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"THE NEW BEGINNING"

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

31 October 2008

Dear friends,

Although this e-mail is rather lengthy, it is extremely important. So much has happened since my first e-mail regarding the Coronation Caravan Park in Krugersdorp appeared six months ago.

Due to the fact that we share the same vision, I have joined forces with **The Cradle of Hope**, a Section 21 Company, registered as an NPO organisation with tax exemption in accordance with Sections 10, 18 and 30 of the Income Tax Act. For further information, please visit our website <http://thecradleofhope.org>

Melodie and I met about two weeks after my first e-mail was sent and we have been working together at the park as well as similar shelters and working communes ever since. As we are involved on a daily basis we have become more and more aware of the conditions that the children are exposed to. Unfortunately these children are trapped by their circumstances with little or no chance of change.

The past six months have been extremely difficult and busy in many ways. We never expected the amazing, unselfish and loving response which we have received from our nation as well as from people overseas, most of whom have never been to South Africa. As a result we were totally unprepared.

Due to the overwhelming response, my sincerest apologies if I was unable to reply to your telephone call, sms or e-mail. At one stage we were working 7 days a week for weeks on end, with very little sleep.

This project has enabled us to provide beds for those who slept on the floor, as well as better, or even new tents to replace the very dilapidated ones. We also received wooden zozo huts which were given firstly to the aged and thereafter to mothers with babies.

Our sincere thanks to Juanita du Plessis, Kurt Darren, Bobby van Jaarsveld, Sheri and Theuns Jordaan who donated 8 zozo huts, as well as to Bobby van Jaarsveldt and Jaco Barnard who donated another 3 huts. 8 caravans were also donated and were utilised to provide better housing

for families with more than one child. Pastor Jakes Joubert founded a church in a red and white tent at the entrance to the park. Another hut was donated and is being utilised as a first aid room for casualties and dispensing of basic medication. The Rotarians also donated a hut which will be equipped as a library. Large quantities of clothing, blankets and food were also donated. Our Heavenly Father has been very faithful. We also received a large wooden hut which will serve as a playroom in the mornings and an after care centre in the afternoons.

When I first visited the park in March, I envisaged a doll house for the children and we received so much more. The children are also attending Judo classes and are eagerly awaiting the next lesson.

The project also enabled us to provide other shelters and soup kitchens with food and clothing. We became even more aware of the extreme poverty in this country after visiting Solidarity's "Helping Hand" as well as De Kat's project to alleviate poverty. There are large numbers of children living in these camps and shelters who have little or no chance of better living conditions.

We felt a pressing need to ensure that these children receive a proper education as well as psychological and medical assistance. There are no medical aid facilities available and government hospitals are definitely a last resort. I don't think I need to elaborate! This made us think about a broken circle!!!! The family circle can only be repaired by starting with the children and our efforts will therefore be concentrated on the children in the future. We will also be paying special attention to the senior citizens who most certainly never intended retiring in a camp or shelter and whose children very rarely, if ever, come to visit them.

We have met some incredible people!!! Donors who have become friends and have enriched our lives with their unselfish assistance.

Donors, patrons and caregivers were often disillusioned when attempting to assist at Coronation Park and many withdrew after a short time. It appears to be the easy way out, which I have been tempted to follow on numerous occasions, but the end result would be that the children would be raised in these awful conditions. It is our responsibility to invest in their lives. **We cannot just walk away!!!** These children are a gift of God who are desperate for any help we can give. They have little interest in material things, but long for somebody to really care, love and hug them and even exercise discipline. 90% of these children are in special classes at special schools. To date there has been very little, if any pre-school education. It is therefore a struggle for each child once they start school. They are usually referred to special classes, followed by special schools, even though they have a lot of potential. Each child is very special with hidden talents. Most of them have struggled and been hurt at some stage in their lives. Some have only been to the movies twice in their lives at 15 years of age!!! Holidays are spent in the camp with no special attention!!!

These visions are very exciting but unfortunately cannot be achieved without financial assistance. The number of donations are diminishing, which is to be expected over a prolonged period of time. I wish to stress that we will assist all children living in similar circumstances, not only those at Coronation Park. We have decided to institute a debit order facility as a result of numerous requests from prospective donors.

If you would like to make a financial contribution, it would be greatly appreciated if you would sign a monthly debit order authorisation for our project "Assist a Child" specifically for the upliftment of the children (as well as single mothers with children), and the provision of training and medical care. **A debit order authorisation form is attached hereto, or can be**

downloaded from our website <http://thecradleofhope.org>
under the “Documents” tab.

No amount is too small and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Donation certificates will be issued to all our donors at the end of the financial year. These certificates can be submitted to SARS with the annual tax return in order to claim a rebate.

Should you prefer not to sign a debit order, but rather donate on an ad hoc basis to the “Assist a Child” project, deposits can be made into the following account :

Account Name : The Cradle of Hope No. 2 account
Bank : First National Bank
Branch : 256955
Account Number : 6219-699-4498

If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, please send an e-mail to admin@thecradleofhope.org and we will remove your details from our database. We will be issuing a newsletter on a monthly basis keeping you updated on any activities and progress on various projects.

Our sincere thanks for your love, support and willing involvement.

Yours truly,

PETRA SWIEGERS

My new contact details are :

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DEBIT ORDER AUTHORISATION

Donors who would like to contribute to "The Cradle of Hope" can complete this form and send it to :

Fax : 086-528-9924 OR
E-mail : amanda@thecradleofhope.org

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

Surname :		Christian Names :	
Initials :	Title :	Sex (M/F) :	
Id Number :			
Postal Address :			
		Postal Code :	
Telephone :	Home :	Work :	
Cellphone : :		E-mail :	

DEBIT ORDER AUTHORISATION

Monthly contribution :

I, the undersigned, hereby authorise my bank, as stated below, to deduct an amount of R _____ monthly on the

30th 7th

day of every month from the undermentioned account :

BANK PARTICULARS FOR COLLECTION OF FUNDS

Bank :	
Account Name :	
Account Numer :	
Branch Code :	
Branch Name :	
Type of Account :	

SIGNATURE

DATE

BANK AUTHORISATION

I/we hereby request and authorise you/your authorised agent, to debit my/our account at the nominated bank (or any other bank/branch to which I/we may transfer my/our account) with the amount as indicated above. All such withdrawals from my/our bank account shall be deemed as having been signed by me/us personally. This authorisation will remain in force until such time as I/we have given "The Cradle of Hope" one month's written notice of cancellation.