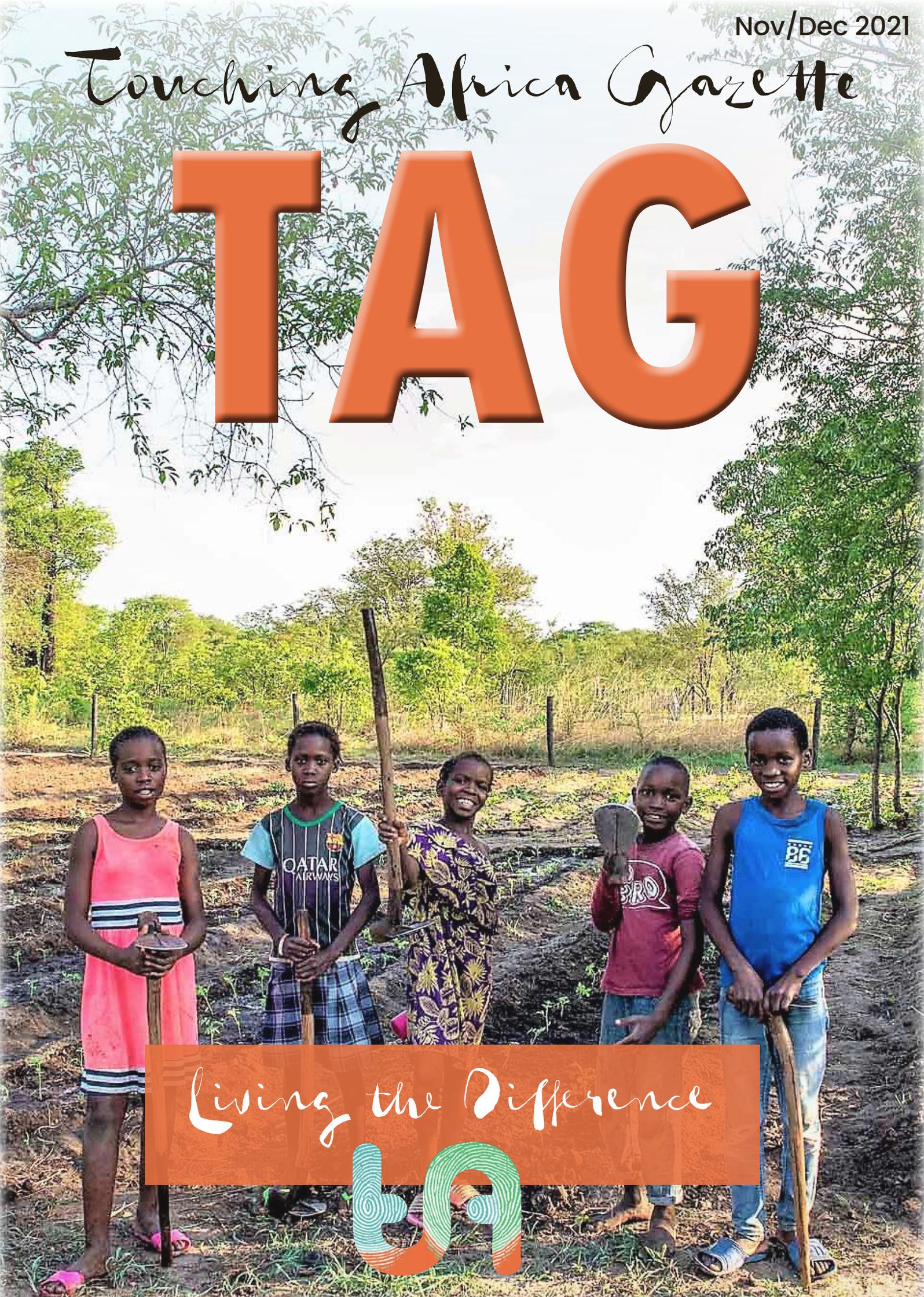


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NB! Please check out our [NEW WEBSITE](#) and update your Network Member Details on the Take Hands page so that we can update everyone's details on the new system.

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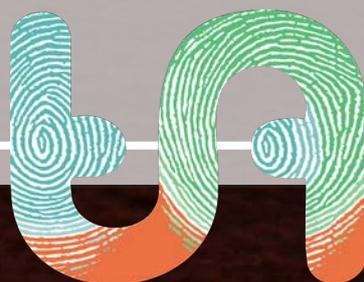
Thank you for how each and every one of you were faithful with what has been entrusted to you during this year. We love seeing how the body of Christ gets activated and works together!

Join us as we end this year on a high note, ready to kick off 2022 with a BAM!

Have a blessed holiday season and a joyful new year,

The Touching Africa Team

PS. Please SAVE THE DATE for the BIG TA CONFERENCE that will take place on the 15th and 16th of September 2022.



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Back to School

Do you want to change lives and give people hope for the future? Join KGOMA AFRICA and TOUCHING AFRICA in being part of making a difference in children's lives. Every child matters and deserves a fair chance of going back to school with a new bag full of stationery required to sustain them throughout the year. Your contribution will encourage many children from non-affording households to return to school motivated for 2022. One quality school bag with stationery goes for R200. If you would like to contribute through making use of Tax-deductible benefits or B-BEEE points, please contact Tiaan Liebenberg: tliebenberg@touching-africa.com or 082 561 8836.

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2022 Co-operative Workshop Dates



The focus in 2022 for Touching Africa (TA) will be on the structuring of all activities through the various established Co-operatives within TA. This will ensure that all projects and ongoing activities in Touching Africa will report to a specific co-operative and the related management. This is now possible, after an 'unstructured' ten-year birth period of developing projects and programs. We are looking forward to a more structured approach in the next phase of our development; with involvement from various specialists in the different fields represented in the co-operatives.

Community and Social Development Services and Enterprise Development Workshop

2022/01/19 (Wednesday)

Alignment and cooperation between various NGO's and non-profit organisations within the network. Development of new business opportunities through various initiatives

Corporate and Business Services to the Network Workshop

2022/02/17 (Thursday)

Rendering of corporate and business services to network members within Touching Africa



2022 Co-operative Workshop Dates (Continued)

Training and Education Services Workshop

2022/03/10 (Thursday)

Coordination between various educational and training options, service providers, institutions, programs and new development

Integrated Development Services Workshop

2022/04/07 (Thursday)

Rendering of professional services including infrastructure development and housing

Agricultural Services Workshop

2022/05/06 (Friday)

Agriculture-related services and development

Big TA Conference

2022/09/15,16 (Thursday, Friday)

A Touching Africa Conference where ALL NETWORK MEMBERS ARE INVITED to join us for a time of networking, sharing ideas and planning for the future.

SAFE WORKING PRACTICE

What is in your jar?

Chris Oostuizen

Elijah met a widow who was in need after her husband passed away and he asked her how he could help her. He asked her what she had, and she said only a jar of oil. We know about the miracle that followed with the multiplication of the oil and that the Lord changed her circumstances with what she had. During the pandemic, it is so easy to focus on what we don't have, that we are totally oblivious to what we do have. If we give what we have got to the Lord, He can multiply it and make it grow.

Our company's mission is to change people's lives through training, uplifting them and changing their attitude towards legislation, their employers and fellow employees. That is our jar of oil that we will offer in 2022 to uplift our fellow South Africans. What is in your jar?



safe working practice
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GROUP



GOD HAS YOUR BACK

Jacques Gombault

Praise the Lord! After the shock of 2020's lockdown and the negative effect this had on the acting industry, it is with joy in my heart that I can see how God carried me through these tough times. Now truth be told - it was definitely not an easy year!

However, there were highlights, like when I landed my biggest international part yet in the Netflix film "Silverton Siege!" I also found acting work for over a hundred hopeful aspiring actors in various productions. This is the year that I realized we do not have a film industry in SA, we do however have a Soap industry where 29 million viewers per day watch Soaps in SA! To hear the gratitude of these aspiring actors and the feedback from the production houses is something you have to experience to fully appreciate!

The best thing, however, looking forward to 2022, is my passion project - the bully campaign! The few schools I had the privilege to visit in 2021, like Ellisras Highschool, where I had four one hour "sermons" back-to-back for two days in a row! Man... It just confirmed the impact, the vision of why I started the campaign in the first place. That even though I was physically drained my proverbial "batteries" were charged in the truest sense of the word!

I trust that every reader reading this will also build on these past two character-building years. Like I tell the students: "Your life is a movie! No movie is any good if the

good guy doesn't have problems. The bigger the problems, the bigger the hero! Don't let your movie be a tragedy - no one likes tragedies. Definitely not a comedy, so stop doing the stupid things you've been doing! With God's help live your life like the romantic action adventure it is - because God has got your back!"

Or maybe, just maybe, your life will be a comeback movie! This is the movie God loves the most. When everyone thought you were down for the count when you were knocked to your knees. Little did they know... (queue the epic music)... that, on your knees, was the best place to be! Because God still... has... your... back! Now look up! Your redemption draweth nigh! (Queue music to build) Rise to your feet!!! And now run at your giant as you scream at the top of your voice - "that all the earth may know that there is a God in South Africa!!!"

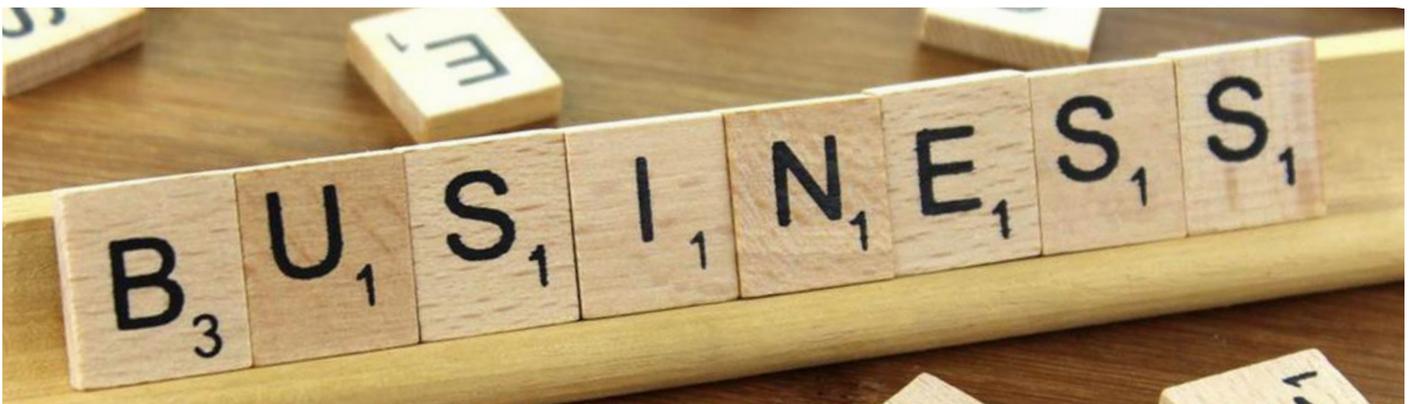


If that image was for you, as it was for me to an extent. May 2022 be your comeback year - to the glory of our heavenly Father!

ITUMELENG KAGISO KHORAE

A BEEP Testimony

Mr Fusion



Update from Kenya

Lydia Venter

Dearest friend... Warmest greetings from Nakuru, Kenya.

We are all strong and healthy - we thank God and despite ups and downs, we feel a deep peace knowing that God is progressively moving us forward in His purpose and grace.

When we heeded to the Lord's call to join Him in His transformational work in Lomolo with our organization, One Collective, we had no idea how exciting the journey would be. We have been in Kenya now for 20 years, and we have come to learn how challenging it is to see deep and long-lasting change in individuals, let alone communities. No wonder Paul stayed with people for several years before moving on...

Discipleship is never a 'hit-and-run' occasion, but rather the building of a deep connection over time. So, when we started working in Lomolo, we knew it would take a process to infiltrate through the deep-rooted scars of poverty and rejection. All 340 households have been evicted from the Mau Forest by the Government... Some as many as four times. You can imagine the deep roots of fear and uncertainty these precious people must experience.

One of our main objectives in Lomolo is to build relationships with local changemakers, with the result that, over time, a strong bond of unity has been established between us. The Chairman, Bro Soi, and Ass-Chief Leonard are both dynamic leaders with a heart for their people, and so we value their input in

every decision we feel the Lord is guiding us towards. Because most of the village elders are believers to some or other agree, we have the freedom to openly use God's Word as the plumbline for everything we discuss, plan and do.

Our desire is to allow God to make justice the measuring line and righteousness the level (Is 28:16).

Furthermore, without faithful donors our hands are pretty much tied. I love the promise in Acts 1:8 (TPT), "But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will be seized with power. You will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth!"

Through your partnership we can bless 'the least of these' and we believe some of them will one day walk up to you in heaven, thanking you for helping to change their lives forever.

"Mungu akubariki sana"

Shalom



Work 4 A Living



CPB

In early November, Touching Africa and other interested parties (represented by Tinus Bekker and Richard Reyneke, respectively), sponsored a 12-day course entitled Work 4 A Living (W4AL). The tutor was Nadene Buitendag, who did a splendid presentation throughout. The initiative originated in Port Elizabeth approximately 14 years ago when Walter and Ina Richard, themselves business owners, were frustrated by the lack of excellence in their workforce and the cycle of poverty. W4AL empowers

people with work and entrepreneurial skills, based on a Biblical world view. It now has a footprint worldwide.

The course was held at the City on a Hill Church in Potchefstroom who kindly offered the use of their premises, including refreshments for the duration of the course.

Various young people were invited from Ikageng/Potchefstroom and 13 attended. The general plight of these



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young people was that all were sitting around at home, to no purpose. This seems to be the case across the country. The principles taught are unashamedly Christian and day one kicks off with a powerful introduction to Job Readiness, intermittently presented by an Ina Richards video insertion. It grabs the attention of the student and immediately questions 'sitting around doing nothing' and 'entitlement' as a norm. Practical skills, like interviews (where students practice on one another), presenting CV's, job hunting, honesty and what do you see yourself doing in 5 years' time sets the tone of what to expect in the days that follow.

These covered work ethics, communication, eye contact, time management, entitlement, and the difference between a Worker or Owner mentality. Financial literacy, impulse buying, and loans were placed under the spotlight. Professionalism, discrimination and excellence in the workplace followed. Students were taught how to start a business where each table was given R50 on day one to invest. At the end of 12 days, one table made a profit of R110, and another a loss of R10.

Things started heating up when world views were discussed: What influences poverty and the role of culture, values and ethics and how to deal with these challenges. Interestingly, only 3 of the 13 students made the right choices when faced with corruption and questions about the role of ancestors.

All in all, this was a startling presentation that certainly addressed the fundamentals of the Poverty Mindset.

It is my contention that this is a worthwhile initiative to support. You may have people working for you or their children sitting at home with no hope and no identity. For R150 per person this is as good an investment as you can get, and I encourage you to contact René at TA if you are interested. The feedback from the class was overwhelmingly positive and given that most had to pay R30 a day for transport and still stayed the course, speaks volumes. With enough interest we can, with God's grace, impact many lives!

Isaiah 58:6-7

Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?



Work 4 A Living



Women 4 Housing 4 Women

Women 4 Housing 4 Women (W4H4W) is a service we are providing to members of the Touching Africa Network. With our competent building and maintenance team, we are excited to assist women-headed households. The W4H4W programme was developed to improve the lives and livelihoods of women living in adverse conditions. Through the programme, we reach out and assist

women with their housing structures and anything related thereto (such as electricity, water & sewer). The individual stays part of the programme as their needs evolve and continue. Stewardship, as well as taking responsibility by the beneficiary, are important components of the programme.

During 2021, Maria Ndakana's and Elsie Ntileka's homes in Ikageng, Potchefstroom, have been improved and upgraded. They have expressed their gratitude to all involved and all who have helped improve their quality of life.

We are looking forward to 2022 and providing this service to more women. Touching Africa invites you to get involved in this exciting project - making a tangible difference in the lives of the women around us!! Please contact Hanneke Pretorius on 072 580 7530 for more information on how you can be involved in this initiative.

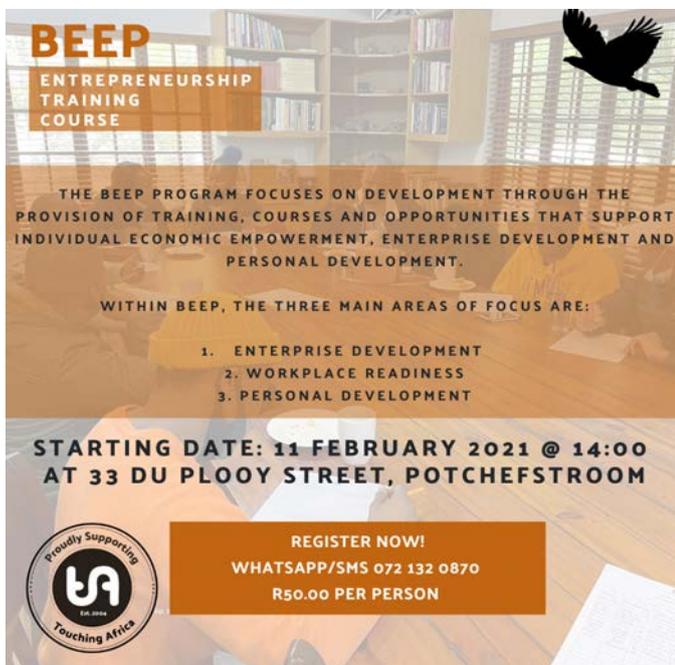


BEEP

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We ended off the year with five successful BEEP sessions with a very strong focus on personal growth and development. BEEP will restart on the 11th of February with a stronger focus on entrepreneurship and business development skills.

If you know anyone who would like to learn new skills, start a business, or grow their current business, please let us know and we will contact them.



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AT 33 DU PLOOY STREET, POTCHEFSTROOM**

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R50.00 PER PERSON



Ani Vileli

RM

On the 26th of November 2021, we had the amazing privilege to spend time with the ladies of Ani Vileli in Tzaneen. One of the things that really stood out about this group of women, is their sense of community and their love for Jesus. They joyfully sing and praise, share Word and discuss ideas.

The project actions take place in a neat

outbuilding where the ladies learn various skills, including to crochet (hekel). They make beautiful home goods, accessories and domestic wear that they sell to businesses and individuals in their town and community. The purpose of our visit was to see if we can find ways to strengthen their hands. We look forward to telling their stories and to see their goods in more shops across South Africa!



Touching Zambia

AHAVAH

Johan de Beer

The last month has presented a new array of challenges through a variety of forms. Throughout our challenging time there has been certain consistency in Ahavah School which was exactly what all the children needed. There is a major blessing for the children knowing that they can come to school and will always receive love from teachers, resources to express themselves and receive healthy warm meals. With these few things we are able to provide to them, to a large extent made possible by our sponsors at the Swallows Foundation (Le Fond des Hirondelles), Ahavah school has been able to provide stability in the children's lives.

Ahavah School unfortunately lost a very special child in our kindergarten in the month of October. The family that lost their son, Oscar, to cancer has been working with the du Preez family since they arrived in Zambia 11 years ago. The loss was deeply felt throughout the school, organization, and the community as a whole. We are sad about the loss but have used this opportunity in our school to draw closer to each other and teach the children about the importance of preserving life and celebrating it as God's gift to us every day. The family is experiencing deep grief and please keep the Mwaiba family in your prayers.



Through it all, it has been an amazing time here at Ahavah school filled with joy, laughter, much playing and even more growing. It has been a challenging year, but we are incredibly proud of the pupils in our school and the local teachers we have that have endured with such immense levels of patience and passion seeking every opportunity to develop the lives of the children. I can say with honesty that Ahavah School is full of children that not only overcome

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but are still thriving despite any challenges that have been thrown their way.

With the implementation of the food program, it has become important to the school to perpetuate its sustainability by also contributing to the programme in our own way through a vegetable garden. The primary school children have all been participating in tending the garden; learning and developing their agricultural skills in the process. The children participating in our garden project have also started selling vegetables to the local markets which has been an exciting project for the school. This simple, small project has the ability to entirely change their perceptions on agriculture as a viable approach to alleviate poverty, rather than merely perceiving agriculture as a way of feeding families. The children participating in the project are receiving 50% of proceeds and the other 50% they are 'tithing' to the school. Their perceptions of agriculture and nature conservation has greatly been improved since its implementation. On top of this, Ahavah School has started a nature conservation project where we have identified trees most at risk in our communities due to illegal deforestation. In the beginning of November, we have started to make over 1,000 seedlings of trees at risk in our community that we will be able to plant within the coming year. The children have become little 'activists' fighting for the preservation of their ecosystems.

On top of this the school has built soccer (football) goal posts that have been an amazing blessing and contribution to the school. Football is such an incredible aspect of the culture throughout Africa, and it is important for us to preserve certain elements in their culture and encourage it. Another amazing aspect of African culture is worship and music. The school is encouraging this aspect and has started an Ahavah School choir where the whole school is participating at the moment. The

choir is wonderful, and the children are so talented.

One of our teachers who is currently busy with her teaching degree has been working extremely hard and we are so proud of her endurance and commitment towards her education and work. She will be going to Livingstone in December to take her exams for this semester, and we believe that her hard work will be rewarded.

We have recently met with the headmasters of a local school near Ahavah School, and their shock and awe towards our school and our facility were really encouraging. They could not believe the level at which we operate and were utterly surprised by the skills and the levels of our students that are far beyond that of their pupils. It has been encouraging for us as well and re-established the great importance of education in rural Africa in the pursuit of uplifting the future leaders, doctors and farmers that will help bring Zambia out of poverty and towards its predestined position.

The year is coming to an end, and we are excited to close this year just so we can start the new year off running towards bigger things! Our schools will be closing in middle December for a short break. A big warm thank you and lots of love from Ahavah School to you.



Coming Soon

Internal Services to the Network

We have a dream to create a platform within Touching Africa where network members can engage in business with each other to the benefit of all parties involved. The platform will connect all the Kingdom-visioned people who relate to the Touching Africa network. This means:

- Business & connection with people you can trust
- A direct impact into the Kingdom of God
- Quick and easy access to specific products & services
- A commercial action as the body of Christ
- Adherence by all parties to the Touching Africa Operating Principles
- Potential service provider to Touching Africa projects
- Business growth opportunities

We are so excited to launch this dream in 2022! Please share your thoughts and ideas with us so that we can build into this vision together.



Deon de Klerk

6 November 1946 – 22 November 2021

It is easy to say that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the LOVE of God IN CHRIST, as Paul describes it in Rom 8:38. However, it becomes very difficult if we have to walk every day in the reality of missing a loving, caring and precious man like Deon de Klerk. We stand together with Eretha, Deon's children, close family and friends in carrying this burden and think back with appreciation, to the years he spent with us as a Father to all here in Touching Africa.



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- CROSS-CULTURAL APPROACH
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