



Happenings Around Hope of Africa

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Visitors

In March, we welcomed various visitors. Matt and Kelsie, who had recently been in Uganda, journeyed to South Africa to experience what was happening there. Additionally, Pastor Glen and Steve from Faith Chapel paid us a visit. Faith Chapel has been a supportive partner for some time, and Pastor Glen wanted to witness our work firsthand. Steve was involved in the renovation plans for the building, preparing for our upcoming ownership transition. Graeme and Diana returned for a follow-up visit, while Suzie and Reed joined us to assist in organizing the sewing project set to begin in April.



School Garden

In March, Lugebhuta High School welcomed THOASA volunteers from overseas. Pastor Glenn delivered a message at the morning assembly. Afterwards, 31 children participated in a gardening session in the school garden, guided by the foundations for farming coordinator. Together, they planted 200 spinach plants, 200 tomatoes, and 200 green peppers.



Hippo Rollers

Rotary Club Hillcrest has once again blessed THOASA with the generous donation of yet another 40 Hippo Roller kits {Hippo Rollers, Fork spades, Rakes, Hoe heads and handles, Trowels, watering cans and seed packs} to expand our sustainable farming program in Nkomazi.



Let's highlight two Hippo Roller Beneficiaries' stories: Bonginkosi and Sibongile.

- Bonginkosi is a young man from Block B, his dedication to gardening has inspired others in the community to start farming.
- Sibongile's commitment to community growth is commendable. Sibongile, a young lady who works really hard to have her garden ready and running full force no matter what it takes.

Church Outreach



Our primary aim for March was to connect with the pastors and introduce them to THOASA and the advantages of joining the THOASA program. Pastors met have been receptive and open-hearted, welcoming the THOASA program into their churches. We have established partnerships with 17 new churches for various programs. THOASA is implementing four curriculums in churches that includes foundations for farming, Human trafficking awareness, and world lead.

In early March, we returned to the Evangelical church in Driekoppies, where Pastor Glenn was pleased with the congregation's active involvement in tending the garden. He also commended the church members for dedicating their time to serving the community's needs by utilizing the church's land.

Check out this video from the recent visit and see what happens when we go to a church



Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Continue to pray for our ministry base. We are nearing the finish line of the transfer.
- Pray for the 17 churches who have chosen to partner with us. Pray their excitement for learning continues and that they are able to implement new things in their churches.
- Pray for the sewing project as it gets underway in April.
- Pray for some exciting ministry opportunities in the works.
- Pray for our intern Alena as she helps to facilitate the sewing project.
- Pray for the positive impact of our programs on students' families and the broader community. May their involvement lead to lasting change.

