

Forward to 2011

22 November 2010

As we draw to the close of 2010, we look back on an extraordinary year. Not many South Africans will forget the year we donned our flags, blasted vuvuzelas and danced the 'waka waka'. It was a proud and patriotic year. And for the Love Trust the same feelings prevail.

On 11th November we hosted our first Nokuphila Thanksgiving Dinner. It was an event fully sponsored by Oakfield Farm and those of you who joined us will agree it was a lovely evening! It was here that we looked back on where we've come from and shared some highlights and our vision with you. To those of you who couldn't make it, we do hope you will join us next year and we hope this will be an annual event celebrating our donors and supporters.



It is remarkable to think that it was only July 2009, when Nokuphila Preschool was only a dream. By the grace of God it is now a reality and we look forward to starting our first Grade R class in 2011. As we grow our learner compliment will increase from 45 to 80 school going children in 2011. This has meant renovating buildings to accommodate our new learners, equipping these classrooms, employing additional teaching staff and securing quality training for existing staff in order to maintain our high standard.



We are forging ahead with our dream of creating a centre of learning for those who want to teach. We firmly believe in employing those from the greater Tembisa area as this will not only provide employment opportunities but role models for children in the community. Teachers touch so many lives and developing a training centre for those who want to teach provides a great opportunity to change lives. We have been incredibly fortunate to employ the services of Megan Helsby. Megan will be offering our teachers training in Early Childhood Development that is fully recognised by the Gauteng Department of Education, four afternoons per month. It is a fantastic opportunity and we are very excited to have her on board.

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The training offered next year will include two "Student Teachers" who will register with UNISA and spend 25 hours per week in practical training in the school. After 3-4 years they will graduate as qualified primary school teachers. Our plan is to not only teach and train learner teachers for Nokuphila School, but also become a teaching training centre serving the greater Tembisa community.

All of this requires funding and we need your help. While we approach as many possible sources of income we've found we have been most successful through introductions provided by those who already know us. Our most urgent need is a capital injection to cover the costs of the renovations, equipping the new classrooms and employing additional staff.

Most of our funding has been raised by individuals who have taken on the Love Trust as their own and championed our cause. We invite you to become champions of the Love Trust by introducing us to your friends and colleagues, by organising fundraisers and by simply telling others about us. We invite you to share our vision of developing a generation of servant leaders for Tembisa.

As we say goodbye to 2010, we are full of hopes and dreams for 2011. We thank you for joining us on the journey so far and we ask you to walk with us into the future. Have a wonderful Christmas, enjoy the holidays and we look forward to sharing 2011 with you!

