

HOPE CENTRE

Hope Centre put in place to streamline administration of all the Klopper Park projects.

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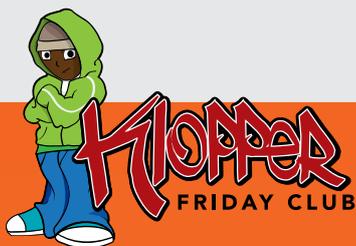
Vast improvement apparent in the reading abilities of learners attending The Link reading programme.

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Excitement at first successful adoption of a Joshua House baby.

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Friday night activities continue for the local children.

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Grade R's receive assistance in achieving developmental requirements.

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Gabriel Praise Centre to open as soon as authorisation received and will offer Early Childhood Development

Please turn to page 7 to read more about hArt activities.



Entrepreneurship programme now taking place in two venues – Klopper Park and Braamfontein

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Marked improvement in the children's development since starting crèche.

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Successful training takes place in Tanzania.

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GRADE R's AT KLOPPER PARK PRIMARY



The Hope Centre is the full time, administrative centre overseeing all activities being run in the Klopper Park area and is situated on the corner of Welkom and Murrel Streets, Klopper Park. Although Lynor van Rooyen oversees all activities, Geraldine Tee is the Centre Manager and is at the centre almost on a daily basis, supervising the cleaning, gardening, repairs and set up for all of the various activities.

The need for central administration arose as the various activities in Klopper Park, were all operating under their own auspices. In order to co-ordinate all the activities and to deal with breakages, repairs, equipment requirements and clean ups, the Hope Centre was established.

PROJECTS MANAGED

1. LINK @ KLOPPER

Klopper Park Primary School

Reading program with 'At Risk' Grade 2's on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 09h45 – 12h00
Centre Manager: Lyndia Moffett
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084 586 8908

2. KLOPPER FEEDING SCHEME Hope Centre, Klopper Park

Food donations of bread, margarine, peanut butter and chicken polony roll are received on Wednesdays and we also receive donations towards the purchase of items required for the project. We have a team of volunteers who assist in the making of sandwiches on Thursday mornings from 08h30-09h45. These sandwiches are distributed to the children attending the Homework Centre on Thursday afternoon. The balance is then distributed in the Klopper Park area - feeding between 130 and 150 people per week. We feed the unemployed on the streets and people visiting the local clinic.
Centre Manager: Geraldine Tee
2teescammac@gmail.com
072 368 8277



3. BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

Klopper Park Primary School

A group of volunteers get involved in teaching the Grade R's gross and fine motor co-ordination and teamwork. This takes place on Thursday mornings between 10h00 and 11h00. The activities include using apparatus such as hula hoops, bean bags, skipping ropes, balls and jungle gyms (which were installed by donors). We also supply a snack of juice and a piece of fruit to each learner and we organise a special activity at term and year ends. As most of these children come from of a rural environment, the interaction and exercise is vitally important in preparing them for their Grade 1 year.

We thank: Pebbles Nursery School and parents who give generously to the project whenever they are asked.

WISH LIST - Apparatus items such as bean bags, hula hoops, soccer balls, skipping ropes, musical instruments i.e. triangles, bells, tambourines, etc. These items are lent to us by Pebbles Nursery school every week and we would love to have our own equipment.

ENABLING MICRO BUSINESS OWNERS



4. KLOPPER FRIDAY CLUB Hope Centre, Klopper Park

This is a youth group run from 18h00 – 20h30 for ages 3 to 18 years. We play games, singing, tell bible stories, supply fruit, a meal and juice.

Project leaders: Liz and Danny Theunissen

*Liz.Theunissen@za.nampak.com
082 807 2012*

5. PARADIGM SHIFT Hope Centre, Klopper Park

Paradigm Shift is an Entrepreneurial training program which enables the micro business owner to obtain business skills in order to improve their businesses. These courses are run from 18h00 – 19h00 on Wednesday evenings over an 18 week period. This activity uses the Hope Centre venue and we also set up and arrange catering for them.

*Project Leader: Allister Long
allister@powerhousesa.co.za
084 800 2020*

6. HOMEWORK CENTRE Hope Centre, Klopper Park

This activity was started in answer to a need for Grade 5, 6 and 7's to have an appropriate place where they can do their homework in safety. This takes place on Thursday afternoons between 14h00 and 16h00. The children are given lunch of a sandwich, piece of fruit and juice before they tackle their homework. We have volunteers who are available to assist where necessary during this period. Our vision is to see this homework centre operating every afternoon during school terms.

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WISH LIST - Volunteers to assist with the supervision of homework and to help us realise our vision.

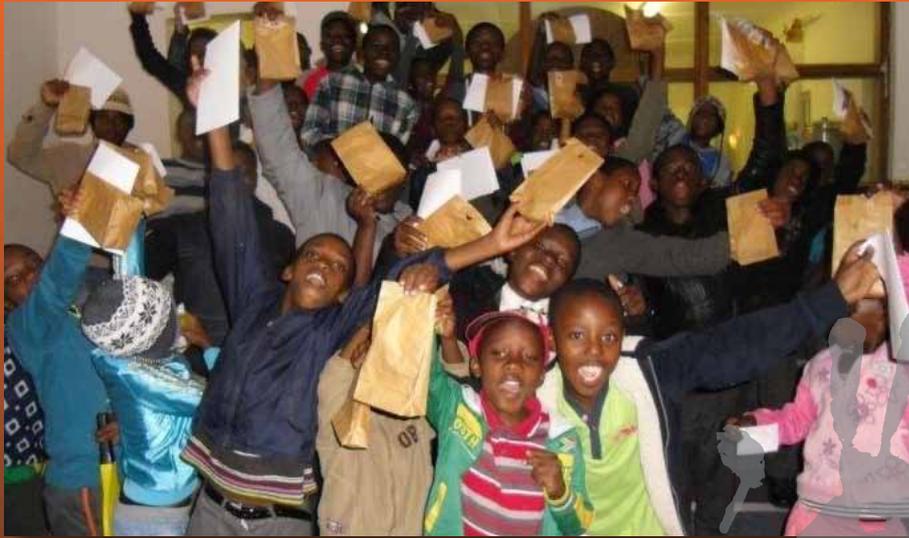
7. HOLIDAY CLUB Hope Centre, Klopper Park

In the July holiday period of 2014 we are going to operate a holiday club from 08h00 to 13h00 Monday to Friday for the first week of the holidays. Children are normally left alone at home and wander around the streets during their holidays. The intention of this club is to provide a safe place where the children can play games under supervision, either indoors or outdoors. We will have various activities such as soccer tournaments, art and baking lessons. Volunteers will be on hand and we will also supply the children with lunch.

Centre Manager: Geraldine Tee

WISH LIST - Volunteers and funds to enable us to provide the children with a substantial meal before they go home.

JUMPING FOR JOY



KFC Children jumping up and down for joy after receiving each a bag of sweets and a letter written by the children who attended the Cornerstone Camp in February.

Klopper Friday Club is not just a place where children get to play it is also a place where the learners can dance and sing, hear and act out Bible stories in a safe and friendly environment. It is held each and every Friday night at the Hope Centre in Klopper Park and the children also get a light meal, juice and fruit. The age group of the children varies from 3 up to 18 years of age and 99% are black and the balance of 1% is Chinese and White.

A month ago, KFC hosted a sleep-over where the kids got to watch movies ALL night after the Friday club. The challenge was that if they can stay awake from 18h00 Friday night to 06h00 Saturday morning, they win a chocolate. In March, 93 kids attended together with 3 KFC vokenteers, Liz

Theunissen. Juan and Ladonna Slabber.

Needless to say the sleep-over was a great success, the children thrive on the events that KFC arranges. These children are generally starved of attention, stimulation and pure fun and these events have an amazing impact on the children. The volunteers are able to gain the trust of the children and begin a long road of building friendships that will have greater influence in their lives as they grow older. This initiative may appear to be a fun club but it is far more than what the name implies. Children's lives are touched by the volunteers who show up every week, they work tirelessly to create an environment for the children to be impacted on a whole. If

you would like to be involved please contact Danny or Liz Theunissen, this is an initiative that will impact your own life as well as the lives of the children of Klopper Park.



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15 MINUTES A DAY MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE



The Link @ Klopper Park has been running at Klopper Park Primary School since May last year. We are involved in assisting children from the Grade 2 classes in the literacy area, enriching what they have learnt in class through a reading programme.

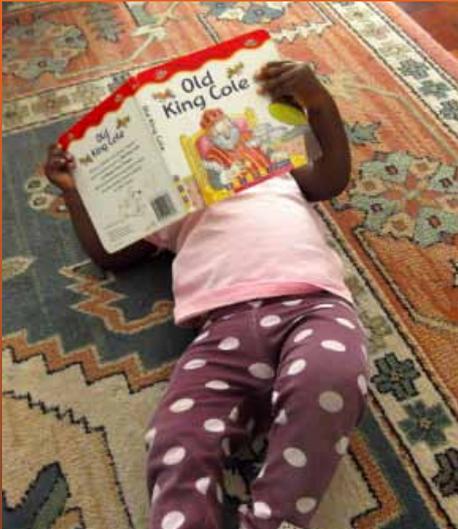
The programme is a measurable one and we have seen a vast improvement in the learners' reading abilities. Volunteers come once or twice a week and spend one-on-one time with the children. Reading books to a child for 15 minutes a day can make a wonderful difference in building up a

child's imagination and vocabulary and also helps create opportunities for them to explore worlds that they might otherwise never hear of.

We are delighted to have had the opportunity to impact these learners and trust that this programme will stand them in good stead in setting the reading and writing foundation in place in their lives.



FIRST BABY ADOPTED BY LOCAL PARENTS



2014 has brought some exciting developments for Joshua House. In early January we welcomed a third baby into the home, a gorgeous little boy. He is now 4 months old and is growing and becoming more interactive every day. In February one of our local volunteers organised a fundraiser at Spur who donated 10% of one night's proceeds to Joshua House. This both helped financially and spread awareness of the project in our community.

On 20 March we were very excited when our first baby was adopted by a local family! Her new parents were very excited to meet her and to hold her for

the first time, their faces lit up as they reached out to embrace her. Although she will be dearly missed by her Joshua House family, we are excited to know that she is now with her forever family.

Our oldest baby is now 17 months and is thriving. Over the past nine months we have watched her blossom into a joyful, sweet and independent little girl.

Joshua House has been very blessed with donations of clothes and toys and our cupboards are packed full. However, we are always in need of financial contributions, once-off or

monthly, to assist with our running costs.

BANKING DETAILS:
Account Name: Joshua House, Nedbank,
Current Account Number: 1039296815,
Branch Code: 128842
International Swift Code: NEDSZAJJ

MONTHLY NEEDS

Milton sterilising fluid or tablets
Crèche Guard multivitamins
Nappies size 3 and 4
Probiotic capsules
Nido or Nespray, Baby cereal,
Nan 1, Purity
Wet wipes, Laundry soap





VALUABLE LESSON LEARNT



Seed testing

Farming Gods Way is entering a very exciting time. In February, Alan and Claire Gardner did training in Pugu D'Salaam just prior to the long rains which begin in March and end in May. They taught the complete project curriculum over a three day period as well as building a compost pile. The students are on a journey and, although the Well Watered Garden Isaiah 58:11 planted in October failed, the students learnt a valuable lesson which was to find the best seed available and then to test it to make sure it has a germination rate in excess of 80%.

Next it was off to Mikumi, about 350km south west of D'Salaam, where we did the first training, also over three days, for 12 students.

On their return to South Africa they received reports

that Tanzania was receiving good rain, they returned early in April and they were pleasantly surprised to find that the project had been implemented at four different locations. Martin Ubwe, the pastor in Pugu in Tanzania, had done an excellent job on his small home farm. He had cultivated the entire piece of the farm that he intended to, all to High Standards. He has a small chicken farm and intends growing the feed instead of having to buy it in and will, therefore, improve his profitability substantially.



The compost they made in February was progressing well

and Martin was in the process of collecting the various inputs for a second compost heap. One of the ingredients came from the thatch roof of his small church as they were extending and re-roofing it. All the old thatch will be used in the new compost pile, an excellent example of Little Waste.

Alan and Claire then travelled down to Mikumi where they were excited that one of the students who they thought least likely to implement what they had taught, had done an excellent job of planting his field. He had also planted a natural barrier around the maize to keep animals out which was very heartening. Alan and Claire will be returning to Tanzania in June to continue the training and to see the results from this season.



EARLY LEARNING DEVELOPMENT CENTRE TO OPEN SOON



The hArt project is made up of three sections:

- hArt Educare – the educational aspect of the project.
- Gabriel Praise Centre – early childhood development centre and crèche
- hArt Ghontjie – a residential home caring for the boys in the project.

HIGHLIGHTS

hArt Educare and hArt Ghontjie welcomed Zach into the project this year. We were made aware of Zach's need by the Klopper Park, Ukwakha Isizwe division. Zach has now started school at Vryburger High and has settled in beautifully at hArt.

Congratulations to Lucky for an excellent school report, we want to wish him well for this his

matric year, and we look forward to seeing him reach his goals with success.

Gabriel Praise Centre is a new division of hArt which is still in the process of being set up. There are currently some obstacles in our way which have resulted in the delay of the opening. We will keep everyone informed of the progress and we hope to announce the Open Day shortly. Zita Ribeiro and her family have worked tirelessly on the preparation of the property, their efforts have taken this initiative to where it is today and we are extremely grateful for their input.

WISH LIST

House needs

Fridge, Dishing up spoons, Pots and pans, Hand Towels, Face

Cloths, Small Blankets, First Aid Kit, Storage containers (sml & L) Soap, Cleaning products eg Handy Andy, Jik, etc

Food

Canned food (beans, tomato and onion mix, Lucky Star fish and corn), Packets of soup, Samp, Iwisa Maize Meal, Spaghetti, Rice, Fruit and veggies, Concentrated Juice

Recreation

Musical instruments, Educational toys, Books, Puzzles, Kids CD's, Throwing Bean Bag's, Balls (Different Sizes), Tricycle, Play dough tools

Stationery

Scissors, Coloured Paper, White Paper, Glue sticks, Wood Glue, Rulers

Day to day

Clothing (Money to purchase school outfits)

THE BOYS ARE OFF TO CRECHE



2014 started off on a busy note as we had been talking about putting the boys into crèche and took the big step of doing so. We have noticed a marked improvement in many different areas since they have been attending crèche. Mikey is almost potty trained and PeeWee is speaking now. He mostly says words but there are a few small sentences such as “go tata car school”.

Mikey is more settled in the late afternoons and evenings and is not as naughty, as a result of much more stimulation during the day. PeeWee is now eating

on his own, he still makes a huge mess but can hold the spoon and co-ordinate. PeeWee, the quiet one, is more confident and is slowly coming out of his shell and constantly amazes us with his dance moves and ball skills. Mikey, the outgoing one, is no longer so hyper all the time and loves cuddle times and one-on-one creative play.

