



Africa Food for Thought

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GOOD NEWS FROM DUBAI!

In October 2009, Grade 4 students in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, worked enthusiastically to collect food & clothing for the victims of severe flooding in the Philippines. Once the food & clothing was given to the flood victims, the children had nobody to direct their enthusiasm & caring attitudes towards. When they heard about the many children in SA who often go a full day or longer without a meal, they were eager

to help. I told them about the good work that AFFT does to help many of these children & unanimously they agreed that they would like to help. The children excitedly agreed to commit to supporting one family for the entire year. Nyembezi was fairly new on AFFT's list of children they support. He & his sister live with their granny in a shack next door to their aunt's house. Their aunt has three children of her own & was struggling to feed the whole family. AFFT began helping Nyembezi's

family by visiting and supplying their monthly food requirements. The children were very excited to hear all about Nyembezi & his sister & to see photographs of them for the first time. Together the children "brainstormed" all the ways they could raise the monthly amount. In November 2009 they decided to hold a second hand toy sale. Each child donated toys of their own & sold these at school to the other



Henni, Emma & Blanka

during the "March Madness car wash"



The whole class!

children. A few weeks later they received a large donation of second hand toys & sold these too. Many children donated from their own pocket money. By December 2009, they had already raised 859,00 dirham (R1696). During the month of March, the children held a "March Madness Car Wash". The children got into groups & armed with buckets, sponges &

cloths, washed their neighbours' cars for donations. The children had great fun & at the same time raised the astounding amount of 1318.00 dirham, (R2603). In total, the class have raised 2177 dirham (R4 299), enough to support Nyembezi and his family nutritionally for a year. This is an achievement to be proud of but more than this the children of my class have felt the satisfaction of helping

others in need. They have also experienced firsthand that when a group of people pull together, they can make a difference in an otherwise struggling world. I trust that each one of them will take the caring attitude they have displayed during this project into the rest of their lives and use it to make a difference wherever they may find themselves.

By: Lisa Engelmann

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Our current status

As of March 2010 AFFT was supporting 11 schools, 9 crèches and 51 OVC's with food parcels.

This brings the total number of children fed to over 11 000.

Thanks to all our sponsors for their continued support!

“EGGSALENT” TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Over 12 000 Easter eggs were donated for our children this year. This is often the first time many of these children have tasted chocolate and we feel very honoured and humbled to be able to take part in their joy. Many volunteers spent hours writing special messages on the eggs so that each child would know they are special to God, and to us. Our grateful thanks to Discovery Methodist Church, conneXions, Weltevreden Park Methodist Church, La Salle College, Agape Christian School, Monument Primary School & Beaulieu Primary School for their overwhelming donations!



GIVING A HELPING HAND UP - NOT DOWN!

Mitsui and Africa Food for Thought shared in a joint venture helping our older orphans and vulnerable children to put in vegetable tyre gardens. They were given all the equipment plus seedlings needed for growing cherry tomatoes, beans and spinach. The children and their parents were very excited to take part in the venture.

“This is a pilot project amongst six of our OVCs. If successful, we will roll it out to many more”

Reon Louw, OVC Director



THANK YOU RAND MERCHANT BANK!

At the beginning of the year, the pantry was really bare! Rand Merchant Bank came to the rescue with a very welcome gift of R15 000 Ma-kro vouchers. Rand Merchant Bank also pays for all our soya and cereal needs.



Anneke van Zyl and Pauline Phiri of Rand Merchant Bank.

“We are always amazed at the generosity of our Corporate sponsors. RMB have been so good to us almost from the day we started”.
Peter France: Chairman

AFFT INVESTS IN A 2nd HAND JEEP!

AFFT has purchased a second hand Jeep for delivering food parcels to our orphans and vulnerable children. This is a huge help to our OVC Volunteers as Grace Jacobs (OVC Team Leader) mentions below:

“ Some of the roads we go on are really bad. Having this Jeep will make our lives much easier, especially when it rains”.

Reon Louw (OVC Director and Grace Jacobs (Team Leader)



379 ONTDEKKERS ROAD

Africa Food for Thought has expanded so much that we have had to move premises. We can now be found at 379 Ontdekkers Road, Florida, Ext 3, Florida, 1710. Please make sure you have our new number:

011 475 5723

“The new premises are great! We have so much more storage space for all the food and clothing donated”

**Debbie Higgs
General Manager**



Our new head office

WELCOME MARLEEN!

Please join us in welcoming Marleen Pillay to the AFFT family. She joined us on 1st March 2010 as PA to the General Manager. She is originally from Durban and plans to make the busy city of Johannesburg her permanent home. She & Debbie make a great team! We are very excited to have her as a part of AFFT!



This has truly been a humbling experience. I am very grateful to God for opening up this opportunity for me. God bless!

Marleen Pillay

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"Feeding children in the name of Christ, in order to bring hope to the hopeless"

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Africa Food for Thought is a non-profit organization that aims to provide nutrition to school children in order to promote concentration and learning. At present AFFT is only operational within the West Rand area of Gauteng; however we hope that as our organization grows we will be able to expand into other areas. Although school feeding programmes are our main activity we also support numerous self help projects and crèches that all benefit underprivileged children. At AFFT we believe that there should be community involvement in order to make our projects sustainable. With this in mind we encourage the schools and communities to own and run their projects.

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BLANKET DRIVE!

We are having a blanket drive in May so that we can give all our OVC households a blanket before winter. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact Marleen on 011 475 5723.



Colour me!



We recently had our Annual AGM on 17th April. A big thank you to all our members & visitors who attended. AFFT would like to welcome our newest member to the management team, Mr Mkhulu Hubert Matrose. Mr Matrose is the principal of Thembile Primary school, one of our longest standing projects. We are excited to have him on board! God has richly blessed us for the past year and we know this year is going to be twice as good!



**GOOD LUCK BAFANA BAFANA!! WE ARE
HOLDING THUMBS FOR YOU...**

