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MTHIMKHULU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

July

- 07 – 09: Life skills training for youth: healthy lifestyles
- 11 – Change agent leadership training workshop
- 18 – Madiba day celebrations
- 23 – Overstrand career day
- 31 – MCD Staff health and wellness day

August

- 4 – 7: Job preparedness training in Zwelihle
- 11 – 14: Life skills training youth: healthy life styles (Bettysbay)
- 15 – Change agent leadership training workshop
- 25 – 28: Peer group APD – Leadership training (phase 1)
- Woman's month
- 29 – MCD Staff health and wellness day

September

- 08 – 11: Basic cooking and entrepreneurship training (Kleinmond)
- 15 – 18 Job preparedness training (Hawston)
- 12 – Change agent leadership training
- 24 – Heritage day event
- 26 – MCD Staff health and wellness day

TRAINING FOR TRANSFORMATION

Introduction Courses

1. Papua Provincial Planning Agency, Papua, Indonesia (1-10 July)
2. CAFOD, Zimbabwe (21-25 September)

Super Trainers Think Well

Kleinmond, South Africa(01-14 September)

Tft Diploma Course 2016 – 17

Send your application form and motivational letter to tft@grailprogrammes.org.za till end July.

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Tft is about changing people's lives

By Nandipha Funda

My name is Nandipha Funda from South Africa Western Cape Province. I am working for Mthimkhulu Community Development as a skills coordinator, Life Skills facilitator and a community development worker.

I completed my Tft Diploma Course in 2008. For me, Tft is about changing people's lives. I now put the skills acquired by empowering communities in the Overberg and other rural areas in a just, sustainable and holistic way towards the benefit of all. In the trainings I run I use role plays, listening skills, mobilizing, campaigning and problem solving methods.

After the Tft Course I was nominated as the Chairperson of the housing committee. Getting houses for the underprivileged community from Overhills, Poppordorp and Proteadorp backyard dwellers was a big battle. The struggle to get a piece of land for houses took us more than 10 years accompanied by big protest march and petitions. At last 410 houses were built. Throughout the process, 24 bricklayers and painters that were trained by Mthimkhulu Community Development participated in building the new houses.

During this period I realized that the huge demand for houses made it very difficult for those who were not selected from the list. Friends and neighbors ended up accusing me of planning to sell the houses together with housing officials.

However, with regular communication and explanation of the criteria I overcame this challenge. Also the acknowledgement from house owners is unbelievable and very rewarding. From Tft I learnt participatory methodologies that enabled the community to participate actively and take responsibility of their own interests. Without people's engagement and support the whole project would have failed.

Once more I would like to thank the Tft facilitators for the skills I got; which weren't only relevant for the benefit of Kleinmond. I was recently interviewed about the solar system from the new houses and a book is about to be launched in Sweden. I hope all the information given will contribute to the people at large!

Thank you!!

Mthimkhulu Smartkids turns two

By Hazel Apollis

On Wednesday, 03 June 2015, the crèche – Mthimkhulu Smartkids – celebrated its second year of existence. Since the launch of the crèche in 2013, we had 52 children between the ages of 2 till 5 years from the Kleinmond community.

We initially (in 2013) had 3 qualified teachers in level 4 and 5 early childhood development, who volunteered their time and services to provide a stable learning environment for the children. This was due to limited funds, but as an organisation we saw the need for a crèche, and thus worked hard to address the need for a safe and educational environment for children between 2 and 5 years. During the 2 years of existence, Mthimkhulu Smartkids, has received enormous support from the Kleinmond community, in the form of donations for food, clothing, funds and general encouragement and emotional support.

Mthimkhulu Smartkids was registered with the Department of Social Development in 2014 and is now receiving funds from the department to provide the educational and nutritional needs of the children in our care during the day. The crèche has a



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management committee (7 members) consisting the children's parents and community members. We have regular parent meetings and interactions on a monthly basis and fundraising events are done quarterly. In December 2014, the 1st group of 6 children graduated from Mthimkhulu Smartkids and is now grade R learners at Kleinmond Primary.

The Mthimkhulu Community Development Programme would like to convey our sincere gratitude to the funders – The Department of Social Development, URCSA and the National Lottery board, sponsors, Kleinmond community members, the staff, committee members and board members of the Grail Centre Trust, for their contributions during the last 2 years. It is highly appreciated.

Special of 20% off rack rates for July & August at The Grail Centre



Come and experience some quality family time with our Special of 20% off rack rates for July & August. In our self-catering cottages, your family could be sitting by the fireside reading or playing board games if it's raining outside. When the sun shines, you can enjoy refreshing walks along the beach, or along mountain slopes or visiting the Stony Point Penguin Colony and the Harold Porter National Botanical Garden. We have wireless internet access – just in case you need to keep in touch with the world! To make your reservation call Leverage Coert 028 2713410 or email grailadm@mweb.co.za.

ABOUT US

The Grail Centre Trust is based in Kleinmond, Western Cape. This Not-for-Profit Organisation delivers two programmes, namely Training for Transformation and Mthimkhulu Community Development Programme. In addition, the Grail Centre Conference and Retreat Centre can accommodate groups of up to 50 people.

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