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Dear Sponsors and Friends,

Please spend some time reading our newsletter to enjoy the news of what we have achieved together; also to be updated about our special projects.

1. Little Lambs Christian Day care in Hout Bay www.littlelambs.org.za

Mandela Day

Nelson Mandela spent 67 years of his life working for justice; 27 of those years were spent in 3 prisons viz. Robbin Island, Pollsmore and Victor Venster.

To commemorate his life, all those living in South Africa are asked to give 67 minutes of their time (as a starting point) to a 'good cause' every 18 July – 'Mandela Day'.

And so, this July 18th was the first experience of this 'giving' for the 5-6 year olds of 'Little Lambs' who enthusiastically entered into the task of preparing sandwiches to donate to the less fortunate children of Imizamo Yethu township. To start, it was awkward for these little ones to handle 'knives' for spreading – since they normally eat only with spoons; but they made big efforts and in the end we had a pile of sandwiches to gift to the children from Silikamva High School - who were suitably appreciative and impressed by the efforts of the smaller children.



Zip Zap Circus

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that Kindergarten children make outings annually; something we also find valuable for their introduction to and knowledge of what is 'on their doorstep'. Their previous outing was an excursion to Hout Bay Beach, this latest one was to the Zip Zap Circus School in town.

The bus trip was their first exciting experience. They passed and were informed about Table Mountain, one of the natural wonders of the world, and then drove through Cape Town city centre to the Zip Zap Circus School on the Foreshore.

The children were ecstatic! Under the patient guidance of circus acts' experts, they were shown how to climb, jump, balance, swing and juggle. For me, personally, it was amazing to witness the joy that being taught these skills brought to the children. Later, I appreciated even more how their confidence was boosted when they could afterwards demonstrate their new skills.



Silikamva High School

At the beginning of 2019, the newly-built Silikamva High School opened its doors to approx. 1,000 pupils who are primarily from Hout Bay – though some pupils are from other areas around Cape Town.

It has been a challenging and adapting time for Little Lambs; initially because of disruption from the building noises and, of course, security – and now we have 1000 high school children right next door to us!

Because of ongoing building works, Little Lambs was without electricity for 6 weeks and also 3 weeks without water. The latter was thankfully not such a drama as we had recourse to the water stored in our tanks which were installed at the beginning of 2018.

Our biggest problem and concern remains with securing our premises – especially during the night and over weekends. We thus appeal to our generous Sponsors to assist with the cost of further security measure which must be implemented as soon as we have formulated a definite plan. On this matter we will keep you informed.



2. Heuwel Speelskool in Calitzdorp

Next week, my husband, Hansruedi, and I will drive the 370 k to Calitzdorp in the Little Karoo to visit Ursula and Klaus Triebe who have dedicated themselves to founding and running the Heuwel Speelskool there. After our visit, I will update you on the progress of this exciting project with which we are assisting.



3. True-North – Little Lambs Educare in Overcome Heights

In Overcome Heights there now exists another Little Lambs! True-North (with whom we partner to oversee our newly-completed 'Ark Angels') has raised sufficient funds to build this new Little Lamb Day Care facility in this area – but they are in desperate need of financial aid to complete the interior fittings – and also pay for their 'wish list' for the kindergarten. From our own experience with Ark Angels, we

know this is costly. We are awaiting more specifics from Peter Hagen of True-North - though he has projected a 'guesstimate' of R80,000.

As soon as we have more detailed information, it will be forwarded to you – and we thank you in advance for any contribution you can offer for this project.



These photos show the existing Little Lambs Educare.

4. iKhaya le Themba in Hout Bay

iKhaya le Themba is the afterschool care centre which accommodates certain children from Little Lambs. This facility is located next to Silikamva High School and Little Lambs.

They were similarly affected by the disruption during the building of Silikamva and were left, like Little Lambs, without water and electricity for over a month. Without electricity, their alarm system could not be activated; As a result they were burgled and all their computers stolen.

We are all aware of the pressing security issues which need to be discussed and sorted out as quickly as possible.

Please help us make a difference!

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Thanking you for your ongoing support

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