

Nakekela Christian Community Centre Association

Greetings from everyone at Nakekela in our second newsletter of the year. As those of you who follow us on Facebook as well as on our Blog would know, we have extended the facility with two rooms (that can accommodate together 8 more patients) and a large patient recreation room. Our patients had to sit outside and it is often very cold in winter- therefor the recreation room was a large priority. Of course with the two new patient rooms we hope to lose less patients to death because of lack of admission space at the centre.

The extension to the present building that had been finished at the end of 2013 with funding donated by Word and Deed in Canada. The Sydney Reformed Church in Sydney, Australia donated a sum of money a few years ago that was utilized to buy all the furniture for the new rooms. Early in January we bought the linen and curtains and in February admitted the first patients to occupy theses rooms. We also used the beautiful handmade quilts that we received from the Village Presbyterian Church in Tampa, Florida to decorate all our patient rooms in order to create a festive atmosphere. We also received a lounge suite as a donation from Dr. Miskin and were able to install a large new television set with money donated from various donors.

We are very thankful for all the blessings that we receive through our donors and believe that all is in God's will as it is used for His often not so privileged children. There for our thanks to everybody that contributed.

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STATISTICS TO DATE:

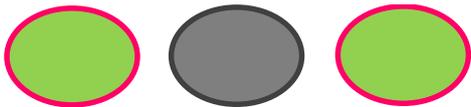
Admissions:	37
Current Patients:	14
Discharge to Home:	11
Deaths:	11
Waiting List	8
HBC Field Patients:	450
HBC Field Visits:	2175
Outpatients April:	32



Photos of our new wards, recreation room with our new Television.

Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary, will be for food and leaves for healing. Ezekiel 47:12

Dorcas Mathibela (General Manger) attended a Leadership & Strategy Training Course presented by the University of Stellenbosch at their satellite campus in Johannesburg. The program was mostly on how we cope as Leaders in our organisations, how to understand ourselves and the staff as individuals. These are some of the highlights I have learned: How to identify signs of stuckness in the organisation. How to see the progress of the organisation. How to deal with the problems in the organisation. What channels to take to resolve a problem without hurting the other co-workers. What is the strengths in my character and where do I have to put more effort.



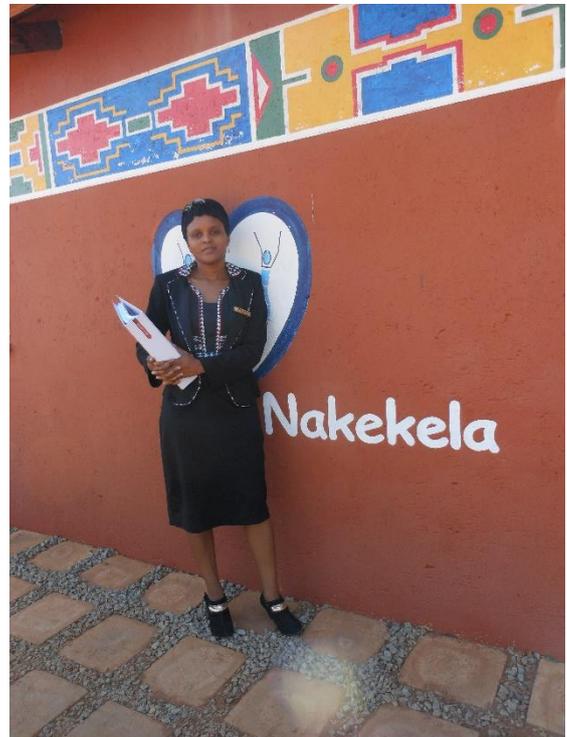
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

On 23 April, Dori Schoeman, a volunteer, held a session at Nakekela to teach women about menstruation and their bodies. The Home Based Care Team invited about 40 women to attend. Our new lounge was full! Dori read from Psalm 139 and meditated a bit on verses 13-16. So often women have misconceptions about who and what they are, and it was a good reminder to look at ourselves the way God looks at us, not the world.

“So often we are focused on changing who we are or what we look like, but when you read these verses, you can see God created us in the way He planned for us. When He designed us, before we were even in our mother's womb, He planned our size, the color of our eyes, and the color of our skin, everything about us! Just as He proclaimed His creation good in Genesis 1, He proclaims that we were made perfect in His sight. When we believe the Hollywood lies that we are not good enough, we are in fact, disagreeing with how God made us. Your Father in heaven does not make rubbish! You are fearfully and wonderfully made and God's work in your life is wonderful!” Excerpt taken from (http://www.fathersloveletter.com/Devotionals/12_FLLdevotional.html)

After the devotion, Dori explained to the women about the anatomy of their bodies, about menstruation, hygiene and then explained in detail how to use the feminine hygiene kits sewed and donated by the ladies from Heritage Reformed Church in Chilliwack, Canada.

The women were very enthusiastic about the hygiene kits. Many of the ladies asked for an extra for their daughters at school. They said that sometimes the girls had to stay home from school, because they could not afford feminine hygiene products each month and therefore were so thankful to receive these washable kits. Several even asked us to please go to the schools and teach the girls what we taught them. They said when they were at school, they had no idea what was going on and that this subject is not spoken about in their culture. There was even one lady who said she will volunteer to go with the Home Based Care Team when they go to the schools to help them teach the girls about menstruation. We look forward to more opportunities like this one to continue educating girls and women. See page 3 for photos.





Photos of the fearfully and wonderfully made feminine hygiene workshop



Above is pictures of Dr and Mrs Faasse who came to visit us from Grand Rapids, Heritage Reformed Church, they brought gifts which were made by the Esther Guild women's group, children's underwear and blankets which they made.

Report from Home Based Care

By Mirriam Rakwale

I am proud to mention that 5 of the patients admitted to Nakekela in April had been referred by the Home Based Care Team. Two of the well recovered patients discharged home were also referred earlier by the team to Nakekela.

We are also saddened by the news that six field patients passed away. One of them was an ex-patient that refused to be admitted again to the centre in January 2014.

We are thankful towards God for the extension of the Nakekela facility. We now have ample space and the number of patients dying before admission has decreased.

I thank God because I have received my Computer Certificate and am looking forward to do my work perfectly on the Computer.

It is my prayer that God will bless our Donors for the support they are giving us, God has used them to save many people who could have died without care.

Pocket Crosses

Nakekela received for the second time beautiful "Pocket Crosses" made by Larry and Nancy Florence of Coldwater, Ohio - these crosses, that are to be carried in one's pocket is been given to friends and patients to remind them of Jesus's everlasting love for all of us. It consist of a small quilt with a wooden cross inside and message of hope attached to it .We do appreciate this wonderful gesture of friends in Christ that we have not yet met in person.



Mirriam Rakwale with her computer Certificate



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



Above (on the left) we have a photo of Skip Carpenter and Steve Florence representing the Village Presbyterian Church in Florida. They donated handmade quilts, fixed heaters (that they had bought a previous time) to our walls and left us with a financial donation from friends and family. We were so happy to have them with us. They always spend time with the staff at the centre which is much appreciated by us. On the photo is some of the Nakekela Staff members holding the donations that we have received.

On the right we have a picture of Annie Munnick and 3 friends visiting from the Netherlands together with two staff members. They donated reading glasses and pens with an encouraging message on them.



We had a monthly staff meeting and farewell party for Dori Schoeman on the 30 April 2014. Above are some pictures of some the staff members dancing for Dori

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We had a farewell party for Dori Schoeman, volunteer, who has been with us for many years. We will remember you with your good work, love and energy.

