



## Nakekela Christian Community Centre Association

Greetings from everyone at Nakekela in our first newsletter of the year. The staff members enjoyed a day of fun together before going on holidays. We went to Forever Resort (Bela Bela) had swim in warm water and had a wonderful time. All of the staff had a wonderful few weeks off in December to be refreshed and enjoy some time with their families.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> January we admitted our first patients and we admitted about four patients. Many of the patients are very ill. As the year begun we were all busy getting the place ready for our patients by cleaning it, see pictures below of some staff members.

We were blessed to be visited by Dr. Ligon Duncan, from USA. He is the Chancellor and CEO of the Reformed Theological Seminary and the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic Theology.

### 2014

#### STATISTICS TO DATE:

Admissions:	33
Discharge to Home:	1
Deaths:	10
HBC Field Patients:	620
HBC Field Visits:	420
Outpatients:	136

Please pray with us as we adjust to this wonderful New Year and the development that is still coming, and as we face the challenges, we would bring more glory to God in every situation we are brought to.



*Some Staff members working very hard to get the place ready for our clients see on the left Julia washing windows and Mirriam and Sarah washing wheelchairs. Sister Verina, Siphon and Absalom working at the Garden as there was a lot of work to be done in the beginning of the year.*

*"I will sing to the Lord; because He has dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:6*

**Report from the Manager by Dorcas Mathibela**

My Name is Dorcas Mathibela I am honoured to be the new General Manager in 2015 and to be part of the good family of Nakekela. It is such a joy for me to be together again with the Nakekela's staff. We all had wonderful holidays during December. I thank God that He protected Nakekela and our ex-patients. We sympathise with the families who lost their loved ones during holidays. I hope and trust that with the love of God we will work together as one body of Christ to uplift the spirit of our patients, showing love, care and support. I am so grateful for our main donors DVN (De Verre Naasten) and Word and Deed for their commitment to support Nakekela. May God fulfil their needs and bless them abundantly! "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." Psalms 9:1

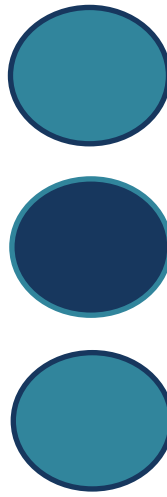


*On the left: A photo of some Staff members with Dr. Ligon Duncan from Heritage Hill and Charity Njironke from Mukhanyo Theological College  
On the right: A photo of Dr. Sonja Miskin and Tom van Maaren from Canada recently graduated from Greenville*



*Above is a photo of the two night watchmen (Sello and Isaac) who are working at night to ensure the safety of our patients and the Centre. They have some challenges over weekends, as local people pass our gate on their way to bars to drink alcohol, and this is a cause of criminality. Sello and Isaac take their jobs very seriously.*





*All thanks to the Esther Guild Ladies from Grand Rapids (HRC) whom their donations made it possible for us to be able to have curtains. See pictures of our new curtains on the left.*

## Report from Home Based Care

By Mirriam Rakwale

I was excited to get a wedding invitation from two of our ex-patients who got married in December 2014. Both of them were very sick during their stay at Nakekela but what was good is that their families were supportive. Both of them were very ill and had hemiplegia's due to (CVI) Cerebra Vascular Incident. At Nakekela physiotherapy and exercises done by care workers improved their conditions considerably.

We are praying for them to have a happy marriage. Both of them were very successful because she is studying for a degree at the University of South Africa and her partner started a small business after he was discharged at Nakekela 2 years ago. Although he is using one hand due to his CVI, he can drive his automatic car and also run his business successfully.

We thank our Donors who were touched by God to help us to run our Centre and we praise God for them.



*The two ex-patients who got married in December 2014*



*Dr. Sonja with two Home Based Care workers Jane and Ella helping an out-patient with her visitors*

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



### DONATIONS

We thank God from whom all blessings flow. Every month we receive donations either large or small and we see this as a token of God's blessing to us. In January we received donations from Dr. Arthur and Sonja Miskin, vegetable seedlings used to enlarge our garden. We thank God for the donation of a wheelchair we received from an ex-patient's family. GKSA Rietvallei gave us lots of clothing and household goods.



*Above are photos of staff members in the first General Annual Meeting in 2015*

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### Prayer Requests

- ✝ Pray for strength and courage for our staff members to continue caring for the sick and dealing with difficult patients.
- ✝ Pray for healing of body and soul for our patients, and that they would see the love of Christ through the love and care they receive from the staff at Nakekela.
- ✝ 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 Home Base Care Workers, Patients and Families.