



Building phase 3 King's College

In January the second school year started in our beautiful new school building. Because we could complete 'phase 2' in December, each of the 16 classes now have their own classroom. There is also room for practical lessons and dance and movement classes etc.

The offices are still in one of the classrooms with drywalls in between. It's a bit cramped but that will soon change. The start of the building of 'phase 3' is made! Some very generous donors made this possible and we are very thankful for that. This will create space for an official entrance and reception room, the secretary, the remedial teachers, extra toilets, a sick-room (obligatory) a large room for parent meetings etc. and a room for computer lessons. (This is in faith because we are still trusting for funds to buy more computers).

Save the date!

Or maybe a week (or 2)!

In the last week of February 2020 we'd like to organize a big celebration! The new King's College building will then be officially opened. But that won't be all. We also will organize celebrations at the other departments/schools like the foster homes, Noah's Ark and Rainbow Village in Humansdorp. We'd like to commemorate everything that God has made possible over the past years and we want to give each of you the chance to celebrate that with us. So pack your bags and come and see with your own eyes what is happening here in South Africa.

It's been a busy time and lots of things happened over the past few months so we'd like to update you in this newsletter. Not everything will fit in but we'll try hard to at least give you an idea.

Many of you already receive the Whatsapp updates we also send out every now and again. If you don't receive them yet and you'd like us to add you to the group, please let us know and we'll make sure you'll never miss a thing.

Your support and involvement mean a lot to us and we like sharing our enthusiasm about everything that is happening here and photo's and clips of the sweet children involved.

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Shalom Centre: wow!

The building process has almost come to an end and it looks amazing! The two new classrooms for the 'Rainbow Angels' are already in use. These children (all with multiple handicaps) are so happy in their beautiful new rooms and play area. There is also a big bathroom with all the necessities to give them a nice warm bath or shower.

In the front there are rooms for therapy and counselling. And 'tannie Janny' teaches crochet and knitting to some of the Rainbow girls.



*Viwe
local staff*

Peter

Farming God's Way

The Dutch Peter Krijgsman volunteered to share his knowledge about growing vegetables. He worked very hard and together with the organisation 'Farming God's Way' he helped to start a new project that is sponsored by an external organisation. The goal of this organisation is to disciple and teach people who live in poverty about growing their own food in dry areas. (www.farming-gods-way.org)

Six hundred m2 of ground is already cultivated and ready for the seeds. A fence is built around it. Our local staff member Viwe did the necessary courses and hopes to reap the harvest soon.

This will reduce the cost for the meals that are cooked daily in the different departments! We also expect that we will be able to sell a substantial amount of vegetables to make the project self-sustainable.

Rainbow Skills Centre

This year the Skills Centre started off with 16 very enthusiastic mentally challenged youngsters. They love every second of being there and what they are taught. The leaders are the most fantastic people with lots of energy that they lovingly invest in this guys and girls. Those young people often go through horrible things and don't experience much love in their environment. Our hearts break when we hear them talk about their home situation, parents who don't care and how they are abused and misused in all kinds of situations. They had little hope for the future but what they are offered at the Skills Centre is life changing for them. If they eventually will find a job is doubtful in a country with such high unemployment rates



The youngsters of the Skills Centre went on a camp; a few days with fun and beautiful weather!

but that there are people who want to invest in them and where they experience so much love and are taught that there is a Loving Father who will never leave nor forsake them, that makes a world of difference for them. The biggest goal of this training is to make them valued citizens and teach them important life skills. How to interact with others, why you should stay away from drugs and why stealing is a bad idea etc. They also learn how to deal with emotions and how to recognize them in others. All very important things that are totally alien to them.

Schools in the Netherlands



We are very thankful that so many of you are involved with what is happening here in South Africa. We are in awe of all the reports we receive from schools, clubs, families, church groups, businesses etc. who pray for us and organize events to raise funds.

Over the past few months we had quite some schools who did sponsor runs and cake sales for the children here. We are very thankful to each and every person involved. We wouldn't be able to do anything if it wasn't for your involvement.

We developed a school curriculum that teaches children in primary schools about South Africa, poverty and development etc.. Reports we received from schools that used this program are very positive. The teachers and children gave us very enthusiastic feedback and they say that they learned a lot.

These schools organized fundraisers when they were finished with the program. In this way children learn how they can make a difference in another child's life.

Unfortunately this program is only available in Dutch but we'd like to know if schools in other countries would also be interested. Please let us know.



Stroopwafel bakery



Last time we already shared about all the happy Jeffrey's Bay and Humansdorp citizens who now have the possibility to enjoy the famous Dutch 'syrup waffles'. This has grown into a real business run by six youngsters from the Skills Centre. A real Stroopwafel bakery! These youngsters found a life goal and get an income out of this business. They now have their

own space and more and more shops spread over South Africa now stock the famous delicious cookies. Derk, a Dutch staff member initiated and headed this department but regretfully he and his wife are moving back to the Netherlands. We are all very thankful though that a local staff member is added to the team who will be overseeing the production and distribution of the stroopwafels.





Derk and Hanka's farewell

We don't always like the fact that employees from different countries leave us after they have worked with us so closely. We get to know each other so well and then the time comes that they have to go back to their own country again. And now it's time to say goodbye to Derk and Hanka and their little boy Jeroah. They arrived three years ago but now the time has come for them to move back to the Netherlands.

They initiated the Skills Centre and have changed the lives of youngsters with learning disabilities and special needs. Hanka was leading this department and, like we mentioned earlier, her husband Derk started the stroopwafel bakery and also did marketing and communications.

The youngsters are very sad that their heroes are leaving. That's painful for them. They are very thankful though that Sjoerd en Ilse are still staying on as leaders, together with two local employees who are going to take the Skills Centre to the next level.

Victory4All would not be what it is today if it wasn't for the volunteers from different countries, next to the 80 local staff members. All very enthusiastic people who give their all while they are totally dependent on sponsorship from their own friends and family. We are so proud of them!

Derk and Hanka, thank you so much for your dedication and hard work and everything you meant to the people of Jeffrey's Bay and Humansdorp!



Rainbow Village

On the inside of this newsletter you read about the Shalom Centre, Skills Centre, stroopwafel bakery and vegetable garden. All this is part of the Rainbow Village.



Entrepreneurs platform

We are very thankful that a group of entrepreneurs initiated supporting Victory4All in a unique way. They are a group of seasoned businessmen and woman who use their God-given talents and (financial) aids also outside of their own business.

We are very thankful that more and more people invent very creative ways to help us expand the Kingdom and extend help. Together we make a big difference in many lives and give hope for the future.

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