



Mother Of Peace Communities **IllOVO**

NEWSLETTER

March 10



Dear 'Friends of Mother of Peace - Illovo'

Where has the time gone? It was only the other day we were wrapping presents for the children and getting ready for Christmas.

Well we're way into March with Easter just around the corner and before it's Christmas again, I'd like on behalf of everyone here at Mother of Peace – Illovo to thank you for your prayers and continued support. 'Support' takes many different forms, monetary donations, food donations, cupboards, equipment, furniture etc – for all of these we thank you most sincerely.

Some very good news – the Department of Social Development have finally given us the official go ahead to take on more children with our current facilities – in the last week we have 3 new children added to our family – 1 x 1,5 yr old 2 x 2,5 yr old and a 9 yr old and the possibility of another 2 arriving soon.

New things that are happening – we have a golf day planned for the first weekend in May and I encourage all those able to take part to please come along and join in. See the section 'Golf Day' for more details.

Also, at long last, our new web page is nearing completion – so be on the look out for it. Everything about it is new including a "Donation" button that will enable overseas 'friends' to make "small donations without a large portion of it being eaten away

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our unsung heroes who donate to our cause and welcome anyone who has read this and feels they are ready to make a difference. There are many good people out there with great intentions. It is those who act on their intentions that make all the difference in the lives of these children.

by the financial institutions – more about that later – this is something we've been trying to get going for a long time – it's not always easy to make large contributions but \$10 or so every now and then is now quite possible and will be of great benefit to us.

We also invite any overseas donors who may want to post a cheque to us to do so, as our bank will not charge us for the deposit of these cheques because we are a Non-Profit Organization.

Thank you and God Bless

Gavin

Education 2010

With 51 children in various schools, our two drivers and vehicles do not know what has hit them.

They are dropping off and collecting children to and from 8 different venues each weekday. Fortunately our 6 Day Care Children and 8 Grade R children are taught at Mother of Peace, in two separate classes. Matrina is still the teacher at the Day Care Centre and Catherine is the new Grade R Teacher. We have 15 children attending 3 different Primary Schools, 1 child in a Special school and 7 children attending remedial class at another Primary school.



We have 12 learners attending 2 different senior schools and 2 young ladies, aged 18 years, attending College. Wilma continues to do THRASS with the different groups each day and the volunteers assist with homework in the afternoons. The children have a very busy weekly schedule as they get home, change and eat and then they are off to the homework room. Finishing at 17H00 to 17H30 they have some time to play, shower or bath before they go to the chapel for prayers at 18H00 to 18H30. They then go home for supper. Friday is the only day of the week that they are left free to play, do sewing lessons and any other activities that are happening. For the boys this means soccer, soccer and some more soccer.

Farewell

In 2009 we said farewell to Sishle who had been with us from the age of 2 days. He was with us for 8 months in Purity's House and many a tear has been shed at his leaving. He has gone to live with his granny and we trust that he is doing well. He has already been back to visit us in December with his 'Gogo' (Granny) and we hope that she will continue to keep in contact with us so that we may know how Sishle is doing.

Counselling

2 of our young girls were battling with depression and started seeing a Psychologist at McCord's Hospital. Both of the girls have been receiving treatment and counselling and have benefitted from this professional intervention. We are truly grateful that we can provide for the children in all spheres of their lives. December Holidays 2009.

Although December was a time for fun and play the children also had swimming lessons, dancing lessons and sewing lessons for the girls. Many grateful thanks to the Be-More volunteers for making this time so special for the children. Some of the children were fortunate enough to attend the final dress rehearsal of Peter Pan, which was arranged through Sheila Court. Many grateful thanks to Sheila for always looking for a way to bless the children. Sheila also packed goodie bags for all Mother of Peace children so that those not attending the theatre also had a treat..

Loretta Holtz and Volunteer Mariette worked hard with the children at putting together a Christmas Play. This was attended and much enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Loretta, Mariette and all the children.

Christmas morning the children woke to find their presents at the bottom of their beds and after spending time opening the gifts, their Housemothers started preparing a Christmas lunch for them. Each home had its own family meal on Christmas Day and on New Year's Eve all Community Members, Housemothers and children spent their time together.

Durban Shop Fitters

Our linen store room is finally in use. Grateful thanks to Durban Shop Fitters, Chris and Vasantha Chetty, who generously supplied and fitted all shelving and cupboards.



(Pictured here are Eddie, Gemma and some of the school children at the new ablution block.)

(See Photo)

Golf Day

Durban Paint and Hardware are hosting a Fundraising Golf Day on Sunday the 2nd of May for Mother of Peace – Illovo. This is being held at The Zimbali Country Club. We appeal to you to get involved by sponsoring a hole, donating prizes or entering a four ball.

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Bank Details for general donations or golf day:

Mother of Peace – Illovo

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Branch Code: 220127

Account Number: 62085504267

Reference: Golf Day (followed by your name or company name)

Please notify us, on fax number 0866088234, when making a payment so that we may acknowledge your deposit and send you a Tax Receipt.

Friends of Mother of Peace - Ireland

Eddie & Gemma Dillon and Carmel visited us from Ireland. It was wonderful to see them again and they enjoyed seeing all the changes that have taken place at Mother of Peace – Illovo. The Inkwali Primary School Toilet Block is finally in completion stages thanks to the 'Friends of Mother of Peace Ireland'.

Previously the school had 4 long drop toilets which catered for approximately 340 learners as well as all the male and female teachers and principal. Our friends in Ireland have put in an ablution block with toilets and basins. The water tank was supplied by the Rotary Club of Amanzimtoti.