



Nakekela Christian Community Centre Association

Greetings from South Africa! As this year comes to a close, we wish to tell you of the goodness of God over the last several months.

There is much joy brought to Nakekela when a previous patient returns to visit. Laughter, hugs, tears of joy and excited talking occurs upon the occasion. On November 5, in walked a young girl who had been with us for many months last year.

Upon admission, she was very ill. She was very thin, not eating or walking and could do nothing by herself. She had just been discharged by the hospital where she hadn't received proper treatment. The nurses wouldn't even feed her food! At Nakekela, she received love and care and the care workers would not let her give up hope. She was given her pills each morning and someone always helped her eat her food.



Excerpt from the letter of thanks: "One thing I love is they are kindness, patience and friendly. Nakekela is like our second home and even better than most homes, 'cause if you cannot do anything by yourself, they will help you and teach

2013

STATISTICS TO DATE:

Admissions	114
Current Patients:	8
Discharge to Home:	44
Deaths:	60
HBC Field Visits:	5487



Riana stands with an ex-patient who stopped by with his car. He has been able to return to work since his illness.



Dr. Sonja and Sr. Ncane talk with an ex-patient who visited a few weeks ago.

“Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” Mark 10:14

We receive many requests for help at Nakekela. Many of these requests involve children. Orphan children, sick children; homeless children; abused children; and many more kinds of needs. As God brings these needy souls to our clinic, we do our best to help out where we can. These children are often the innocent victims of the bad choices of their parents and family. Though we cannot always fix the problem, we try to comfort and assist in the best way we can. Many times, scared, crying children are soothed with stuffed toys and sweets.

Often, the children are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS, and along with the doctor checkup, we give clothing and packages of Insta-meal that was donated by the Dieticians from the Department of Health.

We hope that in some small way we can bring joy to the lives of these children.



World AIDS Day 2013



WORLD AIDS DAY – CANDLE CEREMONY – Red- For patients who died, White – for patients living with HIV. Yellow- for Families who are affected



Nakekela Staff listening to the speaker

Report from Home Based Care

By Mirriam Rakwale

I am so glad to report about the story of a young woman, of our field patients who wanted to put her child up for adoption. She was pregnant with her 5th child, all with different fathers. Our home based care team met her and she told them she was HIV+ and wasn't able to provide enough food for the children she already has. She believed she couldn't cope with another child. She needed to give the child away for adoption. Her sister had already made an arrangement with her employer, who was willing to adopt the child. The rest of the family do not help her, because of the situation she is in now. Our team suggested she come in for counselling to assist with the stress and depression she was also suffering from. After she came for several counselling sessions, she realized that it will be good for her to raise the child herself. The baby has now been born, and is HIV negative status. She gives thanks to God who showed her His mercy and named the child Praise.

Our team also helped two HIV+ babies start with Anti-Retro Viral treatment. With the education the home based care do in the field, we've learned that 3 babies, with mothers who are HIV+, were also born without HIV. We can see the difference we make in the community.

One of our female ex-patients from Nakekela has returned home healthy and is now studying at University of South Africa (UNISA). We are so grateful to hear such wonderful news, especially with so many discouraging situations we come upon every day.

We were also invited at the school near Nakekela, with Sr. Ncane to educate about HIV for World AIDS day. Our HBC worker Martha and Sr. Ncane went to the school and joined many local organizations with educating and motivating the children regarding HIV/AIDS.

As you can read, the Nakekela Home Base Care team is making its mark in our community. This is one of our goals and we look forward to increasing the links between us in 2014.

We thank God for His grace in this year in providing for all our needs, bringing people in our path to help and helping us fulfill His calling in our lives.



Staff getting into their roles for the drama they put on to illustrate how peer pressure can lead young people to being infected with HIV



Guests and Staff sitting in the garden area to commemorate WORLD AIDS DAY 2013

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



**Thank you for your support
in 2013, we wish you God's
richest blessings in 2014!!**

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