way to ensure people on chronic medication for HIV, TB, Diabetes and other ailments did not default on their medication due to no access to a decent meal, which would cause extreme nausea.

We have been providing approximately 53 meals a day for 4 days a week, of which sadly up to 30 under 18's are also receiving a meal, the youngest being 9 years old and suffering with HIV.

The wonderful staff consist of two cooks, Thozama Sifici and Nowezile Mthendela who start preparing the vegetables as early as 8am in the morning to have the meals ready before 12pm. The community members that qualify for the meals start dropping off their containers throughout the morning through a gap in the window. Their containers are filled to the brim with the menu of the day, which consists of a protein, starch and vegetable every day.

We continue to strive for balanced and nutritious meals in order to promote healthy and accelerated recovery. Our entire goal is to see the community members, recovered, healthy and reunited with their families and integrated back into society becoming productive again in the workplace.

We have started to build up a data base in order to start our census for the soup kitchen campaign, of how many people have been using the soup kitchen over the past three years, their reasons, the total amount of people benefitting from the soup kitchen in one household, the quality of service, their employment status and if they have been able to go back to work when in remission etc.

We are looking forward to having those statistics in order to improve our service delivery and quality of food provided and to gauge the effectiveness of the feeding scheme as a temporary solution to break the cycle of isolation, resulting from the disease and to empowering those affected individuals to integrate back into their families and to get back to regular employment.

We would like to thank Ramsgate Lions for their great support and local farmers that assist us with fresh food sponsorships.

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3. Youth Program Elevate 2.0 Masinenge Youth Ministry

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The youth ministry in Masinenge has had some incredible breakthroughs. At the beginning of the year, we started with a very low number of young people. There were times where we would meet and only 10 to 15 youth kids would show up. However, we continued to trust God and pushed through.

Abounding Hope and Mark Bolton have been incredible with making sure that the youth ministry has been functioning well. Mark Bolton and the NUFORM family have continued to bless us with their building, giving us full access to the building, which has allowed us to do what God has called us to do.

Elevate 2.0 has successfully functioned well with the help of a hardworking team from Gates of Praise.

The young leaders assisted every Thursday with activities and serving the young people whole heartedly. We are thankful to Kobus Viljoen who drives from Southbroom which is approximately 12 km away, to come assist us with transporting young people home.

As we continued to press into fellowship and making it about Jesus, our numbers grew last year from 15 to 40 children that were meeting every Thursday night at Nuform. We had increases in salvations, young people received the Holy Spirit.

With the contribution of Abounding Hope towards costs of the camp, we had the privilege of taking these young people to camp last year. During camp, our kids from Masinenge encountered the love of Jesus, radical salvations, great testimonies of breakthroughs in their lives.

We currently in planning to see how we can get back to the flow of things especially under covid-19 regulations. We have a plan in place and are soon to put it into action. Thank you for the support and prayers from Gates of praise church and Abounding Hope Community Development.

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4. Social Upliftment Work4aliving

This year we embarked on partnering with Genesis Trust and the Work4aliving program. This course was held in the Nuform conference hall, which was kindly sponsored for the use of Abounding Hope activities. A huge thank you once again for their partnership with us towards making a difference in the lives of the Masinenge people.

Two successful level 1 seminars were completed. A focus is placed on cultivating a positive work ethic and attitude, helping to develop the fundamental skills required in any form of employment in order to build a successful career and also equipping people with the basics to start their own business.

In addition, two level 2, seminars were completed, where the focus was on various courses of the attendee's choice, namely: Waitressing; Computer skills; Receptionist; Hospitality worker; Cashier and merchandising.

So far 33 people have attended the programs and 10 have found employment as a direct result, with many others going for interviews for the first time. We are really hopeful that this form of soft skills training will grow and the interest in them will increase in order to further employment. We are looking forward to running at least 10 courses a year with at least 25 to 30 attending completing level 1.

Angel Mquadi is the incredibly talented facilitator who is extremely efficient in her communication skills, addressing issues like entitlement, poverty mindsets, business ethics and integrity. She excels in bringing out the hidden talents in those that attend.

Please find her report below:

I was really honoured to be a part of the family at Masinenge and partaking in the Work4aliving journey with them. It was really amazing and I thank God for that.

It was amazing to bear witness to their lives, their character, and attitude and generally seeing the way they see the world.

Hearing their testimonies on how Work4aliving changed their lives and seeing them giving their lives to God, was an absolute honour.

I am still getting so many requests, as to when we will be starting up again, as many of us have built deep relationships and they have recommended the training to many others. I have been ill, however as soon as I am recovered we will fervently pursue the training again.

Even though we are still working on finding jobs for those that completed courses, most of the attendees are singing praises of how the content and subjects dealt with during the course has changed their lives and their world view.

I thank Shirley who gave her whole heart in making sure that Work4aliving reaches the community of Masinenge. Indeed, you serve the community for the Lord.

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I thank Mark Bolton of Nuform who gave us the venue in order to host the attendees and touch the lives of these youngsters.

God bless you...if it was not for you we wouldn't have a place to run the program.

Your staff at Nuform, are amazing and they were very happy to host us, smiling every day. We are very grateful for their unchanging attitude towards me and my students. I single out, "Pretty" particularly. I THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The staff work very much according to the Lord's principle of 'Serve others first'

Thank you Shirley for making this happen. I thank God for you and your kind heart, you truly are a servant of God...I pray that God will bless and provide for you and your family. Thank you Abounding Hope

- **Phase 1 of the first class** we had 18 attendees
- Accepted Jesus 3 Members
- Fixed their journey with God 4 members
- Went for an interview during last week of class 1 member

Phase two of this class

- 8 attendees went on from phase 1 to complete the Computer course
- 2 attendees went on to complete the Cashier course
- 3 attendees went on to complete the Waitressing course
- 4 attendees were employed in local business

- **Work4aliving Phase 1 of the Second class** of the year, ran 4 weeks after the first class with 15 attendees
- During Phase 2 of this class 9 attendees accepted Jesus
- 3 attendees completed a hospitality course
- 2 attendees completed the cashier course
- 3 attendees completed the waitressing course
- 1 Attendee went for an interview after last week of course
- 5 attendees started a business as a group
- 1 attendee started business on his own
- 2 attendees were referred for interview for merchandising

We will be hosting a business day event where we want to demonstrate this program to existing business owners, aiming to generate interest by encouraging them to put their own employees through the program, as well as recognise the advantage of employing those who have already been through phase one and two.

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5. **Project Community Care**

In the beginning of the year we had one of the worst storms ever recorded in history where roads were washed away, mudslides and sinkholes appeared everywhere and in the informal settlement major disaster struck with over 400 people effected with 230 shacks washed away or damaged and destroyed. One member even had a pit toilet slide into his shelter with a mudslide while he slept. The damage was extensive, however the Ugu district business community rallied together and arranged truckloads of food relief, blankets, paraffin stoves, clothes and plastic sheeting, poles and various other goods.

Sadly, not even a few weeks later a massive fire swept through a section of the community and 32 shacks were burnt down. Once again Abounding Hope, the broader business sector and Department of Disaster Management helped out the victims.

We still do our weekly visitations from home to home, together with the community care workers who assess any critical cases and we then provide the necessary and relevant interventions where possible. A total of 33 food parcels were handed out and at most the members are encouraged to make use of the soup kitchen to alleviate any hunger and have a meal to take their medication with.

A powerful Women's Day event was held at the Creche hall with guest speakers from the South African Police on domestic violence, and from GCF. The ladies present were instructed on how best to avoid, handle and deal with the aftermath of violent situations when they presented themselves. names.....

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