

eagles news

rising to a new way of living

Pressing on ...

Dear Friends

At the beginning of 2008 I felt impressed by the Lord that He was calling us to a new level of faith; to a new place of trusting Him for the miraculous. Now, with nations in turmoil due to the economic slump, we understand why He was calling us to this exciting new level of faith in Him.

We are experiencing the miraculous. Koekie has on occasion seen food multiplying while dishing up. We are seeing faster growth in the students –

His word is running swiftly, as I wrote in our first newsletter of this year. Our hearts rejoice in our faithful God!

I pray that you will experience His faithfulness daily in every aspect of your life. Thank you for being our friend and for joining hands with us to see the young generation rise to a new way of living.

Warmest regards,



Computer breakthrough!

You may remember how Rotary arranged for us to benefit from the ticket sales of a play presented by a local dramatic society? With one Rotary branch challenging another, the amount of money raised increased substantially. So much so, that we are now the very proud owners of a brand new computer centre, complete with 20 brand new machines, a printer and a painted and paneled container to have class in!

Well done to Chris van der Leij and his team who have made such a generous deposit into the futures of our nation's youth. Thank you so much!

A big thanks also goes to oom Ben Visser who installed the shelving in the container.



Small business development

Our students have received training in small business development. We have also decided to use the infrastructure on the farm to help them start small vegetable gardening businesses, the profit of which is for their own pocket. This happens under oom Bill's watchful farmer's eyes. Lusapho and Elvis were the first to proudly harvest their first radishes. They promptly rushed to the office to ask Mimi to keep their first earnings in the safe!

Eagles Rising will purchase their vegetables – or at least as much as we need in the kitchen. The rest will be sold to markets close by. We hope to help students generate income in this way, and to motivate them to use the knowledge they acquire to start businesses after they graduate from Eagles Rising.

Library

Through the generous donations of friends over the years, we have accumulated quite a lot of books. Annemie's mom, aunty Eulalie has been kind enough to help us organise the books and to help get the library up and running. It is much easier now to help students cultivate a culture of reading. If you have any quality magazines (Christian magazines, or titles like Getaway, Time or National Geographic) or good reads, feel free to pass them along!

Soccer

Our men's and ladies' teams have by this time played several matches, and have greatly improved their fitness levels. Don't they look great in the soccer shirts arranged by Juju, Dumisani and Pierre? Next, we would love to get a collection of soccer shorts and ordinary T-shirts, as well as soccer togs to play matches in. These will remain the property of Eagles Rising, only to be used during matches.

Thulisa

This young lady is making waves in America! She has proven to be a very popular speaker at the functions she has been invited to speak at by the Rotarians. And she is enjoying it! She has also been accepted to study in Bermuda for two years, starting in August!

Bermudean blessings

Speaking of Bermuda – Aunti Joan could not make it this year, but sent Michelle and Naomi in her place. They blessed us with a data projector and money to buy a sound system. These things are so helpful to have, but do not seem important enough when there is a need for food and clothes. Thank you so much for the blessings from Bermuda – we greatly appreciate it! They also helped out with computer classes and sessions in emotional wellness.

