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Dear friends

Thank you to everyone who contacted us as a result of our previous newsletter. We apologise if we have not yet contacted you but will do so as soon as possible. We have been extremely busy getting all our systems and structures in order over the past two months, so that things can run smoothly in the future.

1) “THE CRADLE OF HOPE OFFICES”

As it became increasingly difficult to work from home, we decided to look for alternative premises. We would like to thank Mark and Frieda for allowing us to rent their garden flat at a greatly reduced rate. Our new address with effect from 1 March 2009 will be 62 Shannon Road, Noordheuwel, Krugersdorp. All future donations can be delivered directly to our new offices. Please phone beforehand in order that we can arrange to meet you.

2) “FINANCIAL DONATIONS”

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all our sponsors for their assistance with our various projects. It would be impossible for us to make a life-changing difference in so many people’s lives without your continued

financial support.

For the information of our current / future donors, we wish to bring the following to your attention:

- a) We are a registered non-profit company, with SARS tax exemption.
- b) We have been granted SARS approval to issue donation certificates to all our donors.
- c) **A Maximum donation of up to 10% per year for individuals, companies, close corporations and trusts may be claimed as a tax deduction, providing you are in possession of a valid donation certificate.**
Should you therefore have a taxable income of R100 000-00 for the tax year, a maximum deductible donation of R10 000-00 (10%) can be made, of which between R1 800-00 to R4 000-00 (18% - 40%) can be claimed back from SARS.
- d) The current tax year for individuals closes on **28 February 2009**. Should you wish to receive an immediate benefit, your donation has to reach us **on or before 28 February 2009**.

Should you be interested in supporting us, please contact us urgently with your personal details as well as the proof of your donation made to us for the period of 1 March 2008 to 28 February 2009, in order that we can issue a donation certificate.

For all enquiries regarding the donations and the tax certificates please phone us between 09h00 and 12h00 during weekdays on **082 459 5747** or send an e-mail to our Financial Director at albertus@thecradleofhope.org

3) "BEE STATUS AND VERIFICATION BENEFITS"

As our company meets all the criteria any company making a donation to us can score points on the **"BEE SCORE CARD"**.

As you are probably aware, if you have your own business, or should you be working for a Company or a CC that wishes to be **BEE** accredited, a category exists where a Company can score up to 25 points by becoming involved in community projects. Depending on which business sector your company is in, and which **BEE** status your Company wishes to achieve, a number of points can be scored by making donations to various organisations, such as our own, **THE CRADLE OF HOPE**.

It is important to remember that should your business already have made a donation to us, or should you be planning a donation, this could minimise

your tax liability, and also help your business with its current **BEE** accreditation.

Please send an e-mail to our Financial Director at albertus@thecradleofhope.org should you require any further information, or speak to your own **BEE** advisor.

4) "CORONATION PARK STIMULATION GROUP"

It has taken some time to get this project off the ground due to various logistical problems, but things are now rapidly falling into place. Thank you so much to everyone who contacted us, and who are willing to become involved with the upliftment of these toddlers. Thank you to everyone who has donated towards this project. We sincerely appreciate your assistance. We are very excited about this project, and will report back to you in a future newsletter.

On **Saturday 21 March 2009** we will be hard at work preparing our "stimulation room" as well as working in the garden, painting the wooden house, fixing and painting the climbing equipment and numerous other improvements. Thank you so much to Elmarie, Juanita and Corine who are busy with the arrangements. We would greatly appreciate your assistance on this day. Please feel free to join us. It would be great meeting you.

5) "TRAGEDY AT CORONATION TENT VILLAGE"

As many of you are probably aware, a terrible tragedy struck the tent village on Saturday 14 February 2009. Shortly after 20h00 Emmie (27) was sitting on her bed watching TV when a large bluegum tree fell over onto Gerrie and Emmie's wooden hut. Unfortunately Emmie passed away. We are very grateful that no-one else was injured. Emmie's daughter, Vanessa (8), will be living with her Oupa Jan and Ouma Santie in future. They also reside in the Coronation Park tent village.

We wish to thank everyone who became involved through prayer, donations of money for the funeral and other expenses, other donations, funeral arrangements, flowers etc. Thank you to each and everyone who visited the tent village to extend their condolences, give a hug, supply food etc. Emmie was laid to rest on Thursday 19 February 2009 in the Wespark cemetery. Thank you to Pastor Jakes Joubert who conducted the service, as well as for all his assistance with the logistical arrangement re the funeral.

We wish to thank everybody for your love, assistance, support and interest in our projects. We are planning **HUGE** projects for the near future. Without your help it would be impossible to do God's bidding. We are extremely excited about a **very large project** that is currently in the planning phase, which will be discussed in a future newsletter. And then of course, all the praise goes to our Heavenly Father. **Our God is always loyal!!!!**

Our promise from GOD, as given to Melodie on 19 November 2006, is:

Isaiah 45:2,3

"I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. 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."

CRADLE BLESSINGS

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