

Philangethemba

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The latter half of 2014 has been as exciting and rewarding as was the first part of the year. 2014 has, in fact, been amazing evidence of what the spirit of cooperation, generosity, good will and prayer can achieve.

In the photo below we show the Tholulwazi/Philangethemba campus taken at the beginning of spring when the new grass on the sports field replaced the burned brown of the winter. The new basketball/netball/volleyball court next to the change rooms, built this year are also in evidence. The so-called "whitehouse" in the foreground, the first double storied building in the valley houses the computer laboratory which has brought state-of-the-art IT facilities to the valley and always catches the eye as you drive down to Molweni.

When we see this vista we are reminded of the scripture "The Lord has done this and it is marvellous in our eyes" Ps 118:23.



True to our vision for the year the focus has been assisting in improving the lives of children in our community. The crèche near the offices, Khololwethu met with us and asked if we could assist them with upgrading their facilities. Once again, thanks to very generous donors much is being done to the crèche building and for the staff. The kitchen is being extended and kitchen cupboards and equipment have been provided. The toilets are being upgraded and an office for the supervisors has been created and the entire crèche electrified. All this was achieved using local labour.

Dabulamanzi crèche in Umgababa also asked for assistance and a similar project was funded. A classroom for babies was built, and the kitchen and toilets were refurbished and upgraded.



Most importantly bursaries were funded for the teachers to upgrade their qualifications to NQF levels three and four through Embury training.

At Lamula and Bazamile Primary schools the newly created sports fields, have been of unimaginable benefit to the schools. The vision and passion of several very generous donors achieved this long awaited dream in the two communities of Lower Molweni and Umgababa. Zlu, our Youth Leader and her team of volunteers have been able to encourage physical education as well as continuing to minister into the lives of the learners through their life skills training and spiritual input.



At Tholowazi High school the newly built sports field shown above has been in constant use. The wonderful netball court and volleyball court together with change-rooms and toilet facilities for the sportsmen and women were completed during this period and are now in regular use.

Inqungulu High School in Upper Molweni saw what had been achieved at Tholulwazi High and the counsellor and HOD of Science approached Philangethemba with a request for help. Zlu and her team plus teachers and pupils got stuck in and the school was repainted in the school holidays.

The science lab has now also been refurbished with funds from one of our regular donors. The Philangethemba team has been conducting assemblies there once a month and firm ties have been established.



Close to home our facilities for the Philangethemba staff have been given a much needed upgrade to the kitchen to the delight of all who work in the offices there.

The new projects we are able to execute with the generosity of our many donors are a constant reminder of the Lord's provision in our work. Equally the evidence of the ongoing blessing of past projects such as the computer lab which is helping the young people of the valley to cross the "digital divide" and the iBhungezi craft workshop bringing hope to the ladies of Molweni make the Philangethemba campus a place of delight and light.

Not in evidence yet, but equally important is our planning for our major thrust in the new year, a training facility for staff at the many crèches in the community. We look forward to sharing the roll out of this project in our next newsletter in 2015.

We wish the donors and supporters of Philangethemba, perhaps most particularly our home church of St Agnes in Kloof who has birthed and nurtured this ministry for more than 10 years, every blessing as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

Philangethemba team