



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

#### MEDITATION

##### **A grass-roots approach is best**

Churches becoming aware of Christ's mandate to reach out to the needy and helpless often say, "Caring for the poor takes more money than we have!"

The ministry of mercy certainly can be carried out on a grand, costly scale. Yet churches can also carry out significant ministries of mercy without a cent from the church budget. For example, in one church a group of five people visited inmates weekly, wrote to them at a local prison, brought them monthly to their church's worship and helped released prisoners find housing and jobs. Another church began a highly successful adult literacy program, helping scores of functionally illiterate and poor adults to read. In another church a group of lay persons advertised a job-seekers' club; now they help unemployed persons find part-time jobs. In the first year of the program 130 persons found part-time work, and 15-20 received Christ! Such programs can work without any budgeted funds. Why? Because the key to mercy ministry is motivated by volunteers. Many church leaders try to impose ministries on the congregation from the top. They announce, "We are going to reach our neighbourhood. Come to the meeting tonight!"

This seldom works. Mercy ministries develop best from the grass-roots level in response to these five invitational questions:

- "What specific human hurt do you long to help with?" Ask people if God has put certain kinds of people on their hearts, such as unwed mothers, the elderly, families of retarded children and the blind.
- "What strengths or resources do you have which could meet this need?" Help people evaluate whether or not they have the maturity and strength for such a ministry.
- "Are there at least two or three others in the congregation who share your burden?" A member with vision and resources (perhaps a key contact) should say in public, "Those who would like to pray and study with me about how to reach out to the local home for mentally handicapped women are invited to my house after the service. Won't you join me?"
- "Is there presently an opportunity in our community for such a ministry?" Be sure significant needs exist which are not being met by any other sound church.
- "What are you willing to invest in this ministry?" Do the people really know what the ministry will require?

The results of these questions will be mission groups that reach out in word and deed. One responsibility of church leaders is to create a climate in which members are constantly encouraged to go into the world to serve in Christ's name. Where are your church's resources for mercy ministry? Stop looking in the budget; prepared hearts are what you need. Excerpts of an article by Timothy Keller

Would your church help and provide support to the Nakekela ministry?



*Healthy vegetables  
from our garden  
thanks to our gardeners  
Bheki Nyathi  
and Samuel Morofe*



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

## VISITORS



Above (on the left) we have a photo of Alieke Krijgsheld from Holland who did Nursing Education of ROC Menso Alting in 2011-2015 and finished her Bachelor of Nursing February 2018. She came to Nakekela and volunteered for a month as a nurse and had the opportunity to work in the field with our Home-Based Care workers in the community. Thank you for your visit and we pray God be with you as you continue to work for his glory. In this picture she is with Dorcas Mathibela, the General Manager at the general staff meeting to meet all staff members. And (on the right) she is with some of our out patients.



We are so grateful for the bag of donated medication, handmade bags and toys from Not Just Tourists in Ontario Canada kindly transported by John Kottelenburg and Heidi Pronk from Word and Deed. So thankful for the visit and support we got from Word and Deed. Praise God for his provision of hats for the in patients knitted by – women from Chilliwack HRC, received from Judy den Hertog.

### CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for people that can volunteer their expertise to Nakekela and may be considered as future board members. Some examples are:

- 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), [dorcasmathibela@gmail.com](mailto:dorcasmathibela@gmail.com)  
Thanks,

## Meet the New Enrolled Nurse

My name is Tinnie Menu born and I was raised in Ga-Rankuwa. I am the seventh of eight children. I am a single parent of a 26 years old son. I worked in a bank for 9 years. I then qualified as an Enrolled Nurse in 2013 and have been working part-time as a Locum Nurse for 5 years. I started to work at Nakekela full time on the 2 May 2018 as an Enrolled Nurse. I like working with sick people, to bring about change in people's lives and seeing a sick patient improving and going back home.



## Trainings



Some of our Staff members had the privilege of attending Fire Fighter training and doing practical's at Nakekela. Thanks to EO Metterdaad for providing funds to enable us to do this training with the staff.



Nakekela Support group had an opportunity to be trained by William representing African Honey Bee how to make sandwiches and sell them in order to generate income. With this you are able to make 100% profit. This will help our support group to start their own businesses.



*"We will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord." Psalm 78:4*

## DONATIONS AT NAKEKELA



Nakekela is so thankful to Shoprite Phola Mall for the voucher of R470 we received.



Nakekela is grateful for the donation of food we received from SPAR -Phola Mall



Thanks very much for slippers made and donated by Diane Arnoudse in Grand Rapids to keep our patients nice and warm this winter.

Nakekela received adult nappies as a donation from our out-patient family, unfortunately the patient passed away recently.



All thanks to EOM (EO Metterdaad) who provided funding for tiles. Thank God for all the renovations and building improvement which is going well.



## 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**

**This is our PBO Registration 930040184 should you require a receipt for tax purposes.**

### 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

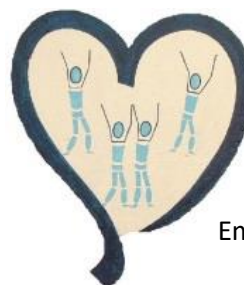


Children's support group at Nakekela

### STATISTICS JANUARY TO DATE:

Admissions:	66
Discharge to Home:	17
Deaths:	20
Hospital:	6
HBC Field Patients:	152
HBC Field Visits:	513

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