



Nakekela News

June 2017

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ from everyone at Nakekela

DEVOTION BY PASTOR JEREMIE HAVUGIMANA (CHAIR OF THE BOARD)

Matthew 25:31-40

It is often a puzzle to mankind, to speak to a God you don't see, you don't hear; because indeed as the Bible says no man has ever seen God, further the Bible teaches us that God is a Spirit. The passage before us, teaches about the final judgement, however, it also teaches the possibilities of meeting with Jesus while still in this life. Jesus explains how the events will unfold for the Final Judgment:

From verse 35, Jesus speaks of something important, of which I would like us to pay attention to in this devotion: He spells out some of the points that will qualify people to be on his right hand or to receive the rewards reserved for them. Jesus mention different groups of people: 1. Those who feed the hungry; 2. Those who welcome people in their homes/midst; 3. Those who provide clothes for those without clothing; 4. Those who visit the sick and care for them; 5. Those that visit and take care of the prisoners. Jesus makes it clear that those who take care of one of these, is doing it to Jesus Himself. In James 1:27 the Bible also says that "The right religion is the one that takes care of needy people (Orphans, widows). This gives an encouragement to those who are committed to serve God by taking care of those in need. In the case of Nakekela, those who are serving in the Hospice need to see themselves as primarily serving the Lord and not only working for wages. We should put our hearts into it because we might be attending to our Lord Jesus Christ unknowingly. On the other hand, all patients on the sick bed should not see themselves diminishing in value. No, you are of value in the eyes of God. Because Jesus says that taking care of you is taking care Jesus Himself. Jesus is concerned about you on your sick bed, your life matters to Him, in a way that He sees Himself with you in your sickness, in your condition. From verse 37, the righteous take a turn to ask Jesus: when did we do this? This shows that these caregivers did not have a clue of what they were doing, it is obvious because they had never been exposed to this truth. Thankfully we have the full Scriptures before us so we know that as we listen to God's Word and take care of the needy, we are doing God's will.

A LIVING TESTIMONY

Recently we were very encouraged by a 12 year old child who arrived at Nakekela. And he let us know that he was one of our baby patients back in 2006. All those years ago he was found and treated by Hannes, Joke, Babette and Malaan.

It was wonderful for us to see that he is alive and doing well at school.



CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for people who can volunteer their expertise to Nakekela and may be considered as future board members. Currently we are looking for a:

- Human Resources advisor
- Government agencies – health and social department advisor
- Fundraising consultant
- Treasurer (accountant)
- Medical doctor
- Legal advisor

Please call the General Manager, Dorcas Mathibela at [+27 71 355 3531](tel:+27713553531), or email dorcasmathibela@gmail.com

“Oh Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help” Psalm 86:5

TEAM MEMBER FOCUS: INTRODUCING SISTER VERINA SITHOLE

If you visit Nakekela, you are guaranteed to meet an energetic and special woman, Sr. Verina, who is married to Lionel Sithole, the Pastor in Thokoza. Their church name is Sozo Christian Church she is pastoring the church together with him. They are blessed with three children, a son and two daughters who are married and have own different homes and their children.

Sr. Verina is a professional nurse who used to work for You-tens Province for many years. She worked at different clinics in Soweto until she retired at the age of 60 years, then volunteered at Sunrise for at more than two years and Ekhukhanyeni Old Age for one year. In 2014 she started to work at Nakekela.



Sr. Verina shares: “I am very happy to work at Nakekela. I believe that God brought me here. It was my prayer after I left the Ekukhanyeni Old Age that I would find work at a place where I can preach the gospel.” Here are some of her responsibilities: She is professional nurse who gives in patient care, Attends Family meetings with families of in- patients. The aim of these meetings is to build a good relationship between the patient and the family. In January 2017, she started a support group for children infected with HIV/AIDS by their parents at birth. Working together with the HBC team to find children in the community. She and Pinky Mokoena (Home Based Care Worker) attends Local School workshops which started May 2017 and good relationships between Nakekela and Schools established. We are doing HIV and STI’s awareness and to prevent teenage pregnancies. In these Local School workshops, we believe that teenage pregnancy will decrease and young people will learn more about HIV/AIDS and other sexual related sicknesses.



We had a very challenging year as we started the year with many deaths of patients and some of our staff members got sick other to a point that they cannot work any more as they became physically not fit to work. One of our Home-Based care worker is in hospital and lost her mother. Some of staff members were diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for our staff members to continue pressing on towards the mark of a high calling even in this difficult and trying time.

VISITORS



What a good day we had, visited by social workers from KwaMhlanga Department of Services, Vukuphile organization, Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) and teachers from the primary school next door who came to support our patients and shared stories to encourage us. The lady from TAC shared that they also train HBC in patients' rights, HIV/AIDS and other health related education. We exchanged contacts and hope to work together in future in reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS in our communities.

We were also blessed to have with us at the Centre Greet and Kees Kloosterman (the Sister of Joke and Joop Parre) from Zwolle, Holland.

Thank you for your kindness and the gift you brought to us.



STAFF TRAININGS



Some of our staff members attended the Managing Loss, Grief and continues training presented by Hilary MacLee from Mfesen Centre in Cape Town one of the members (SALT). See some photos



The staff has also had an opportunity to attend First Aid training for 5 days provided by the National First Aid Academy. It was a privilege for everyone since many of them never attended the training and some attended long time ago. We are very grateful for the training because it was necessary and relevant to the work we are doing. We have learned how to do CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and things that we should not do when practising it.



COMMUNITY TRAINING

What an energetic day we had on Thursday 16, 2017. AIDSLINK/CABSA training for the Youth is back in action! The Upbeat Youth Centre sent 27 youth members to attend the training at Thembaletu Centre. We hope that the training has opened the Channels of Hope to the attendees and to help fighting HIV/AIDS stigma in the community!



DONATIONS



All thanks to Masibambisane, Netherlands who provided us funds to enable us to buy excising equipment for our patients and Banners for Nakekela to help with presentations and training at churches as well as training of the youth



Be part of the work of 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



Grade 7 learners donated warm blankets to patients

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

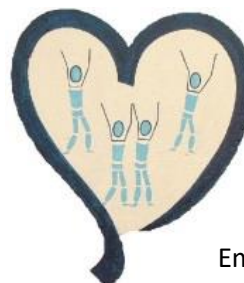


Vegetable garden seeds donation from the Department of Agriculture

STATISTICS TO DATE:

Admissions:	63
Discharge to Home:	16
Deaths:	26
Hospital:	8
HBC Field Patients:	192
HBC Field Visits:	1182

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