

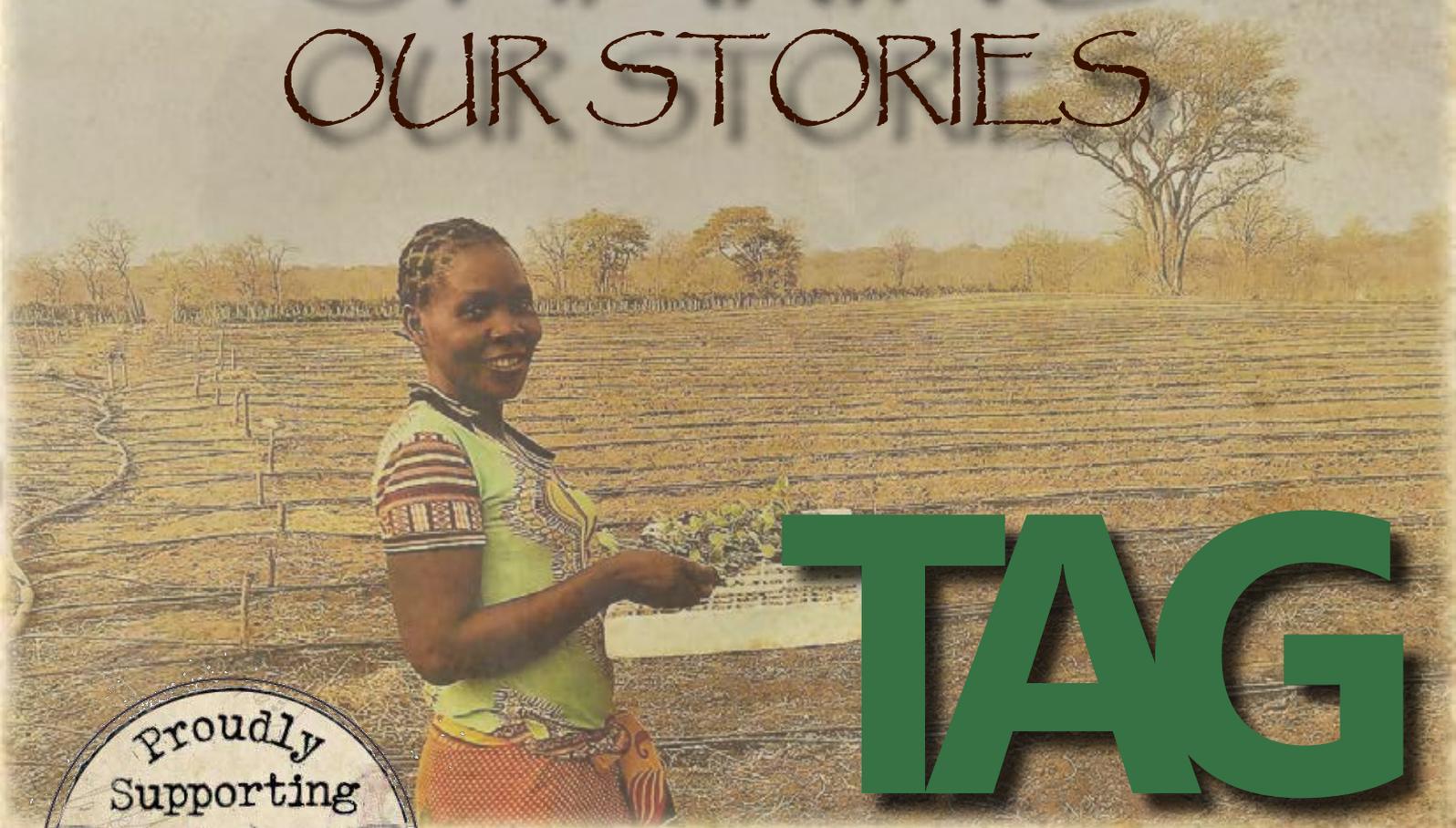
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SHARING OUR STORIES



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The TAG is the official newsletter of the Touching Africa Community, sharing our stories as we make a difference in Africa.

Sharing Hope

WRITE AND SHARE YOUR STORY

We all share one common vision on different levels, forums and ways: We are all part of the Kingdom of God! We need to tell our stories as we grow in sharing the vision! Please participate in the compilation of the TAG and use this forum to tell your story to the rest of the network.

You can send your contributions, in this way sharing the vision and KINGDOM STORIES with each other. We can share stories regarding doing “normal business” the Kingdom way. We also want to share our corporate stories, how we work together and how we impact society. Any news and notes – let’s share and grow in UNITY!

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I: Sharing the Vision



The first section in the TAG shares vision inputs from Touching Africa associates. Here we share Word and testimonies, proclaiming what God is revealing and doing in our midst.

TOUCHING AFRICA'S VISION FOR 2020

~ By Stephan Pretorius ~

We are approaching the year 2020, a significant and rounded figure; Our expectation for 2020 resembles this figure – a well-rounded, complete and good year. I believe that 2020 will be a very important year in the growth and expression of our DREAM to be a BODY that “touches” the community of Africa with the LOVE of GOD!

Our planning includes going more “public” with the first KINGDOM CONFERENCE in our midst in three years! This conference aims to create an opportunity to learn from one another and discuss KINGDOM PRINCIPLES in the marketplace and society on a very practical level. Touching Africa will also have a GALA EVENING at the end of the year, where we will give recognition to those who played a role in Touching Africa during the year and celebrate what the LORD is doing in our midst. Please take note of these two dates and prepare in advance to join these events with us!

The core focus in 2020 will be on further establishing and defining the role of the eight new cooperatives as institutional tools to give expression to the Touching Africa VISION in the marketplace.

2020's VISION is therefore the CORPORITISATION of the Touching Africa VISION. These cooperatives aim to operate as the BODY of CHRIST within legal entities in the economic reality of the marketplace!

Please identify where and how you can contribute or participate in this exciting process of giving expression to the KINGDOM as a BODY in the marketplace:

Cooperative for Integrated Development Services: This includes service providers in the water and sanitation sector; infrastructure, asset and land development; and community and environmental development. Service providers in our network include engineers, environmental practitioners, specialists such as engineering geologists, geohydrologist, scientific and environmental specialists, town and regional planners and project and program managers. The purpose of this vehicle is to render comprehensive, integrated and professional service on project basis with alignment to a Kingdom Vision as point of departure.

Cooperative for Agricultural Services: This includes service providers in the AGRI



sector as well as farmers and participants in the food security sector. Touching Africa's network members include agricultural engineers, agronomists and other AGRI specialists, active farmers and organisations involved in the broader AGRI sector. The purpose of this vehicle will be to map the way forward to unlock the potential of co-operation between KINGDOM VISION BASED role-players in the AGRI sector.

Cooperative for Business Services:

This cooperative consists of professional and other supporting business service providers that include auditors, lawyers, financial management services, wealth management services, institutional services and various other specialist services. The purpose of this vehicle will be to develop a special business services hub for the Touching Africa Network members – in order to be an expression of the power of being together within a Kingdom Vision framework GROUP. We believe that this will lead to a mechanism that empowers us to walk all the more in the privilege and advantage of being a BODY in a very practical way in the market sector.

Cooperative for Training and Education:

This includes a wide spectrum of stake holders in the Training and Education sector, including institutions like schools to Universities, training centres, service providers, educators, trainers, program developers and many more. The purpose of this entity is to be a forum on which different training and educational role players can work towards a Kingdom based platform.

Cooperative for Trade and Tourism:

This cooperative includes owners of Tourism facilities, service providers on Tourism, Trading businesses, and people with a dream to develop Tourism and Trade opportunities. The purpose of this cooperative is to render a forum for creative thinking to develop this market sector within the community of Africa to a higher level.

Cooperative for Enterprise Development:

This includes all network members that have a special interest in Enterprise Development. It overlaps with other cooperatives like Trade and Tourism, but the focus here is mainly on Enterprise Development itself. The purpose of this vehicle is to facilitate Enterprise Development and related funds as expression of the Touching Africa vision.

Cooperative for Community Social Services:

This cooperative includes all network members that function as a non-profit organisation and have a vision to address specific social and community-related challenges. The purpose here is to network all organisations with a common vision to make a difference, and to develop a forum where other network members can support the non-profit organisations in their work.

Cooperative Financial Institution:

This entity is a secondary cooperative with the aim of rendering financial services as a Cooperative Financial Institution (CFI) to the Touching Africa network members. This will include basic bank services and will lay the foundation for the development of a Cooperative Bank in Touching Africa.

Workshops and activities regarding the various co-operatives are included in the 2020 program else ware in the TAG:



Kingdom Conference 2017



TOUCHING AFRICA IS MY DREAM

Louisa Ralepelle



My role in Touching Africa

I am the Network and Project Manager of the Touching Africa group. I am a tiny portion of the world's largest puzzle, but still my absence leaves a very noticeable gap in the Body of Christ. In Touching Africa, our dream is to connect with likeminded people to create a dynamic whole. I, therefore, have a major role to play and I look forward to working with each and every one of you in 2020.

On the 1st of November, I celebrated my 30th birthday. To be honest, I am not sorrowful to bid my twenties farewell. Yes, there are a few dreams that have not been realised yet, but things do not always work out according to our own proposed timeframe. We each have our own journey to take, and as life often reminds us: "A man's heart plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps".

I have never really fussed about my age. However, I have always been a late bloomer in every sense of the word; since school years, to my professions career and realising what I wanted to do with my life. So, when it comes to turning 30, I am more concerned about whether I spent the last years wisely. I love Africa - South Africa in particular. "Africa is going to change the World," are words I have been hearing my Father

say for most of my life. For me, this is a prophecy and I strive to be that change. I will do everything in my capacity to make sure that it is fulfilled. Touching Africa is my dream.



Photos of my two families



2: Normal Business the Kingdom Way



The second section includes stories of how “normal business” is an instrument in the hands of the Kingdom.

CITY OF TSWANE

Hanneke Pretorius

AGES, in joint venture with Disaster Management Solutions NPC, is breaking new ground utilising ESRI's ArcGIS Online platform to assist effective risk assessment, -management and -reduction in the City of Tshwane's Metropolitan Municipality. The online viewer enables interactive collaboration between the parties and effective decision making.

Region based workshops were held with relevant stakeholders earlier this year where hazards and vulnerabilities were identified towards calculating the risk



LIMPOPO Eco INDUSTRIAL PARK

Robert Crosby

AGES has been part of an extensive project team that are working with **Eco-Industrial Solutions who are the developers of the Limpopo Eco-Industrial Park (LEIP)**, the world's first zero-solid waste eco-industrial park with a zero to negative carbon footprint which is integrated with residential units and a wildlife and nature park. Our involvement with the team goes back to 2012 when the first studies were initiated and a suitable site in Limpopo was sought. Our environmental team were looking at the environmental impacts of various sites, our engineering team were looking at water supply options, and the geohydrological team were considering the geological and geohydrological conditions at the various sites. Eventually, after eliminating unsuitable sites in and around Polokwane and Makhado, a property on the Limpopo River, north of Musina was finally selected.

Right from the outset, the developers were very clear that we were busy with a rethink of industrial development and the that the **eco-component** would be a guiding principle as various options were being considered. One of the outstanding features of this

development is that plasma technology will be used to not only generate electricity for the site but will be more importantly be part of the integrated waste management system for only the industrial development, but also for communities in Limpopo. The net result of the plasma technology will be an industrial development that will be truly 'zero' solid waste.

As with many projects of this scale, it is the many little processes and victories that eventually build a viable project and sustainable project. Environmental studies were done - ROD's were received, rezoning of the land was done, anchor industries were identified,



industrial layout plans were done, engineering designs were considered for services, and slowly - slowly the picture was being coloured in.

By 2019 the project was receiving not only local acknowledgment but was starting to make itself known on the national and international stage. The LEIP will be an important part of the proposed Musina-Makhado SEZ on the northern border of South Africa and will impact not only the local communities of Limpopo – but will have impacts into Sub-Saharan Africa. This will truly open the doors of movement and trade from our South African ports into the African Interior. In October AGES was part of the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed between LEIP and Transnet Freight for the inclusion an Intermodal Freight Terminal (*photo 1 – Mrs Deshika Kathawaroo, CEO of LEIP signing the MOU with Mr Lloyd Tobias, the acting Chief Executive of Transnet Freight*).

Earlier in the year (July) the LEIP was selected as one of the top 20 Public-Private Growth Initiatives – a so-called **Presidential Project**. This highlights the project and places it on the agenda of many national government departments. It was through this process that the **water use licence** was identified within the office of the President as the only outstanding legislation required to start with the project. On Monday 2nd of December, the various PPGI projects were

reporting progress and highlighting obstacles to the **President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa**. After the meeting, in the foyer the President was kind enough to greet us and shake our hands. (*Photo 2 - Biem Du Toit and Riaan Smit from EVN, and Robert Crosby from AGES*). After greeting the President, we had a separate meeting with members of his team and officials from DWS who will hopefully now facilitate the process and the authorisation of the water use license.

Going forward, AGES is looking forward to being involved with not only issues relating to the water supply, but also the geotechnical investigations, and other environmental aspects and monitoring. It is and remains a privilege to be part of this team that is at the heart of new thinking – finding economically viable eco solutions for industrial processes and development. This is a small part of what it means to find Godly wisdom as good stewards of creation, impacting people's lives, and bringing change.



3: Corporate Tools in TA



The third section consists of articles that report on the development of all Touching Africa Co-operatives and their activities in our midst, as well as the development and activities of all other cooperative tools in the network.

THE HARAKA WILDLIFE INITIATIVE

Hennie Hanekom & Stephan Potgieter

Haraka is entirely funded by the private sector and operates as an independent initiative whose focus is the conservation of Africa's wildlife.

When one thinks about wildlife, one thinks of Africa. Its beauty is a rhythm composed by an orchestra of species unknown to many parts of the world. Its wildlife and botanic diversity are what makes it unique. Sadly, Africa's tremendous diversity has also put it under threat.

Africa's biodiversity is now in a state of urgency.

If we do not repair what has been taken and have a long-term plan for conservation, our children will not know the Africa we know today.

Haraka knows that we must leap if we are to get ahead of this problem. An approach to conservation must take into account the communities that live side by side with wildlife and vegetation and put in place a strategy that includes these communities in a manner that allows them to benefit from their conservation efforts so that they may flourish and be impervious to exploitation themselves.



The Haraka philosophy of change in conservation thinking

Based on the iconic African three-legged cast iron pot, Haraka's belly holds the responsibility of sheltering Africa's wildlife so that their populations may once again grow to fill the sanctuaries that were built to protect them. The pillars that bear the weight of this responsibility, like the legs of the three-legged iron pot, are **community, conservation tourism and commodities**.

The **pillar of community** takes the responsibility of conserving Africa's wildlife back to the communities that live side by side with these vulnerable animals. Haraka believes that community-led conservation through holistic rural community development is integral to the overall success of the initiative.

The **pillar of conservation tourism** empowers these same communities to build a sustainable income from their conservation efforts.

And the **pillar of commodities** allows the initiative to generate an income so that it may remain a sustainable solution.

The Haraka Wildlife Initiative endeavours to partner with world-class organisations so that it may urgently support the preservation of Africa's rich wildlife heritage. With collaboration from the private, business and entertainment sectors spanning the national and international sphere, Haraka drives support for new and existing key role players in the field.



In conclusion, we must reiterate our plea. If we do not repair what has been taken and have a long-term, viable plan for conservation, our children will not know the Africa we know today. Leap with Haraka and shout its urgency!



TOUCHING AFRICA CO-OPERATIVE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Tiaan Liebenberg

A great thank you to our Touching Africa members for the interest in joining the Touching Africa Co-operative financial institution. This secondary co-operation is the precursor to the Touching Africa Bank and participation in it is open to anyone who associates themselves with Touching Africa and our vision. For those who are still interested and wants to know more, we are now in the phase of opening the bank's first accounts and we are also making the option available for the first 100 members to take up a share in the bank. The joining fees are R250 for the account and R1000 for a share.

Please contact Tiaan Liebenberg at 0825618836 or email tliebenberg@touching-africa.com for the membership form to be completed and the necessary documents required (i.e. ID and proof of address).



4: Touching through our Projects and Associates



The fourth section involves projects by the Touching Africa Development Trust, outlining the different projects and programs that have an impact on society.

A SHELTER AND SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS IN POTCHEFSTROOM

The vision to establish a shelter to accommodate people living on the streets in Potchefstroom, developed amongst the Church leaders, community leaders and community organisation within Potchefstroom. Touching Africa was approached to facilitate the conceptualising of the vision-related structure and business plan. The conceptual idea is to establish a property that can operate as a shelter and first engagement with people that have no alternatives than living on the streets in Potchefstroom. Additionally, the shelter will provide services relating to further processes of re-establishing the people into the community. This may include on-line training, practical training in the workplace, technical training at facilities as well as involvement in agricultural activities. We invite all interested parties to partake in this vision to attend a workshop meeting at the Touching Africa Office, 88 Roode street, Potchefstroom at 10h00 on the 21st of January. Contact Louisa Ralepelle to confirm your attendance at the workshop.

WORKSHOP MEETING

21 JANUARY 2020

10H00

88 MC ROODE STREET

POTCHEFSTROOM



INVEST RURAL PROGRAM

Stephan Pretorius & Karabo Dube

THIS PROGRAM'S CORE FOCUS IS PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

We are very excited about the INVEST RURAL program as an expression of KINGDOM in the Rural society of South Africa. The INVEST RURAL PROGRAM was initiated by Karabo Dube from Mosiamisi Rural Development as a platform to provide services to the National House of Tradition Leaders. This initiative developed as a program that focuses on developing a positive investment culture in the Rural space of South Africa. Rural areas account for

approximately 80% of the surface area of the country and are home to 38% of South Africa's population (roughly 20.5 million people). These areas are primarily associated with high levels of under-development and poor socio-economic conditions further characterized by high levels of poverty and unemployment, poor connectivity, insufficient access to basic services which further reinforces under-development and poor living standards.



From left: Nkateko Ndobe, Thabo Ngoepe, Princess Gaboilelwe Moroka, Stephan Pretorius, Kgosi Legoale, Karabo Dube, Kgosi Gasebone

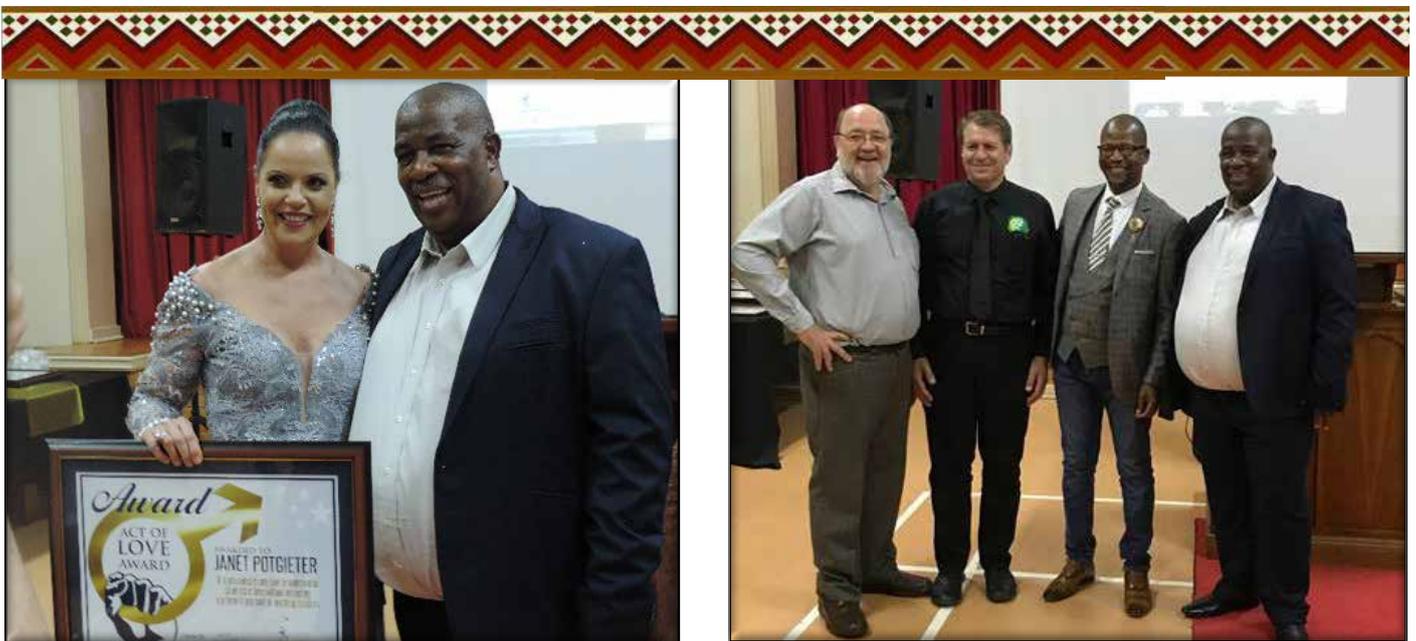
This program's core focus is promoting development within the RURAL environment. It aims to raise funds to secure water and sanitation for one million rural households and to contribute to the effective development of 1,5 million hectares of rural land in South Africa.

BANNA BA KAE

Information from Janet Potgieter

Banna Ba Kae Tlokwe Men's Forum, a proud member of the Touching Africa network, was launched in September 2011 in Potchefstroom as a Non-Profit organisation. The focus is on ministering to MEN and impacting society through a Kingdom vision. This organisation is well-known and loved in the community. The Chairperson, Rev. Saki Tlotleng, encourages government and civil society to initiate programs and services with the aim of engaging men and boys in

preventing gender-based violence, as well as rendering services to victims of violence. Stephan Pretorius, representing Touching Africa, was the guest speaker at the Gala Dinner and Annual Award Ceremony on the 7th of November 2019. Touching Africa congratulates this organisation and all the award winners for the contributions that they make to touch society – and honour the men and women who have done exceptional work in their communities and abroad.



Janet Potgieter, CEO of the Janny Djan Group of Companies receiving the Act of Love reward for the humanitarian work done in Southern Africa and also in the Eastern DRC, with the Chairperson Rev. Saki Tlotleng

Stephan Pretorius (guest speaker), Dewald van Breda (Business Chamber), James Mothosola (Premier's Office) and Saki Tlotleng at the Banna Ba Kae Gala Evening.



BROAD ENTERPRISE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM 2020

Louisa Ralepelle

The Touching Africa Initiative (TAI) has a vision and focus to “touch” Africa to the extent where Africa may grow towards its global potential.

In 2020, we are re-embarking on a program that will empower entrepreneurs to become a sustainable contributor to the business sector – the Broad Enterprise Empowerment Program called: “BEEP” Our approach is to lead people to TRADE rather than to just give AID. We will be providing business support and assisting entrepreneurs to develop new businesses focusing mostly on leading them to their purpose.

We have an exciting program lying ahead:

- The kickoff date will be on the 7th of February 2020.
- 20 individuals will be recruited.
- The program will consist of practical assessments and computer simulations
- The guest speakers are forces to be reckoned with. They will be covering topics such as
 - o The Fundamentals of Business
 - o Financial Management
 - o Managing People and Time
 - o Startups, Funding and many more

These entrepreneurs will graduate from this BEEP program on the 14th of November at the Touching Africa Gala Evening in 2020.

Please provide us with the contacts of individuals who would like to form part of the BEEP program.

**Contact Louisa Ralepelle @:
079123745 or
lrlepelle@touching-africa.com**



*Louisa Ralepelle and Frank Mosidi,
heading the BEEP program*



SIZANANI S.A.

Wanted!!!

Please help social services to find Mthombeni Mabaso. He has three children with Nonhlanhla Buthelezi. She passed away.

Sindisiwe Ngema is looking for the mother of Xolane Sithole; His father, Thembinkosi Sithole, with whom he stayed, died.

The grandmother of Nokuthula Zwane is looking for her father, Siphonkosi; her mother Thembisile passed away.

Marga Baron

We find messages like this in our local newspaper every week. Reading this is sorrowful. What is behind these appeals?

It is evident that these children do not stay with their parents. In most cases, they would be raised under the care of their grandmother. The sad reality is that this is the case for many children. When the father or mother passes away, granny or another family member must take over the role of parenting them.

In our area, rural KwaZulu-Natal, there are few or no work opportunities; the parents seek

employment far away, leaving their children behind. It is very normal for the father or mother to take another lover within their working area to live with. This means that the parents will not be visiting the rural area as often as they used to. Undivided love and attention is something these children are not familiar with.

Men have children with other woman outside of their marriages, leaving the wives with the burden of looking after the children on their own. On the other hand, women often have children from different men. HIV/AIDS is easily spread as using protection or contraception is not regarded a priority. Thus, we still see parents dying at an early stage of their and their children's lives.

In our communities and schools, there are complaints that children, especially teenagers, do not accept authority anymore, they just do as they please. We can now understand where the root of all of this lies.

SIZANANI S.A. IS AN
NPO WORKING IN
THREE MUNICIPALITIES IN
RURAL KWAZULU-NATAL.



Teenagers follow the examples they see in society. Most of them are sexually active at a very young age. Teenage pregnancies have become very common. These teens often drop out of school and may go back, leaving the responsibility of raising their child to granny. Ultimately, we have a continuous cycle that is carried over from one generation to the next.

SUCH PRACTICES CANNOT CHANGE OVERNIGHT. SIZANANI IS OFFERING A LIFE SKILL PROGRAM AT SCHOOLS WHERE THEY TEACH CHILDREN AGED 12-14 TO MAKE INDEPENDENT CHOICES AND DEVELOP THEIR OWN VALUES. THEY SHOW THEM THAT THEY THEMSELVES CAN CHOOSE A BETTER FUTURE.

Their sessions are very interactive and the youth is enthusiastic about these lessons. It has also provided them with a platform to express themselves and speak freely about their issues and problems. Many teens still need to be reached.

We are proud of the work that Sizanani is doing for the communities of Kwazulu-Natal.



Youthwork session about roles in the family



Youthwork session about communication



THE ANTI BULLY PROJECT

Jacques Gombault

The Bully problem in South Africa is the largest in the world; but also creates a huge opportunity to Impact our communities with Christian values and the gospel. One may be bullied with lies and or appearing facts, but the truth of God's Word trumps both lies and facts.

Actor/ Film maker, Jacques Gombault is spearheading this campaign with great effect in our schools. Short videos of his Impact at schools, as well as the trailers of the films he produced can be forwarded to people who are interested to learn more about this campaign.

What ensures his unique approach, being the field of his post graduate studies, is that his films and ministry focus' on questions. Often sharing questions people did not even know they had – this creates Impact!

It is more than just "hit and run" school visits. Schools receive:

- Free Posters that strengthen the message of the school visit.
- Free 16 page Full color booklets to every child in school.
- The three films – with excerpts of the message - edited into 24 min episodes so schools can screen it in class.
- Anti-bully pencil cases – that frankly have to be seen to be appreciated

The project does not only aim to make an impact, it will also generate funds for investors as:

- International distribution is in place.
- Local distribution is in place through TV and Cinema.
- The Billboards along our Highway is sponsored for 9 months in 2020.
- Dean's stationary will distribute the pencil cases – 240 000 per year.
- A TV show is being developed that will drive this whole campaign for years

A lot more information can be provided if and as needed. Like-minded people wanting to get involved can contact:
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Stephan Potgieter
(spotgieter@touching-africa.com)



Jacques speaking at 2015 ICVM Conference in Orlando Florida



THE REAL LIFE CENTRE AFTERCARE

Louisa Relapelle

THIS IS THE TYPE OF IMPACT THAT NOT ONLY CHANGES THE LIVES OF THE LEARNERS, BUT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

The Real Life Centre Aftercare was founded by Peter Africa and his wife. The centre is funded by them and they also manage the programme's strategic growth. The programme's intent is to improve the performance of the children of Extension 11 in Ikageng beyond just their academic needs and to improve social behaviour, literacy and life skills. It accommodates 30+ children. During my visit, I saw a centre that prepares youngsters to overcome their problems and realise their full potential. It was filled with exciting activities that these

children enjoy to the fullest.

The Real Life Centre Aftercare programme is staffed by amazing volunteers, Becky and three others. They are extremely passionate about youth development and genuinely have a heart for the children. During my visit, there were 20 children in attendance. The care centre teaches maths and science and keeps the children busy with activities such as bible study, school homework sessions and playing soccer. The facility has a mini library, with a lot of schoolbooks. The children are provided with bread and juice after the sessions.

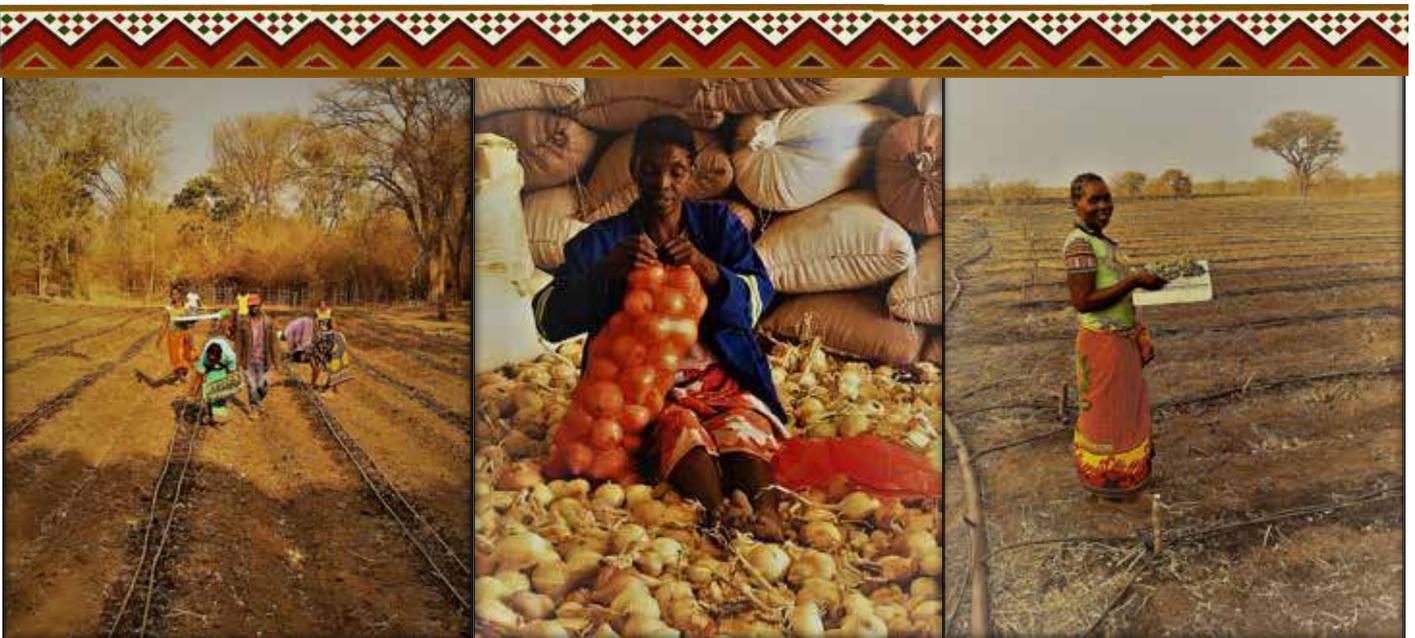
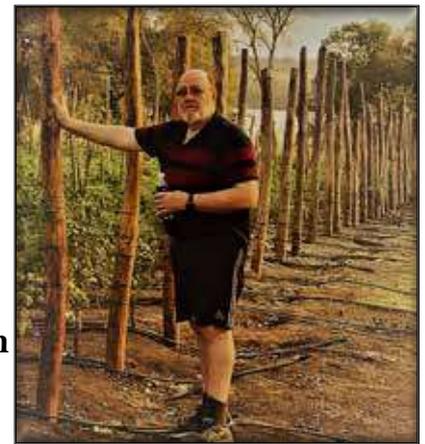
This vision is fully supported by Touching Africa; we want to ensure that it operates to its full potential. This is the type of impact that not only changes the lives of the learners, but of their families and future generations. If there is anything that you would like to donate to the centre please contact Louisa Ralepelle.



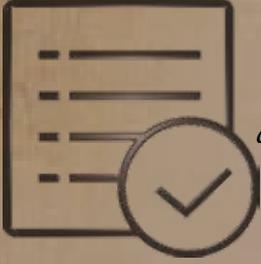
LISELI FARM - ZAMBIA

Stephan Pretorius

Stephan and Christa Pretorius visited Benji and Celeste du Preez in the Sesheke district, Southern Zambia, during August this year. Benji, Celeste and their three children Ben, Lownique, and Zoe are running a vegetable irrigation farm on the banks of the Zambezi river with a heart to bring Kingdom reality to the Lozi people. The name of the farm is “Liseli”, meaning LIGHT. After seven years, and with the support of the ABBA program by AFGRI, this Touching Africa project developed tremendously, covering more than 20 hectares of irrigation, with personnel of approximately 50 people. This farm has an immeasurable IMPACT on the Lozi people in the scattered villages around the facility, supplying fresh vegetables to the market at Sesheke. The development and training program implemented by Benji has also guided other potential projects and will play an important role in similar ABBA programs implemented in other areas in Africa.

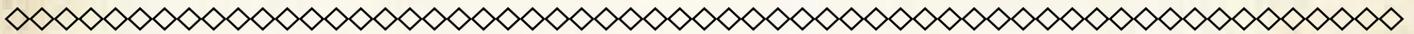


5: News and Notes



The last section of the Tag highlights news of personnel, personal aspects, administration and arrangements within Touching Africa.

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE WELL-KNOWN PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN VELDSKOEN BRAND AND TOUCHING AFRICA, WHERE AT LEAST 20 % OF THE REVENUE FROM SALES WITHIN AND THROUGH THE TOUCHING AFRICA NETWORK WILL FLOW TO THE TOUCHING AFRICA DEVELOPMENT TRUST TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.



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SPOTGIETER@TOUCHING-AFRICA.COM.





TA 2020 VISION PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

The following Touching Africa actions are listed for 2020. The focus is to re-group all Touching Africa network links and activities under different workshops as represented by the Touching Africa cooperatives that is put into place during 2019:

26-Jun 2020: Touching Africa Cooperative Workshop: Social development (Saki Tlotleng)

- NGO's and vision organisations
- Leading role of Bana Ba Kay
- Defining need and requirements for assistance in preparation of a workshop
- Funding options and mechanisms
- Departments and Governmental Institutions: develop platform for cooperation

21-Feb 2020: Touching Africa Cooperative Workshop: Business Services and Enterprise Development (Tiaan Liebenberg)

- Feedback on the development of the TAC – Financial Institution
- Defining of services supporting the TA network and members in business
- Defining service provider and commitment
- Enterprise Development within Touching Africa
- The BEEP Program
- Defining the framework for the establishment of the TA secondary Co-operative with wealth management as focus.

13-Mar 2020: Touching Africa Cooperative Workshop: Integrated Development Services (Stephan Pretorius)

- Defining of role players
- Defining of co-operative services
- Program development: Bojanala
- Agreements and commitments



15-May 2020: Touching Africa Cooperative Workshop: Training and Education services (Cobus Sipsma)

- Presentation by Digemy and other specialist to the Educational market
- Presentation Cobus Sipsma on establishment of Kingdom Institute for higher education
- Schools ministries: Bully Project by Jacques Gombault
- Defining purpose and focus for the co-operative
- Agreements and commitments and framework for cooperation

25/6-Jun 2020: Touching Africa Cooperative Workshop: Social development (Saki Tlotleng)

- All NGO's and vision organisations
- Training and development of NGO's and other non-profit organisations
- Defining need and requirements for assistance
- Funding options and mechanisms
- Departments and Governmental Institutions: develop platform for cooperation

17-Jul 2020: Touching Africa Cooperative Workshop: Trade and Tourism (Stephan Potgieter)

- Business development: ecologic etc
- Programs: Haraka development
- Link with enterprise development

20-Aug 2020: Touching Africa Development Trust Board meeting

21-Aug 2020: Kingdom Word and Vision Conference: Word foundations and Kingdom vision (Stephan Pretorius)

- What is the prophetic Word now?
- Vision and mission: The Corporative Body of Christ

18-Sep 2020: Touching Africa Cooperative Workshop: Agricultural Service (Ferdie Mocke)

- How to network as AGRI service providers
- Project development
- Developing of cooperative services to the AGRI community

14-Nov 2020: Touching Africa Gala Evening: Rewards and Celebration (TA team)

- Three Year celebration
- Sharing vision and hope





PROGRAM FOR BEEP 2020

6 February

Internal workshop for planning of the year

- Attendees: Tiaan, ASP, SJP, Deon, Frank and Louisa

7 February

BEEP Opening Meeting

- Deon: Vision of TA, BEEP and history
- SJP: Purpose and Identity
- Frank: leading the group in making use of your skills and talents
- Anrie: Drumming session, being my own creative being
- Tell your story Entrepreneurs

5 & 6 March

Business Fundamentals

- Seoka Dikhing (Business Coach)

16 & 17 April

Financial Fundamentals and Principles

- NWU session Prof Steenkamp

8 May

Managing People and Time

- Thomase Masase

19 June

Legal and Institutional Matters

- Willem Coetzee and Huibre Lamprecht

10 July

Business Start-ups and Funding

- Lesego Serolong

14 August

Developing a Business Plan

- Frank Mosidi and Seoka Dikhing or Deon de Klerk if possible

11 September

Group Pitches

- Panel for the Touching Africa group will be invited

16 October

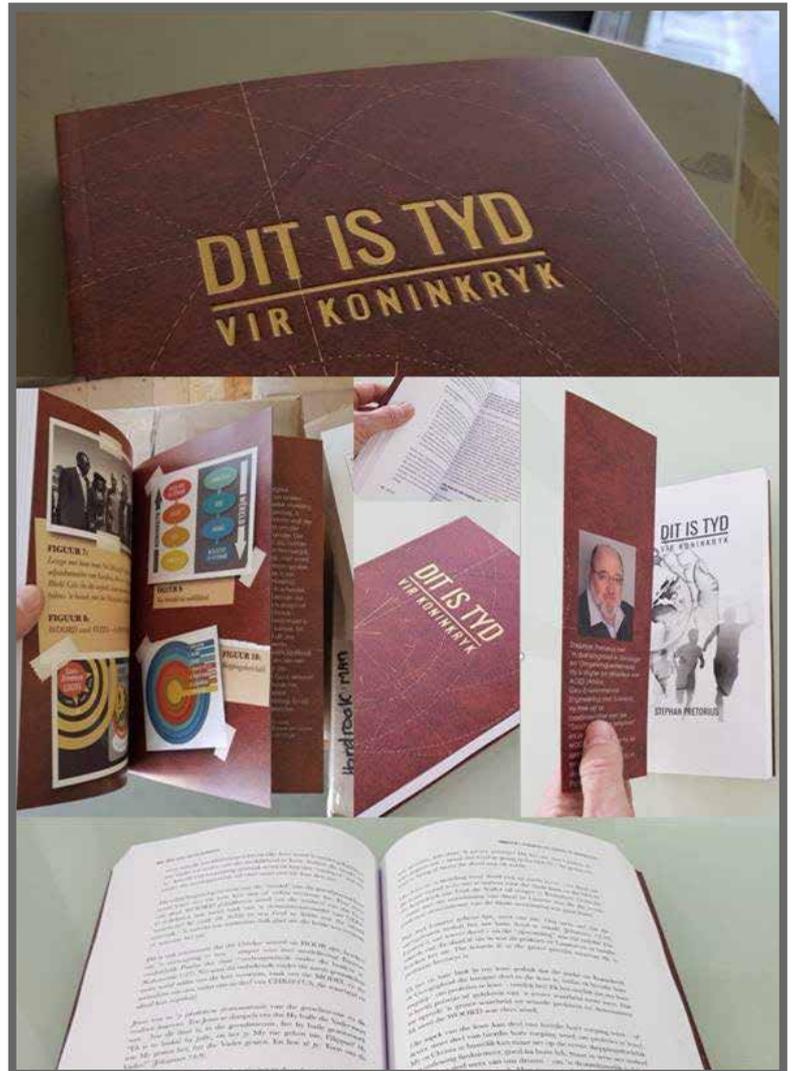
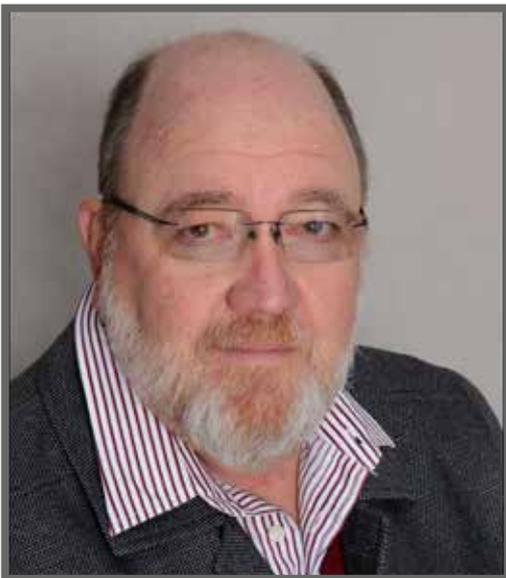
Individual Business Pitches

- Top influential Business Owners to be invited



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2019's HIGHLIGHTS

The 'Ecclesia'



The "Ecclesia" enables us to help those in need. This Touching Africa account is used as a "pay it forward principal". Those in need may apply to access this fund and when their finances turn for the better, they can in return contribute back to this fund, so we can assist others in the same situation. Any contributions given to this fund can benefit from a TA Article 18A tax deduction certificate, which can be used for tax deduction purposes.

Ndebele Program



In early 2018, AGES and REDE (both partners in TA) became involved in the Ndebele Kingdom Development Programme through Mr Jacob Ngakane of the Tisella Investment Group. Within this programme, various professional service providers are involved to assist the Kingship Council to develop and implement a sustainable development master plan.

Section 18A



Touching Africa is a registered Non-Profit Company and a section 18A-approved organisation, that enables you to make a deduction from your taxable income if the donation is supported by the necessary section 18A receipt issued by us. Touching Africa Development Trust can also help and assist you to score your BBBEE points, with enterprise and social development programs. Join us and take part in the vision of "Touching Africa"!

Higher Education Trust



After years of searching for solutions, Mac van den Berg and Cobus Sipsma along with Dr Samson Makhado, have started the South Africa Higher Christian Education Trust. The vision is opening a full Christian online university. We have taken hands with 3 Australian Christian Colleges as well as FCE from Zambia. Every Christian School can become a campus within a community from where students will work and serve.

Rural Development Program



Various TA Associates are developing a Rural Development Program, initiated by Mosiamise Rural Development. This collaboration is a co-operative expression of TA's vision – to impact and make a practical difference in our African communities. This program is based on the delivery of water and sanitation supply, a main contribution to the dignity of any rural community. The aim is to provide 'Enviro-Loo' installations and optimise the existing boreholes that supply water to the community.

Rural Development Program



The AGES group celebrated their three-decade existence in November, 2019. All the AGES offices gathered for this memorable occasion. The AGES Group's Faith Conviction has always encompassed being an expression of the body of Christ. TA blesses AGES and encourages them in their vision and purpose to serve the people of Africa through effective natural resources as well as environmental and social development and management.



Second Life Goods

Touching Africa has been involved in an exciting project to uplift the community during 2019. Second Life Goods give second-hand clothing a new life. On the 29th of March 2019, the second life good store launched in Potchefstroom. The launch was attended by more than 60 business individuals and was a great success. The first week's sales exceeded our expectations and we are truly grateful for that. It has been a good year and we are looking forward to many more blessed seasons.

2019's HIGHLIGHTS

TA Projects



TA Projects: 1) Seboni Creative Centre have been teaching women various crafts while sharing meaningful interactions. Many have found great job opportunities. 2) At the Real Life Centre and the Naledi school, new offices have been built. 3) As part of the launch of The TA Training and Education Services Co-operative, BEEP presented a course in basic Financial Management, done in co-operation with the North West University.

Saki Tlotleng



Saki Tlotleng plays a big role in the social development sector in North West as well as on a national level, reporting to the Deputy President Mabuza. He is the North West Provincial Chairperson of the Men Sector within the South Africa National Aids Council (SANAC). He guides numerous men towards financial growth and empowerment on a very practical level.

Frank Mosidi



We welcomed Frank Mpho Mosidi in our midst, actively involved in the Broad Enterprise Empowerment Program (BEEP) in Touching Africa.

Dolomite Awareness Volunteers



A Dolomite Risk Management strategy has been developed aiming to inform dolomite affected and affecting parties of the risk at hand. Dr KKDM discovered that the dolomite within its jurisdiction could potentially impact 50 of its communities. Therefore, we invited the Dr KKDM volunteers to assist us in spreading awareness, promoting safety in helping the most vulnerable people and communities.

Drought Relief



Touching Africa was appointed on the national Drought Relief Program, specifically, for the Ratlou, Ditsobotla and Tswaing municipalities in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality.

This project covers the water supply from groundwater resources to around 40 villages. The purpose of this project is water provision and alleviating drought, where Touching Africa plays a vital role.

Pan African Farms



PAF shares TA's vision and has committed itself to ensuring food security by developing and manufacturing environmentally friendly agricultural products that can drastically increase crop yields

Dolomite Risk Management



We conducted dolomite risk awareness as part of the development of the Dr KKDM Dolomite Risk Management Strategy framework in various communities. Our communities are eager to acquire knowledge involving dolomite. We are in the process of arranging for access in the rest of the communities where gravity surveys are scheduled to take place in the DR KK district municipality.

TRIGA Ventures



We are privileged to be involved in the TRIGA Ventures, an organisation with a vision to solve some of Africa's most pressing challenges by supporting entrepreneurs on the ground in building redemptive ventures. Their belief is that their high-impact ventures will create large-scale changes and a positive impact on the lives of an inclusive, broader community in Africa. They are dreaming of a community of thousands of entrepreneurs working together to bring Glory to God

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