

March 2011 Newsletter

After a long very hot February in Paarl Khula are glad to report that we really experienced the grace of God!! To be used as an instrument in God's Kingdom is truly a blessing!

We were introduced to the new Headmaster of Groenheuwel Primary Mr Ceaser. Groenheuwel Primary is the only school in Paarl who teaches in 3 languages Afrikaans, English and Xhosa. The school is located in one of the poorest areas in Paarl namely Fairlylands. Problems that the school has to address are extreme poverty, malnutrition, social deprivation and abuse. Children are from households that are mainly single parent households, no income except from governmental grants, alcohol abuse and hopelessness.

Khula workers are receiving requests from teachers on a regular basis and children are being put back into school. Khula also participated in the Transformation Event "Day without shoes". Noord-Eind Primary donated 40 boxes of shoes which were given to Groenheuwel by some of the learners, the Headmaster and one of the teachers. Both headmasters agreed that a relationship between the two schools were established and we trust God that this will continue.

The Khula team was also invited to Paarlzicht school by headmaster Mr Julies. Although Khula have a long relationship with this school, Mr Julies expressed his gratitude towards the Khula workers for the good work that they are doing in the learners and their families lives. He saw the Khula dvd and want to organize a fundraiser for Khula later in this year. For this we are truly grateful! The women support group at Butterfly House in Fairylands is really growing.

Themes that were discussed were:

Sexual transmitted diseases and why God created us to be in a marriage to be sexually active Dealing with emotional and physical abuse in relationships. We are created in the image of God and He loves us as we are.

Women received healing and were set free from bondages of unforgiveness and bitterness through the Power of the Holy Spirit in counseling sessions.

The Khula team members are currently involved in a One to One Discipleship relationship with leaders to establish core foundations for our ministry.

During the visit to Paarlzicht School Mr. Julies asked us to visit one of the houses of one of his pupils. Arriving at the house we found a terminally ill cancer patient. Seeing her hopelessness we prayed with her. She mentioned that she doesn't know Jesus, but want to accept Him as her Savior. We led her in a prayer to accept Jesus and afterwards saw the radiance and tears of joy on her face. Diane passed away on Saturday 12 March. We rejoice for her soul that has been redeemed.

We really want to thank all our ministry partners for your support. I bless you with the words from Filemon:4-6 "I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgement of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother."

Love Daleen and the Khula team