



The Cradle of Hope

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Dear friends

First of all we wish to thank all our friends and sponsors for your continued support! Without your assistance it would not be possible for us to continue with our calling to assist so many less-fortunate persons. THANK YOU so much!

The past two months have been very busy and so much has happened. THE CRADLE OF HOPE has gone from strength to strength and we are so excited about the many doors that our Heavenly Father has opened for us. Every day is filled with blessings from Above. All the Glory to God!!

1) THE CRADLE OF HOPE and ANGELS AID join forces:

Three years ago, when we began assisting the people living in the Coronation Park squatter camp in Krugersdorp, we met ANGELS AID and specifically Justine Visser, their social services director, who at the time was

also assisting the residents of the camp. Our vision and our mission was very much the same, and we began supporting each other with assistance to less-fortunate families and communities.

Justine Visser from ANGELS AID has since qualified as a Life Coach, and she has become closely involved with assistance to the residents of THE CRADLE – HOUSE OF RESTORATION.

Melodie from THE CRADLE OF HOPE and Justine from ANGELS AID thus thought it good to join the two organizations into one larger one, thereby combining our resources and in turn being able to do so much more than before. Because ANGELS AID is the smaller one of the two, they will therefore be incorporated into THE CRADLE OF HOPE (the larger organization).

Due to this working relationship THE CRADLE OF HOPE will, in future, also be involved with assistance to the aged, specifically the less-fortunate persons living in the Van Riebeeck flats, the Pioneer flats, and the Jack Cotton flats in Krugersdorp. These underprivileged residents will also now be receiving a monthly food parcel from THE CRADLE OF HOPE.

We are very excited about this working relationship and we are privileged to welcome Justine and her team to the team at THE CRADLE OF HOPE, all people with "caring-hearts". God is Good!

2) Bobby van Jaarsveld supports THE CRADLE OF HOPE:

We wish to thank Bobby van Jaarsveld, well-loved Afrikaans singer, for his continued support to THE CRADLE OF HOPE. Bobby has been supporting us for almost 3 years now, and he has often fitted our needs and outreaches into his tight schedule.

Bobby visited us once again during September 2010, and brought with him all the therapists from the CENTURION ACADEMY. All the Coronation Park ladies and children had their hair cut and styled and the ladies received a manicure and a hand-massage. Make-up application lessons were also given. They brought along a mountain of food and clothing which was handed out to the residents.

Bobby, your wonderful caring nature has been such a blessing to us. We have gotten to know you as a young man of Faith, with your feet firmly on the ground, and a heart for the less-privileged amongst us. THANK YOU so much for your support! We are privileged to have you as a partner of THE CRADLE OF HOPE.

3) CORONATION PARK squatter camp:

- All is going well with our stimulation group for the 2-6 year old toddlers at the squatter camp. When we started the stimulation group two years ago, the little ones could absolutely not sit on a chair at a table – they did not know how. We had a couple of 4 year old toddlers that had never before seen their reflections in a mirror. Due to the intense poverty there were no mirrors. Today we are proud to announce that we have 3 year old toddlers that can count perfectly to 60. Sixteen children attend the pre-school every day. They learn about Jesus, build puzzles, play with educational toys and are becoming strong and smart. It is only through education that these children may stand a better chance when they start Grade 1. These children have to escape the circle of poverty that they were born into, and we are making a difference in their lives by teaching them that there is a better life and a future waiting for them! Praise God for this opportunity that these little ones are given!
- All is going well with the afterschool homework centre where the older children are assisted with school projects etc. We do not have the internet but magazines, some old encyclopedias and educational books are doing the trick.
- Our baby-stimulation group will now, that it is summer, once again go ahead full stream.
- Our feeding scheme is doing well and all the children (as well as the elderly) are receiving breakfast and lunch every day (7 days a week).
- With the help of donations we could purchase a neat vehicle (a combi) for R8 000-00 and this combi is used to transport the children and the elderly to and from school, the hospital etc. The combi needed a bit of attention but the clever men from the squatter camp soon sorted it out. THANK YOU so much to all that contributed to this worthy cause. The children have to walk to and from school every day, and we were able to purchase the vehicle just before the rainy season started.
- Our 3 stimulation group teachers were trained by Hanlie Mouton to identify potential learning problems amongst the children, and they were taught a series of exercises with which they will be able to assist the children. Thank you Hanlie for your time and assistance!

If you would like to learn more about THE CRADLE OF HOPE's outreach projects and assistance to specifically the Coronation Park squatter camp, please GOOGLE the following:

"Children of the homeless need help - Coronation park".

You can then watch a 6 minute video on YOUTUBE. If you would like to become involved please phone our offices on (011) 660-4623 or Melodie on 082 459 5747.

BANKING DETAILS:

The Cradle of Hope (Assist A Child), First National Bank, Key West Branch 256955, Acc number: 6219 699 4498, Swift Code: FIRNZAJJ.

Should you require a tax certificate, please fax the deposit slip, including your contact details, to 086 528 9917.

4) THE CRADLE – HOUSE OF RESTORATION:

All is great at our house for less-fortunate and abused mummies and children. We are full at the moment, and we receive requests daily from mummies and young girls desperately needing help. We are currently in communications with ABSA regarding acquiring two nearby houses as well. We trust that it is God's will that these houses will be made available to THE CRADLE OF HOPE for our assistance to less-fortunate and abused mummies and children. The need becomes overwhelming at times and we continually struggle to find the time, money and other resources that we require to enable us to reach out to the less-fortunate. Every day is filled with challenges, but God is Faithfull. Through this house it is possible for us to show people God's Light and Love and never ending Grace!

Our mummies and young girls make creative items, jewellery, fabric painting, sewing, knitting etc. On Saturdays we have acquired a stall at THE LEMON TREE ORGANIC MARKET where these products are then sold, thus enabling them to earn their own money. The making of these items are also therapeutic. We also wish to thank Jackie, our "skills developer" for training these ladies and assisting them in finding their God-given talents.

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5) POMFRET outreaches:

Zac and Huibie Grobler from THE CRADLE OF HOPE have just returned from a very successful outreach (monthly) to POMFRET. THE CRADLE OF HOPE supports the POMFRET orphanage, and the nursery school for 100 of the less-fortunate children.

THE CRADLE OF HOPE has now equipped a community centre in POMFRET, at the nursery school, from where food, clothing, basic medical assistance and other necessary support is given to the surrounding community.

If you would like to get involved, or wish to join our next outreach during November 2010, please contact Zac on 073 814 2288.

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6) ROCCI finalists:

We, THE CRADLE OF HOPE, are finalists in the ROCCI (ROODEPOORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY) awards for 2010. The gala-prize-giving will take place at the Silverstar Casino on Saturday evening 20 November 2010.

The categories in which we are finalists are:

- i) THE CRADLE OF HOPE is a finalist in the category "Community Support Organisation" for 2010.
- ii) Melodie is a finalist in the category "Lady ROCCI Community Services Champion" for 2010.

Thank you once again to all our wonderful sponsors for all your prayers and support! You make our work FUN!!

CRADLE love and blessings

Melodie

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Isaiah 45:3

"I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name."

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