



Zithulele village from the air

Jabulani is a non-profit organisation providing support to Zithulele Hospital and community, in a very rural part of the Wild Coast of South Africa.

Change is afoot!

After spending a year volunteering for Jabulani, Becky Chappell has returned to the UK with her husband Simon, who worked as a doctor at the hospital. A former lawyer and journalist, Becky was new to NGO work when she arrived at Zithulele in January 2008, "I learnt the basics of community development, project management and administering the Foundation as I went along, mostly by pestering the ever-tolerant Jabulani team and other local volunteers for advice," she said, "but I've found that after a year here, there's still so much to discover and there's often no 'right' way of doing things."

"I've really enjoyed playing a part in both the Foundation and the broader community."

At the beginning of the year I never thought I'd be attending a community meeting, let alone speaking out at one. I've also loved getting to know people on an individual level – especially the fantastic Jabulani Sewing Ladies!"

Becky and Simon raised R3135 for the Foundation in December, holding a 'Jabulani Jumble Sale' of all their unwanted possessions they accumulated over the year, from cutlery to curtains! We wish them all the best for the future.

Meanwhile, we look forward to welcoming our new project coordinator Peter Grant. Also from the UK, he'll be arriving this month with his partner Kim, who will take up a post as a doctor at the hospital. Peter, who has been working as a policy advisor for the British Government, says, "I am looking forward to a

complete change and to doing something a bit more real and community based. Jabulani sounds like a perfect fit! Kim and I have been looking for an adventure and as soon as we came across Zithulele it sounded great. We are excited to experience the culture and learn some isiXhosa."



Becky and friends

For more information on Jabulani and Zithulele, visit the following web-sites

- www.jabulanifoundation.org
- www.zithulele.org
- www.zithulelehospital.blogspot.com

How you can get involved

Become a Friend of Zithulele

If you would like to support the work of Jabulani, you could consider becoming a "Friend of Zithulele". By committing to a regular monetary donation, you would assist us in planning projects and budgeting appropriately. For more information, visit the Jabulani web-site.

Tell your friends about us

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone whom you think may be interested in our work.

Pray for us and our community

Great Expectations



One of the huts before renovation...

Great progress has been made on the renovation of the Waiting Mother's Accommodation. All going well, pregnant ladies will be able to start using this facility by the end of March 2009. It will be a far safer place to await labour than a remote homestead!



...and after



A potential pre-schooler

Lifelong learning

In 2003, the local Zithulele pre-school was closed due to mismanagement and lack of funds. This is something that the community would dearly love to see re-established and Jabulani is partnering them in working towards this aim.

Progress is being made and an exciting recent development, following a round of interviews, was the appointment of a teacher – Tandeka Xhakaza. In fact, Tandeka was a teacher at the preschool before it closed down. She is

well-qualified and has plenty of experience. She is a mature, vibrant woman with a passion for early childhood development and a desire to learn more.



Closely linked to this project is Jabulani’s teacher training initiative. Jabulani is awaiting approval to facilitate the train-

ing of 20 teachers from the surrounding preschools in early childhood development..

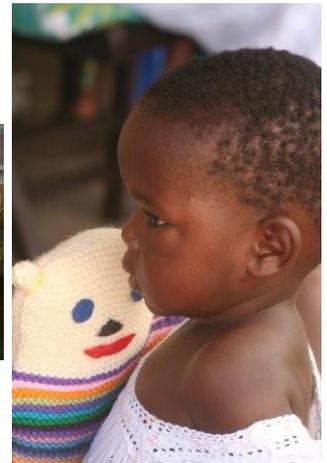
This exciting project still needs further funding. Funds are needed for the renovation and equipment, for Tandeka’s salary, and for the children’s meals that the preschool hopes to provide on a daily basis.

A number of children in the village, and in the paediatric ward, were the very excited recipients of their very own teddy bears over the Christmas period.

These had been donated by the Mowbray Presbyterian Church Friendship Group and by an American sewing group called Circle of Friends, who have also sent dolls and patchwork quilts.

The pictures tell the real story.

A teddy bears’ picnic



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A panoramic view of the coast near Zithulele