

School's in for Zithulele Pre-school

The new Zithulele Pre-school opened on 15 April with 6 keen, but shy 4-5 year olds. By the time of writing we have 19 children, even more keen and not quite as shy! Teacher Thandeka Xhakaza has an amazing way with the children and is always smiling.

In record timing we transformed a fairly grotty rondavel (round house) into a functioning school with all the basics. We have been spoilt with a qualified builder, Bryan Wall, doing the renovations for free (see below). Bryan



Before: dark and dingy

worked with a team from the community to renovate the building, fixing the roof and putting in windows, door and tiles. It was a heroic effort against the clock to open after the Easter holidays but we made it.

Meanwhile Thandeka was nearby at Mdumbi shadowing the teachers at their fantastic pre-school. Huge thanks go to Kathryn Nurse and her team who gave us lots of guidance and access to materials. Biblionef South Africa supplied us with a wonderful array of free story books in English and isiXhosa.

To add to this great team effort, shortly after opening we had a visit from



After: Thandeka Teacher claps a rhythm on a bright, opening day

Jenny Masterson, a font of knowledge on pre-school education. Jenny is full of ideas and worked well with Thandeka. So we are on our way!

We are not finished yet, though. We need to fund

a desk for Thandeka as well as storage for teacher materials. We also need to source funds for her wage and the children's snacks and lunch. Watch this space to see how the pre-school develops.

Any volunteers? Changes at the Foundation

It is all change at the Foundation as Peter Grant has taken over as Project Coordinator where Becky Chappell left off.



Pete has hit the ground running. He is putting his many skills to good use and with so much energy! The learning curve is steep: "I am impressed at how professional the set-up is at the Foundation. The other thing that strikes me is the overwhelming number of people out there who devote their time supporting good causes."

Builder Bryan Wall arrived in March and was imme-

diately put to work on the pre-school (see above article). Now that is finished, but he is not allowed a rest (despite the picture!). He is already working on renovating some buildings to provide volunteer accommodation.



Special thanks go to the Financial Controller in Chief and stand-in-when-

there-are-no-volunteers, Leesa. Leesa just gave birth to a baby boy called Sam and was organizing Jabulani Finances, pretty much right up to delivery.

There are still opportunities for volunteers to come and lead our projects. We are looking for enthusiastic, flexible people to come for anything from 2 months upwards and drive forward individual projects.

If you are interested, please take a look at the website at jabulanifoundation.org and get in touch at jabulanifoundation@gmail.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 website.

Tell your friends about us

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

Ngcwanguba Clinic's new addition

Ngcwanguba clinic (one of Zithulele's peripheral clinics) has recently gained much needed extra space thanks to the generous



donation of a large, pre-fabricated building by Fab-

ricated Steel Manufacturing Company.

Although the unit is already proving useful as a consultation area for therapy outreach as well as the newly appointed clinic doctor, its major impact has been on the Ngcwanguba

ARV service. Previously, 2 nurses and a doctor would

see patients in the same tiny room and the ever-expanding support group was held outside (cramped into a small tent on rainy days).



With the new unit, there is room for support group

inside, separate consulting rooms for the doctors and nurses and a space for storage and dispensing of medication. Patients no longer have to queue outside.

Delivery and assembly of the new unit was pretty tricky after a spate of very wet weather. In fact, the unit had to stand in 2 halves for weeks until it was dry enough for the experts to return and put it together!

The waiting... is over

The Waiting Mothers Accommodation (mentioned in November's newsletter) is now ready to open. We now have a great half way house for pregnant women to stay in prior to giving birth, right next to the hospital.

Dr Ben Gaunt said, "In a world where transport to the hospital is a huge problem, this new facility makes home births with complications an avoidable phenomenon. With this new facility, we



can reduce the numbers of pregnant women who are delayed in presenting

to the hospital".

The finished product includes two spacious rondavels, a fully functioning communal kitchen and a new toilet and shower! Look out for the grand opening ceremony in June.

Great thanks go to Breadline who provided the funds for the renovation and the Rhodes Scholars who provided further funds.

Wide awake youngsters - ARV alarm clocks

The year 3 class (7-8yr olds) at St Paul's Primary School in Hammersmith, London have raised 90 pounds to buy alarm clocks for the Zithulele ARV patients. Says Ms Masterson, their teacher: 'We have been learning about dif-



ferent places around the world and try to raise money for organisations with which we have links. I want the kids to be more aware of people's needs and to think of simple ways to raise money. This time we decided to collect coppers.'

ARV patients are required to take their medication twice a day at exactly the same time each day. Most of the Zithulele patients have no reliable way of telling the time at all. Money raised through the Jabulani Foundation helps to heavily subsidise alarm clocks for these patients, enabling them to take their life saving medication properly.

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- Rhodes Scholars
- Clevedon Family Church
- St Paul's Primary School Grade 3



A big thank you to this enthusiastic bunch who charmed us during a Skype linked interview with some impressive gumboot dancing!