



Nakekela Christian Community Centre Association

Greetings from everyone at Nakekela in our first newsletter of the year. The staff members are working so hard with terminally ill patients since we opened.

We admitted about 21 patients since the 4th January. As the year begun we were all busy getting the place ready for our patients by cleaning the centre.

We were blessed to be visited by friends from North America Susan Keuning and Lois Vander Stel who also brought us a suitcase of medical suppliers. They did some house visits with Ella Mahlangu, Jane Maselela and Dora Sithole around the community. See pictures of staff members rejoicing over the suitcase, HBC workers with visitors on the field and out-patients below.

Please pray for our patients as many of them are very ill and pray with us as we face the challenges of this year and that we would still be the salt and light of the community to bring more glory to God in every situation we are brought to.

2016

STATISTICS TO DATE:

Admissions:	27
Discharge to Home:	2
Deaths:	8
HBC Field Patients:	193
HBC Field Visits:	122
Outpatients:	4



“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

In 2015 we admitted a terminally ill man whom his wife died a year ago. The wife had nine children from different fathers. Our patient has three children (Two girls, 18 and 16 years one boy of 17 years old) amongst the nine with the wife. After admitting the man, Nakekela HBC workers went to visit the children as they were left alone. Six children are staying with their grandmother in another community and they found two children staying in a RDP house renting. The other one (girl 16 years) was adopted by a good Samaritan in KwaMhlanga. The boy had already dropped out of school to take care of his father. The children receive social grant for two, R 330.00 each and the older one does not qualify. They had to pay rent with the money, buy electricity, food, toiletries and it was never enough. The children had to walk ten kilometres to visit their father at Nakekela. Home Based Care workers took the matter to the Social Department and they organised food parcels for the three every month while the father was waiting for the disability grant. The children were happy and relieved for some time.

Our patient condition got improved day by day he could walk he could eat properly and his mind got in a good state. There comes a time when he receive a disability grant, food parcels had to stop because he could support the children with the grant. He was discharged back home but things did not go well from the first few weeks at home. He took off to Pretoria, left the children alone and spent the money with his friends. He then got sick again and the friends called the children to come fetch him. The good neighbour hired a transport to fetch him, he was taken to the clinic, got better and gone back to Pretoria again. He came back in few weeks not alone now but with the truck to load all the furnisher in the house and left. When the children asked him where is he going he just said he will come back to fetch them. He is nowhere to be found until today. HBC workers together with the Manager went to the Social Department again to report the issue. The older child completed all the necessary forms to apply for a foster grant and they were told to come back after three weeks for food parcels while waiting for the grant. As if their problems were not enough, the owner of the house wanted the house. Nakekela went around seeking for another house urgently even called the community counsellor but the counsellor said he is very busy with the meetings and other community problems. The good neighbour took the children to her house but the children never stopped to look for a place to stay. They found a house to hire on the same day later and they moved in the next day. Nakekela bought food for the children and joy and happiness was all over their faces.



See photos of the two children (Emmanuel and Lebo Make) the lady who was looking after them) Ella Mahlangu and Job Ngwenya. An empty house after the father took furniture and some donation of food from Nakekela

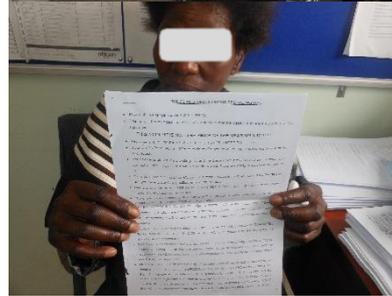
A 42 year old lady who is our outpatient and a twin sister to one of our ex patient had a problem with not hearing well because she defaulted from TB treatment. The twins were discovered in 2013 that they are HIV positive.

Ellah Mahalngu and Jane Maselela saw that her condition not improving and took her to the clinic. At the Clinic they saw that she defaulted from her TB treatment and the TB treatment affected her as they seemed to be resident to her.

It was difficult for our Home Based Care workers to communicate with her since she could not hear, so Ella took her to the hearing Hospital as our local hospital does not have that. So they referred the patient to Kalafong Hospital in Pretoria.

Our Home Based Care worker asked the family permission to take the patient to Pretoria, the family had no problem as they trust our Home Based Care worker. Ellah Mahlangu took her to the hospital and when they tested her they found that the damage is too great and she will not be able to hear again, so she needed the hearing machine which cost R850.00.

The family could not afford the machine as they are have no one who is working in the family. Ellah went back to the hospital to explain the situation at home. So the doctors enquired about the social grand but the patient was not receiving any. The hospital donated the machine for the patient, instructed the HBC and patient how the machine works. Ella the HBC goes to the patient's house to teach the family and patient how to clean the machine.



Ellah the Home Based Care worker helping the patient with the hearing machine and instruction on how to use the machine

Donations

We receive donations either large or small and we see this as a token of God's blessing to us. In February we received clothing donations from the GKSA Rietvallei Church. We gave some clothes to patients and the big size ones we are planning to have a jumble sale every month to sell the clothes to staff members to increase income at the Centre. On the left is Sarah Zindane pricing the clothes preparing for the jumble sale



“Striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the community”



Missionaries from America Loretta and Martin Jackson came to visit the Centre from Wadrif and had a meeting with Dorcas Mathibela our manager to discuss working together in the future. They are building a centre for ladies who are HIV positive between 18 and 25 years.



We are happy to announce that our “Art Therapy” classes have started once again! Every Wednesday, Sarsi Miskin and those who are healthy enough, come together to enjoy art and craft projects. The activities this year will range from colouring clay sculptures with the hopes of strengthening shaky hands, building a sense of accomplishment, lifting up low spirits through fellowship all to the glory of God. Some of our finished products we are planning to sell at the centre and some products will be sent overseas to raise funds for Nakekela!

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Prayer Requests

- 🕊 Pray for strength and courage for our staff members to continue caring for the sick.
- 🕊 Pray for healing of body and soul for our patients
- 🕊 Pray that God will continue to strengthen the Home Base Care Workers to continue with the good work of caring for the sick in the communities surrounding Nakekela.
- 🕊 Pray for good relationships between Staff members, Patients and Families.