



The Cradle of Hope

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Dear friends

1) VISIT TO THE DENTIST:

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Illanah Smit and her team of assistants from OUTSURANCE. Illanah heard about the Coronation Park Tent Village in Krugersdorp and wanted to help in some way. She and her OUTSURANCE team arranged a visit to the dentist during the July school break for 28 children. We would also like extend a huge thank you to Dr. Martin Vorster of the Groenkloof Forum who handled the children with love and compassion. Many of these children had never visited a dentist before and were rather scared. Dr Vorster and his assistant, Tersia Stols, as well as the OUTSURANCE team, however ensured that each child was put at ease and kept busy with reading stories and playing games. The outing therefore turned into an exciting experience for the children, one that they would never forget.

Thank you, too, ZAFFERANO COFFEE SHOP, who gave the children plenty to eat and drink, as well as TRIO HAIR DESIGN who cut and treated many of the children's hair free of charge.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this a wonderful day for the children – we truly appreciate your wonderful assistance!

Please look at the photo's of this event on the website:

<http://www.outsurance.co.za/helpingsaout/> **Project number 40**

2) "POMFRET" OUTREACH:

In July this year our Executive Chairman, Zac Grobler, and his wife, Huibrecht, drove our CRADLE truck, fully loaded with food, clothes, mealiemeel, furniture, kitchenware, etc. about 600 km to POMFRET in the Northwest Province. Approximately 300 children, most of whom are orphaned, currently live there under the most dreadful circumstances and the poverty is overpowering. The nearest sizable town is 200km away. There are no job opportunities and most of the fathers have relocated to the larger towns and cities to try and earn an income. The mothers and children are therefore left behind to fend for themselves.

We thank all those who supported this outreach project and gave donations. We would not have been able to reach out to these destitute and needy mothers and children without your unselfish assistance. Thank you all very, very much!

3) CORONATION PARK STIMULATION GROUP FOR TODDLERS:

We are proud to announce that all is going very well with **THE CRADLE OF HOPE's** stimulation group at the Coronation Park tent village. We especially wish to say a very big THANK YOU to Aunty Elmarie Naudé who drives through every Tuesday morning, all the way from Pretoria, to come and keep a watchful eye on the Educational programme. Thank you very much, Aunty Elmarie, for your perseverance, your support and your assistance. We truly appreciate your unselfishness and pray that God will bless you for this wonderful gesture. Thank you for all the love and care that you give to the children of the tent village.

Two of the mothers who live in the tent village, Aunty Ronel and Aunty Marinda, also regularly do the 09h30 to 12h00 shift at the "school". **THE CRADLE OF HOPE** pays them a small stipend for their contribution and this helps them to care for their families.

THE CRADLE OF HOPE ensures that all the children of the tent village receive two meals every day. Every morning at 06h00 they are given a bowl of porridge before going to school and in the afternoon, when they return, they receive a sandwich with a tasty filling or spread, or sometimes a cooked meal.

We have listed the daily requirements to feed these children on our webpage. We are totally dependent on donations and hereby appeal to you to help us make a difference in their lives. We also need to enrol 4 of these children in next year's Grade R pre-school class, but do not have the funds to pay for their school fees. If you feel you would like to sponsor a child please call Melodie on her cell, 084 990 1156.

ALL CASH DONATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT CAN BE PAID INTO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT:

THE CRADLE OF HOPE – "ASSIST A CHILD" Project

First National Bank

Keywest Branch: 256955

Account number: 6219 699 4498

Should you require a tax certificate, please fax your deposit slip to (011) 955-5112

4) THE CRADLE – HOUSE OF RESTORATION:

Our project is progressing well and we are very excited that this house will truly become a beacon on the West Rand for women and their children as well as young teenage girls. We have already identified a few mothers whom we would truly like to accommodate in the house before Christmas 2009. We purchased this house in absolute good faith, and now urgently require funds to complete the alterations and renovations required to accommodate these women and their children. If anyone can help us out financially, or otherwise, we would be extremely grateful.

We purchased the property at R620,000-00 and had to pay out a further R42, 000-00 for electrical work to obtain the Certificate of Compliance required for the registration of the property. The alterations and renovations will cost us approximately R300,000-00. Certain laws and regulations have to be met, and unfortunately these changes will also require funds. We also have to pay the house off monthly.

Please visit our website's "Projects" page on <http://thecradleofhope.org> for more information on this project. If anyone wishes to view the house, please feel free to contact Melodie on 084 990 1156 to make the necessary arrangements. Should you wish to become involved with our **"ADOPT A ROOM"** project, you can also contact Melodie.

ALL CASH DONATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT CAN BE PAID INTO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT:

BANKING DETAILS:

THE CRADLE OF HOPE – “HOUSE OF RESTORATION” Project

First National Bank

Krugersdorp Branch : 250241

Account number: 6218 0352 628

Should you require a tax certificate, please fax your deposit slip to (011) 955-5112

Thank you all very much for enabling us to assist underprivileged people. It is an enormous task to fulfil and it can only be done with your involvement. Even though we cry bitter tears at times, it remains a wonderful task. Thank you, we really appreciate your contributions and assistance.

PROVERBS 3:27-28

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. Do not say to your neighbour “Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it”, when you have it with you.”

Cradle love and blessings

Melodie and Petra

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