



January 2011 Newsletter

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ikhaya Wins Favourite Charity Competition

Local Bed and Breakfast owner, Paul Hermann, thought he was doing a small thing when he nominated iKhaya le themba in the Multichoice – Nominate Your Favourite Charity competition. But only a few weeks later that SMS won iKhaya le themba After School Care R50 000! The cheque was presented during a wonderful children's Christmas party hosted by Multichoice.

When asked why he entered the competition Paul said, "My children go to Hout Bay International School. They have volunteered at iKhaya le themba as part of the school's Community Service program. When I saw the competition in the school newsletter, it was a no-brainer!" Whilst some enthusiastic iKhaya supporters entered a dozen times or more, Paul only sent one SMS much to the surprise of the Multichoice representatives.

ikhaya staff said "God loves iKhaya. That is why we have won!"

The surprise donation has come at just the right time with Stage 2 of our building project beginning this week. Even though we've only raised 1/5th of the funding needed, our builder is full of faith and says that the money will follow him!

Please note - Change of Details

New e-mail contact: ikhayailethemba@gmail.com

New South African bank account details:

Account Name: Ikhayailethemba Project

Name of Bank: First National Bank

Branch Code: 204009

Bank Account Number: 62267677395

Bank Address: Hout Bay

Cheque Account



Our PAYPAL account is active. You can now donate via our website using your credit card.

Thembisile's Story



Thembisile is 13 years old and about to start Grade 6. He loves to sing and act and speaks English very well. When he grows up, he would like to be a pastor. He knows he will have to study hard and be a kind and gentle person. He is already working hard on being kind.

Life hasn't been kind to Thembisile though. His father is in jail and he misses him very much. He lives with his grandmother and sometimes his mother. They are often without money or food and struggle to get by day to day.

Thembisile also has an intellectual disability. Through the hard work of iKhaya staff, we were able to get him an educational assessment and referral to a school with a special education unit. Struggling in a mainstream school has been painful for Thembisile who is often teased due to his different abilities.

Thembisile looked forward to starting at his new school this year, knowing that his particular needs would be cared for and that his skills would be celebrated. He was very sad to find that there was no room for him on the small school bus and no other way for him to reach his new school, 30 mins away along an expensive toll road.

We are looking for a big hearted donor to sponsor fees at a private school that is accessible by public transport from Hout Bay. The cost is R3700/month. Please help us to help Thembisile!



We welcome to our team Sytske Peterson who is self funded from the Netherlands to work with us full time. Sytske brings a wealth of experience in pastoral care and working with children. We already love her!

We are also blessed this term with wonderful long term volunteers, people who creep into our hearts and leave special pieces of themselves behind when they go. Julia Koenig, a teacher from Germany is with us for a year and has already linked us with a wonderful drum teacher and found sponsors to pay for lessons for the children.

Thank you to everyone who bought or sold the stunning iKhaya calendars, especially to my mum who single handedly sold 60 calendars and dished out a further 20 via iKhaya friends in Australia. I love you mum!

Katherine.



If you would like to sponsor a child, make a donation or if you have an idea for a fundraising event, please contact Katherine by e-mail at ikhayaalthemba@gmail.com or go to our website for your local banking details at www.ikhayaalthemba.com