

Dear Friends and Interested Supporters of Mukhanyo Ministries,  
Greetings in Christ. Receive our heartfelt gratitude for all your encouragement and support to our Mukhanyo Ministries.

Here are a few tidbits of recent developments.

The college this year has a total of 40 registered students in all the various study programs.

Several female students enrolled this year to do the first year of our Diploma course as a foundational bridging course with a view to do the teachers training course that will hopefully start in 2010.



In the Diploma course they will do a Old and New Testament Survey, a survey of Christian Doctrine (elementary Systematic Theology), Computer Literacy, Study Methods, Sprirtuality and Character Formation, African Worldview and Spirituality, English as a Second

Language, Ecclesiology, Evangelism and Biblical Foundations of Missions.

The new students also had to immediately fall in with the "Good Ministry Training" subject which involves forming groups for the weekly cleaning of the premises.

A wonderful new development is that the first orphans that have graduated from the Day Care Centres of MCDC (Sun City Centre and Vezubuhle Centre) are now first year students at MTC, with the view to study teachers training.

We are also giving the first steps towards a full fledged Social Workers Training. Mukhanyo are not accredited to offer such training yet, but the Gauteng Provincial Department of Social

Development have accepted MCDC as a viable ministry to provide the context and platform where a service provider they have accredited 18 years ago will do the training of 7 auxiliary social workers. These student workers will only attend one week per month classes in Pretoria and then work 3 weeks under the supervision and mentorship of an MCDC appointed registered social worker in the field.

The seven learners, will be placed as follows:

1 each at each of the 5 daycare centres

1 at Nakakela hospice

1 with the homebased care team working in Mountain View, Zakhani, Phola Park and Mandela where we do not have centres yet.

They will then be rotated in accordance with their training cycle i.e. after 1 month they move to another station. That way they will get maximum exposure.

It will also make administration of attendance registers etc, easy. The FDP person to report at Head Office, and go out with the teams.

They will also come to the college on certain days to do modules on Christian Perspectives on Holistic Community Development and Biblical Counseling.

A real benefit is that these seven learners will receive a stipend from the government and thus would not cost us anything. We will have cost however to provide a salary for the to be appointed registered social worker.

This year will be an experiment and hopefully a step towards the college becoming the service provider of the social workers training.



The planning of the Private Christian School is also proceeding step by step. Bryan McReynolds is working hard on consulting a wide variety of experts to lay a full scale plan before the Boards of MTC and MCDC, the first week of March on a proposed way ahead and realistic timelines.

We are also working hard on entrepreneurship and economic development to prepare the orphans at the centres for possible employment when they graduate from school.



I was amazed this week to see a young man who came from a juvenile centre for rehabilitation, where he learnt the carpentry skills decided to come to our Phumula Centre and use the skill he has to teach other young people to keep them out of mischief. In the same time he wants to generate income for himself. He mainly uses Phumula centre for its space to teach and work, and he pays for the electricity there. His intention is to sell the work he used to teach our youth for a living, but will later expand and employ some of this young people to work with him.

We are praying for three missionaries we really need urgently:

1. A music teacher that feels the call to reach kids, mostly orphans with the Gospel through teaching music and training choirs and in the same time produce CD's and DVD's for fundraising.
2. We urgently need a registered nurse for the Nakekela hopsice. In order to get a licence to dispense schedule 5-7 medicines we need a registered nurse on staff. Local ones are scarce and also unaffordable for us.
3. We very urgently need a volunteer and visitor's coordinator. Rose Finkbeiner wants to concentrate on her ministry on the foster mothers and adopt a family program and just find the correspondence, arrangement of visitor's programs orientation, accommodation and transport too much to handle much longer. This can be a nice ministry for someone, or a couple who has gifts of hospitality, management, marketing and lots of patience and feels called to fulfil a crucial role as bridgebuilder in God's kingdom.

I hope to have full fledged job descriptions and needed profiles ready soon.

Lets continue live out our slogan of *Masibambisane* = Lets carry the burden together of thousands upon thousands of orphans and dying people, and build viable churches and sustainable mercy ministries among the desperately poor people in our area.

Yours in the service of Christ,

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