

News till end June

At the end of 2011, after a wonderful picnic at the Strand for our ladies group and our Christmas celebration party at a horse farm for the kids that Khula is working with, we enjoyed a much needed rest and wonderful holiday!

OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN

By the Grace of God, Khula were able to sent 8 children back to school in January 2012. We have journey'ed with them from 2011 where they didn't attend school for different reasons. This was made possible, after receiving a wonderful donation from the Bookmakers Association of the Western Cape! Praise God! We were able to provide these children with school clothes all relevant necessities they needed. A student, Melanie Bernardt, volunteered to have group sessions with these children once a week, as part of her research to help and motivate them to stay in school.

MOTHER-SUPPORT GROUP

At our mother support group we could experience the fruit of discipleship in the lives of these women. They continually testified of their deep hunger for the Word of God and the establishing of godly friendships that were born from the fellowship they experienced at our group. Alta Bester volunteered to run a domestic course for our ladies in the second term of this year. By finishing this course these women would be able to apply for domestic work and have proof of a diploma to certify that they were trained.

In working with these mothers and primary care givers of our school children we help to build their self -esteem and sense of worthiness!

Jer 29:11 "I know the thoughts I have towards you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and a hope".

When faced with personal problems we serve them by being available for prayer counselling and help in material needs like clothes and food.

Herman Grobler of the Centre for Youth and Family Studies in Wellington partnered with Khula in 2011 and is currently working with the grandmothers of Khula, helping them with their identity and role in the community. By being very creative in these sessions, Herman really has a great impact on these women. Weekly restorations of relationships and healing of inner wounds make these women strong in the Lord and they are really the faith pillars of our ministry. We are so thankful for the way Herman express God's love to these women.

BOYS YOUTH GROUP

Our boys youth group that started by the end of 2011 and went from strength to strength through the partnership with Danny Arendse. Every week we invest time into building up morals and values. Danny continuously shares with them experiences and lessons from his own life to help them change their lifestyles. Danny is a living testimony of God's grace and love for His children. We really thank god for this relationship in Christ! He is to these boys the father and mentor that few of them have. It is a privilege to see God work through him.

Below: Danny Arendse

By the end of the second term of this year another partnership was formed with Nowida Watson (previously from Koinonia). Nowida is now working with these boys in a rehabilitation program to get them free from drug and alcohol abuse.

Rom 6: 16 - 20.16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey —whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sinand have become slaves to righteousness.

19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

PARTNERSHIPS

Another wonderful partnership was formed through Every Nation's Campus Ministry leader Allister Golding. After an outreach that was organized in partnership with Khula, by the Missions Team (Jaco Neethling and Chadley Crail) of Every Nation, Allister saw the need for extra help with homework for the children at Groenheuwel Primary. He organized meetings with the lecturers of Boland College and an agreement followed by which 16 of the Educare students and 10 of the Hospitality students reach out to this school on a weekly basis. Helping with homework and then providing the children with a meal. This was a true blessing to the community and we stand in awe of what God is busy doing. We really are grateful for the relationship that Khula have with the Headmaster Mr Desmond Ceaser and the trust that he have in the work that Khula is doing in his school. This school can truly become the model of a wonderful answer when Godly partnerships are formed!

OUR KHULA WORKERS

Khula now employs 8 wonderful women from the local community to form relationships with the schools and be the powerful hands and feet between teachers and learners/homes and other professional services. They are the strength of Khula. We have weekly sessions/meetings at our offices in Triangle Park where we pray together and intercede for the work that we are called to do! Oscar Martin from Keep the Dream is currently helping us to enhance our leadership skills. NEWSFLASH!

Khula is going to partner with Pioneer Foods for Mandela day on the 18th of July 2012!! Watch this space!!!