



MusaweNkosi Newsletter December 2020

2020 has been a year of turmoil and change. There has been upheaval, confusion and suffering and it is easy to think it has been a bad, bad year. But when we look a little closer, we see there have also been so many blessings. We have much to praise God for.

Practical Blessings

We have had an abundance of practical blessings this year. Our registration has gone up to 40 children and even though the department pays us for 30, God has always provided enough funds to keep going. In fact, our running costs have increased by almost R100 000 a month, but God has been faithful in providing for us, allowing us to continue to reach out and help others.

We were able to sell the Quantum at the end of last year and use the money to buy a Hyundai bakkie. That bakkie was high jacked but the tracker in it allowed it to be found and we were able to recover and repair it. A Nissan bakkie has also been added to our fleet of cars. A second oven was bought for the skills training bakery.

Although we could not have many visitors to the site we have had faithful givers who continue to donate money and clothes, toys, stationary etc.

Most amazing of all, God has provided for a second social worker to start in January. This is something we have been praying about for a long time and will make an immense difference in the work we can do.



Spiritual Blessings

Not only have we seen God's work in the practical but in the spiritual as well. The children have really been enjoying their Bible times the last few months and the vast majority are learning their memory verses. Eric says he even hears them singing the memory verses as they wait for him to arrive.

Elaine has been sending daily devotions over voicenote to the staff. These are listened to by at least 12 people. A few of the staff members have said that these devotions have strengthened them spiritually and helped them to draw nearer to God. In a time when they were depressed and felt hopeless, they now see that there is hope in God. Some are sending these messages on to their friends as well.

Five of our most senior staff members have started a Bible Study together once a week. This has not only helped them to grow spiritually but has also changed their marriages and the way they live.

We praise God for the work His Spirit has done in the hearts of our staff and children.

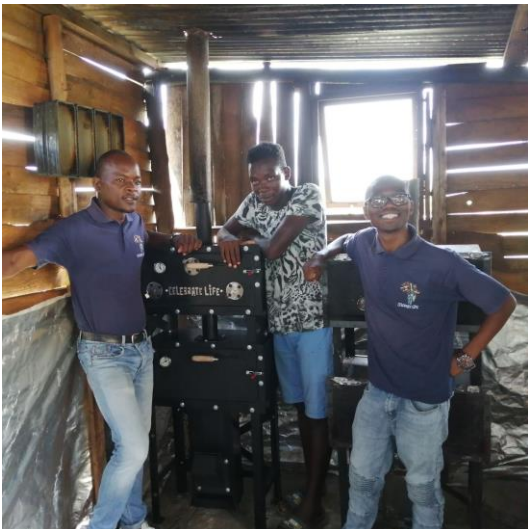


Count your blessings

There is a Sunday School song which says "Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessings see what God has done, count your blessings name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

How true those words are. As we look back on 2020 there has been hardship and turmoil and strife. But there has been blessing and joy as well. There is much to pray for but also much to thank God for.

As we enter the festive season, we thank God for each of you. We thank Him for your continued prayers and support. Thank you for your encouragement and for being there. We pray for you too, that you would see the blessings this Christmas; that there would be much to be grateful for and that you would know the greatest blessing of the gift of Jesus.



Prayer Points

1. Praise God for His provision of all our needs.
2. Praise God for the spiritual growth of some of our staff.
3. Praise God for who He is.
4. Pray for the children as they go home for the holidays.
5. Pray for us as we plan for next year.

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