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A Centre That Serves

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It has arrived, 2010, the year we have all been talking about for the past few years. The busyness, planning, making arrangements, disagreements, fear and joy that's going on around hosting the world cup soccer. Yet, in midst of all the excitement about the world cup there are hundreds of children, orphans and disadvantaged people whose focus is on survival, where their next meal will come from, sick people needing someone to care for them or just pour them a glass of water to drink, school children needing school clothes and shoes and many many more needs.

We cannot turn our backs on the poverty hundreds of people living on our doorstep face daily and ACTS (A Centre That Serves) is committed to meet as many needs as possible during 2010.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

ACTS gave over 500 toys and one and a half tons of food to the Free Christian Church and the Nsimbini Information Centre for the children (mostly orphans) and disadvantaged families.

The toys and food were handed out on the 24th December and for many of the children it was the first time they had received a gift for Christmas.



Right: Wendy Immelman sharing the children's joy
Thank you for making this possible:-



Amanzimtoti Rotary

Ink Drop Arbour Crossing

Think Ink Tattoo

Ann Butler

Mark and Roxanne Shingleton from Child Evangelism Fellowship shared the Christmas story of Jesus with hundreds of children at the Free Christian Church and Nsimbini Information Centre.

Pictured Left: Mark and Roxanne playing outdoor games with some of the children



No more watering by hand:- A water irrigation system has been installed and this has enabled the community women to extend their vegetable garden. These vegetables are used in the soup kitchen, given to families without food and sold at a low price to maintain the garden. Thanks to Durban Rotary.



ACTS formed a partnership with the **Nsimbini Information Centre** in April 2009. A board of management was formed consisting of 9 members including Carol and Dumisani from ACTS. The Information Centre was registered as a NPO in November 2009. Together with the Information Centre, ACTS, Durban Rotary and Project Build submitted a proposal to Sibiya for funding to build the centre. The existing soup kitchen and Home Base Care Workers will operate from the centre. Currently they are working from a tiny municipal room. Through second hand clothes that were supplied to the Information Centre by ACTS, were sold and with the money they collected they bought a gas stove and a piece of land that the Centre will be built on.

The HBC workers consist of 30 voluntary women working with over 300

patients.

Voluntary women cook porridge in the morning and soup in the afternoon. This takes place three times a week. ACTS assists with donating food.

Left: Board of Management

Right: Looking at the land where the centre will be built



Some of the children the Nsimbini Information Centre enjoying a plate of food. Their first and meal of the day for many of them.



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DAY CARE CENTRE FOR THE FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ACTS together with Durban Rotary have sourced six modified containers that will be used for a Day Care Centre for the most vulnerable children. Many of these children are left to fend for themselves while parents are at work, sick or older siblings attend school. These children are often victims of physical or sexual abuse. The Bishop of the church has expressed the need for a day care centre since the partnership between ACTS and the church began in March 2009. The Day Care Centre will be completed in February 2010. Right: Youth from the community levelling the land for the Day Care Centre.



Five Home Based Care Workers with there new uniforms they purchased with the money they received from selling second hand clothing donated by ACTS. **ACTS staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends, family and sponsors a wonderful new year and our prayer is that together we will continue to improve the lives and future of people that do not have the opportunities and privileges that we have.**

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