



Nakekela News

January 2017

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ from everyone at Nakekela in our first Newsletter for the year 2017

We are so grateful and thankful to all friends of Nakekela for your support and love throughout the years. We thank God for the beginning of the new year and again must say, indeed our God is an awesome God! Rejoicing over the blessings of God as the year has begun, we can say that "Ebenezer" God has led us thus far. This newsletter has many pictures of staff members celebrating God's mercies, grace and love together. It is our prayer to see more of God's amazing work in 2017, and we have taken to heart the scripture "Rejoicing in the Lord always".



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TEAM MEMBER FOCUS: INTRODUCING LETTY



If you call Nakekela or visit, you are guaranteed to meet an energetic and special lady, Letty.

Letty is married to a local pastor and they have a son, Mahle. She was a student at Mukhanyo Theological College for at least five years and works at Mukhanyo in the Distance Office (now called Material Development) one day a week. She started to work part-time at Nakekela in 2013 as a Spiritual Caregiver while she was still a student and came to work full-time in 2014 at Nakekela as the Administrative Officer and Spiritual Caregiver.

Letty is not just our Nakekela office administrator; she helps with all sorts of communication at Nakekela like updating the website and blog, managing Facebook, writing and issuing the newsletter, as well as counselling our in-patients, out-patients, families and community members.

“I’ve learned a lot since I started to work at Nakekela full time” says Letty. “Working in Nakekela has challenged me to also grow spiritually as a spiritual care giver who counsels not only patients and sick people but also families and other people from the community. The experience I get from Nakekela helps me to continue helping the community and people in our church.”

Letty holds devotions with staff members and patients at least twice a week. She loves her job and is dedicated to it as it not only gives her practical work experience but also grows her in her relationship with God.

It is good to see many lives affected, improved, touched and changed by the hand of God using Letty.

MESSAGE FROM DORCAS MATHIBELA (GENERAL MANAGER)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for His protection under His wings during December holidays up to this far. I personally would like to express my appreciation to everyone who contributed in assisting Nakekela to progress. To Tweefontein G stakeholders and the community who supported us at events and celebrations. All our beneficiaries who played a role in encouraging the terminally ill patients and gave support during support groups and health special days, may the Lord bless you. Thank you Nakekela Board of Directors for your dedication and support to me and the organization. All the fresh ideas God has given you will take Nakekela to the higher level!

I am writing to express my deepest thanks to donors who provided for us financially and given us all the support needed to continue our mission. With your faithful financial contributions over the years, you’ve demonstrated your deep commitment to our work – healing the sick, educating the community, serving spiritual food to lost souls, bringing back the dignity to our people and more. Your support has repeatedly played a key role in our success. There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty. We at Nakekela are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like yourself who answered the call to give again and again.

We look forward to a continuing partnership with you all in 2017!

- Dorcas Mathibela

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him” Psalm 24:1

ELLAH GIVES HER CRUTCHES AWAY



Ellah Mahlangu, a Home Based Care worker donated her walking sticks (crutches) to Nakekela. She was involved in an accident and injured her leg so badly that she could not walk and received walking sticks (crutches) from the

hospital. She is thankful for God answered prayers of staff members and she is now healed.

Thank you for giving back to Nakekela! May the Lord be with you.

MEDICINE FROM “NOT JUST TOURISTS”



All thanks to Aaron Van der Horsts who brought us a suitcase full of medication from St. Catharines, Ontario Canada supplied by Not Just Tourists, an organisation turning tourism towards aid.



Sister Verina has a big smile as she starts unpacking the

suitcase.

MONTHLY STAFF MEETINGS

Every month end we have a General monthly staff meeting at Nakekela to discuss challenges we face. Some delegated staff members who go to represent Nakekela in community events held at schools, Police Stations and clinics provided their feedback. See photos below



2017 IN FULL SWING

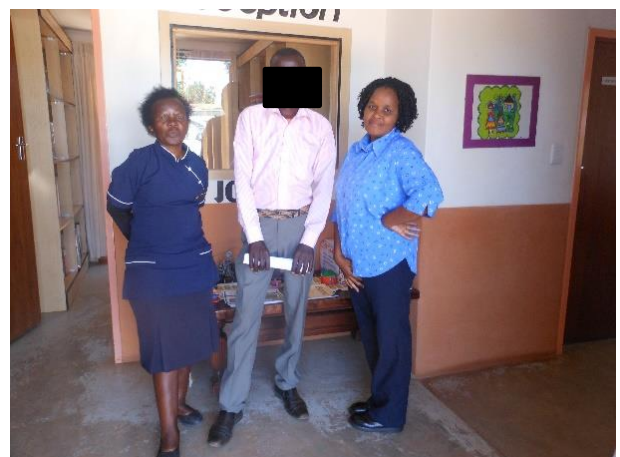


READY TO START WORK AGAIN

It was wonderful to see an ex-patient coming to visit us in a healthy condition and looking for a job with a typed Curriculum Vitae in his hand.

He said “I am healed, strong enough to work now can you please help me find a job or call me if you have an available position at Nakekela.”

He is still grateful for the help he received at Nakekela.



DONATE

Nakekela relies on donations to meet the needs of our patients and keep our facility available to the community. If you would like to support the work of Nakekela financially, know that every cent is tracked and invested carefully.

All gifts can be EFT'd to

Nakekela, Standard Bank, Account: 348123027
Branch: Bronkhorstspuit (052850)
Swift code: SBZAJJ

We appreciate your support and love. Thank you and may God richly bless you, family and friends.

KEEN TO BE MORE HANDS ON?

Nakekela constantly needs the following items for our in- and out-patients:

- Clothes: pyjamas and sleepers
- Medication, wheelchairs, walking frames
- Toiletries: wash clothes, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and feminine hygiene items
- Blankets
- Bibles in English, Zulu, Ndebele, Pedi and Tswana, notebooks, pens and pencils

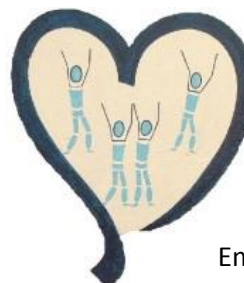
PRAYER REQUEST

- Please pray for healing for our patients
- Good relationships between staff members
- Good relationships between Home Based Care, out-patients, families and the community
- Pray that God will reduce the number of deaths under our care and give us peace and calm with recent increase in deaths.

STATISTICS TO DATE:

Admissions:	22
Discharge to Home:	2
Deaths:	12
Hospital:	2
HBC Field Patients:	81
HBC Field Visits:	302

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