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It is a common sight walking through communities on a school day and seeing children not attending school. Due to the Hiv / Aids pandemic there are hundreds of child headed households with some children as young as 14 years old overseeing the needs of younger siblings. In other instances there are children taking care of their sick mother or grandmother, living in extreme poverty where they don't have money for shoes and school clothes and survival is more important the education.

ACTS is currently assisting FOUR feeding schemes in poverty stricken communities by donating food, equipment, clothes and vegetable tunnels. Currently there are over two thousand people being fed of which most are orphans or from poverty stricken families.



Left: Three children receiving their only meal for the day.

Right: Children playing in front of the Church after having eaten.



MARCH A MONTH OF GIVING !!! After a write up in the local Newspaper (The Fever) ACTS had numerous phone calls from individuals and companies wanting to help and support. We received second hand clothes, food, chips and cool drink. Families prepared

food for the orphans over the Easter Weekend and handed out Easter eggs much to the children's delight. Shoprite Checkers surprised them with lovely soup and fresh bread...



Left : Shoprite Checkers Soup kitchen handing out soup and fresh bread at Ezimangweni.

Right: Gugu and volunteers dishing up a meal at the Ezimangweni Soup Kitchen. They are now feeding the children three times a week!!



NB: OUR WEB SITE IS UP AND RUNNING

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Below: A vegetable tunnel was erected at the Nsimbini Information centre where spinach is grown and used for the soup kitchen. (The Vegetable Tunnel was donated by Amanzimtoti Rotary)



ACTS assisted the Home Base Care Workers to register with the Department of Health. This has given them access to free HBC kits on a monthly basis.



Left: Registered Home based Care Workers with some of the Medical Kits they receive from the Dept. Of Health. The kits consist of swabs, bandages, ointments, toiletries, disposable nappies, aprons, gloves and much more.



Right: One of the many sick children receiving medical attention from the Home Based care workers.

GRANNY OF 85 YEARS GETS A NEW

HOME

Can you imagine living in a dilapidated house with no glass in the windows, with rain pouring down between you and your visitor inside the house causing mud to splash up against everything you've got? These are the conditions our 85 year old granny had to live in with no one to take care of her or help her go to the bathroom. She was looking after herself as her daughter passed away a couple of months ago. ACTS managed to find a frail care facility, Sunset Lodge, for her to move into. She is now been taken good care of, eating three meals a day, enjoying a daily bath , sleeping in a dry bed and receiving medical care.



Right: 85 Year old granny **Left:** Another Granny living in similar conditions looking after six orphans on her pension. There are numerous problems accessing grants for orphans as many of them do not have birth certificates.

DAY- CARE FOR NSIMBINI - REALITY

One of the visions of ACTS is not only to feed the younger children but to enable them to have access to education. ACTS managed to facilitate six containers to suit the needs of a day care centre. Four of the containers have been modified to create two big classrooms that can assist twenty children in each class. One of the containers has been divided into girls and boys toilets and the other been utilised for office space and a kitchen.

The day-care centre started in January using the Church Hall while waiting for the grounds to be levelled and the containers to arrive. Much to the excitement of the children they were able to move into their classrooms at the beginning of March. Four VOLUNTEERS Elna, Dalene, Maryanne and Kateland joined the program to assist teachers in the daily running of the Day-Care Centre.

Left: Teachers, Acts staff and Dalene enjoying setting up a program.



Right: Dave Alcock and John Ferguson (Durban Rotary) admiring the containers donated by Durban Rotary **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOU SUPPORT!!!!!!**

