



*Happy Marimba Boys with their New Shirts*

# Manzini Youth Care



APRIL TO JUNE 2016 REVIEW

## Welcome

We kick off our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly newsletter by showing off our new Marimba uniforms. The new shirts were purchased for the boys to wear at their upcoming competition in Johannesburg. 7 of our boys will head off to Johannesburg on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July to compete in the International Marimba and Steelpan Festival. This is a fantastic opportunity for our boys to show off their impressive skills and for all of them this will be their first time leaving Swaziland. The boys will be accompanied by ThembeleNgwenya (Marimba Instructor), Friday Khumalo (Marimba Director) and volunteer Johnny Singleton. This trip was made possible by previous volunteers Sophie Guerns and Daniella Pittorvis. All of us here at MYC would like to thank our ex-volunteers for their commitment to our Marimba Band and wish all of our boys' good luck in their upcoming trip.



### Support Opportunities;

- ❖ Volunteer With us
- ❖ Sponsor one or some of our homes
- ❖ Sponsor MYC University students
- ❖ Support the clinic initiatives
- ❖ Computers – for BYAC and the Study Centre
- ❖ Ideas on improving our impact

## Sporting Success

One of our boys from McCorkindales recently got back from Moscow Russia where he represented Swaziland in the Africa Junior Championships. He came first in the 100m and second in the 200m and he competed in 4x100m. Sandile is actually the under 20 athletics captain for Swaziland. His talents in running are continuing to award him countless opportunities with competitions in South Africa, Angola and Namibia approaching. With a current personal best in 100m of 10.74 seconds and 200m of 21.00 seconds, Sandile continues to bring back various successes. In the Intvacity games in Botswana last year Sandile brought home 2 silver medals from the 200m and the 4x100 and gold in the 100m. Sandile will finish form 5 in Salesian High school in November and has a place secured for him in the Police College in Manzini the following year. Our champion runner continues to work hard in both school and athletics and continues to improve at an astonishing rate. His dreams are to make the Olympic team in 2020 which with this continuing improvement he is well on his way of achieving. He came into MYC in 1999 at the age 3 years old and as his time with us is drawing to a close we couldn't be prouder to see the man that he has become. If you would like to learn more about our championship runner or perhaps would like to help him with individual sponsorship then please feel free to get in contact with our development officer Michael Shea.



*Sandile Khumalo with his Intvacity Games medals*

## Residential Homes

Sikhunyana has been undergoing certain changes recently. In mid-April work began in the home to build new cubicles in the main dormitory. The work is now complete and as well as a new lick of paint, 9 cubicles and lockers have been fitted into Sikhunyana. Each room has also been given individual curtains to give the boys a complete private bedroom.

The 9 boys who have taken up residency in these cubicles are very pleased with their new bedrooms. With such positive feedback being given to us we plan on putting these same cubicles in every home. The cubicles for Sikhunyana were generously sponsored and organized by Dorien Lizaard one of our volunteers. If you would like to sponsor cubicles in any other homes please feel free to get in contact with our development officer



*The Cubicles*



*Typical inside of a cubicle*



*New lockers*

## Social Welfare

The Social Welfare Department reunited one girl named Ncobile, aged 13 with her family. She spent two weeks sleeping on the streets before she was referred to our welfare department by a good samaritan. After welfare department made contact with her, they conducted an assessment and located her biological parents whom they managed to find after three days. She is currently with her family and she was placed at a school near her parental homestead. Her parents were very happy after being reunited with their daughter.



*Ncobile with her family*



*Mrs Zwane with her donations*

All of us here at MYC are so grateful to stop hunger now for their cargo as we continue to feed so many families and children. Pictured on the right is Mrs Zwane who looks after 5 children who unfortunately lost her job due to mental health illness two years ago. She survives by doing laundry for people in her community and is finding it very difficult to feed her family. However since she started receiving the donations she is capable of taking her medication and also ensures that her children do not go to school hungry.



Manzini Youth Care recognizes and thanks Swaziland Charitable Trust, for donating 50 desks and 50 chairs, which will help us to reinforce the need to develop a more permanent form of "bridging" school not only for street children but also the increasing number of children excluded from education through poverty. The donation will give young people who have dropped out of the school system a chance to repeat subjects for O' level examinations as a path way to resume their education into tertiary study or other training.



*Our new beautiful tables and chairs*

## ImveloEswatini

Father Tim Wrenn, Pretty Matola and GcebileDlamini went to Lesotho on Friday the 17th of June 2016 to consult with Action Lesotho's in-country Director Pippa Kearon and MantaiMpesi. They were consulted about the product range of ImveloEswatini and came back on the 19th of June 2016. On Saturday, the team had lots of food for thought and new product ideas emerged. They learnt that they need to make our website more professional, user friendly and link it to other sites. They also learnt that our products must be unique, high quality, less heavy and meet our customers' needs. The group then went on to review their product pricing and also learnt that they could make cheap, unique and well demonstrating packaging materials from recycled materials. Moreover they learnt that skill sharing, transparency, guidelines and policies, monitoring and evaluation and frequent staff meetings can increase business growth.



*The team discussing ideas*

## Farewells

It's always a sad time when one of our beloved volunteers has to leave us. So when 6 leave us you can imagine the sorrow felt here at MYC.

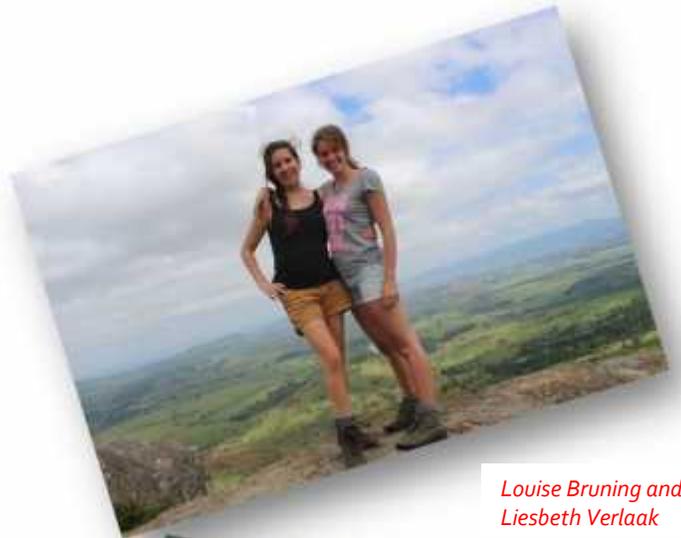
Trainee Belgian social workers Louise Bruning and Liesbeth Verlaak joined us from Katholieke Hogeschool Leuven University in February. They have been helping Roison Pave in our social welfare office while also working with the girls in Zakhele and the boys out in McCorkindales farm. We would like to thank them for all their help and we wish them all the best in the future.

Kaat De Ceukelaire came to us as a volunteer in November. Kaat has been working at Etikankweni preschool, Imvelo Eswatini jewelers, Masakweni Care point and around each home. Kaat has built up a strong relationship with each home and will be greatly missed by many as she leaves. Thanks Kaat for all your great work here at MYC.

Mirjam Skarp came out for three months in September last year. Swaziland captured her heart so much that she decided to come out again for a second term in February. Mirjam has also been working alongside Roison Pave in the Social Welfare office and has been providing a strong helping hand in the large workload they are put under. Mirjam has also been working with the boys in Sikunyana. We would like to thank Mirjam for all her help and we wish her all the best in the future.

Evelyne Williams (from Thomas More Geel University in Belgium) also joined us in February. Evelyne is also a trainee social worker and so she volunteered her skills joining the social welfare department. Evelyne worked with the young boys at Enjabulweni and also provided a helping hand at one of our care points. We would all like to thank Evelyne for everything she has done for us and she will be greatly missed.

Dorien Linzaad joined us in September last year making her one our longer term volunteers meaning that her leave is even more difficult than most. Dorien has volunteered as a teacher in Enjabulweni Bridging School, helping out in remedial teaching and grade 4. She has also helped at Masakweni Care point and has done a lot for each home. Sikunyana benefited in particular from her kindness as Dorien funded the new cubicles that have been put in there to allow the boys more private space. Dorien has been a fantastic volunteer and all the homes and volunteers will be sad to see her leave. Farewell Dorien.



*Louise Bruning and Liesbeth Verlaak*



*Kaat De Ceukelaire with one of our young boys*



*Mirjam Skarp*



*Evelyne Williams and Dorien Linzaad*

## MYC Staff News

Celmusa Dlamini recently sat for his final examination on project management at IDM (Institute of Development Management). The course is sponsored by Victoria Christi under the capacity building fund. Celmusa is currently the BYAC Project Manager and such a course will enhance his skills and knowledge in driving the BYAC Project forward. On another note our social worker, Roison Pave also attended an in house one week workshop on advocacy issues. The workshop was organized by Pact Swaziland in collaboration with Coordination Assemble of Non-Governmental Organization (CANGO). Advocacy is one of the core training principles that Pact Swaziland Reach III project has committed to support CANGO children and SHACO (Swaziland HIV and AIDS Consortium) consortia members. This in turn will help Swaziland's civil society capacity to function and help their ability to deliver services to its constituents. The workshop was attended by 31 representatives from different NGO's. They were trained on how to build their skills on advocacy processes, the improvement of data collection on advocacy, effective communication channels, importance of using media and also when and how to draft sound advocacy plans.



*Celmusa Dlamini*

## Enjabulweni Preschool

The Preschool teachers visited all 38 students who are currently doing their teaching practices throughout the country. The unannounced visits is part of their training syllabus. They are graded based on their performances in their various preschools. The training practices started on June 6 and will be concluded on July 1st 2016. The team visiting the students is comprised of Br. Marko, Mr Lovemore, Mrs Ginindza and Mrs Lungile.



## Manzini Youth Care Clinic

Manzini youth care clinic would like to thank the board of telluride aids benefit for their annual fund raising gesture. The money which MYC receives annually has made it possible to provide free clinic services to the youth and community around Manzini youth care. Below is the data on activities coordinated via the clinic. During the course of the past three months while trying to strengthen our social services we have developed a partnership with the Ministry of Health Clinical Psychologist were MYC youths are being referred for counselling.

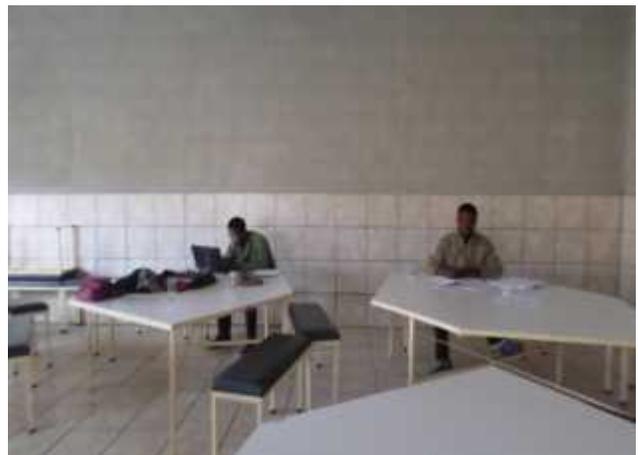


*A section of students attending Life Skills at the Bosco Youth Centre, session on Domestic and Gender Based Violence. Facilitation was done by Local NGO SWAGGA*

	Males	Females	Total
Clinic Consultations	290	345	635
HIV Counselling & Testing	42	48	90
STI Screening	38	44	82
Youth Reached with Life Skills Education	201	264	465
Referrals for treatment care and support services	23	33	56

## Bosco Youth Agricultural Centre (BYAC) News

Since our last newsletter a lot has happened at BYAC, our students have moved out to the center on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Over 6,000 cabbages have been planted, 200 tomato trees, 300 lettuce, onions, green beans and 16 furrows of carrots. The bee keeping facilitator joined the team and has started work on our new apiary. Work is still on going with the pig sty's and the builders are working very hard to get the sty's finished. Meanwhile the students and staff have erected a fence around the sty's to increase bio security and decrease the spread of disease. The students have also started work on their business plans for their proposed projects. Work has also begun recruiting the next intake of students. Sthembile our new social worker has also joined the team and has had a great impact since she started. Sthembile has visited all the homesteads of the current students to assess their small pieces of land.

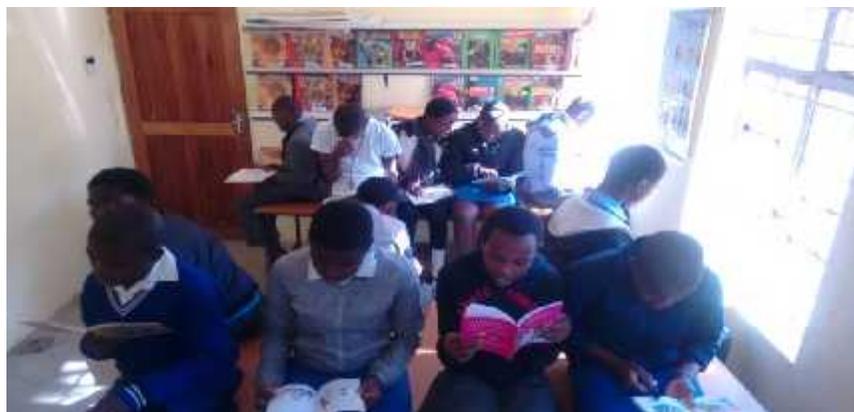


*BYAC Students preparing and working on Business plans*

## Enjabulweni Library

A new library has been set up at the Enjabulweni bridging school. The library has been set up to help and support the new paired reading program. This will help improve the pupil's skills in the English language for those children that are lacking the necessary abilities to be able to read and write in English. The library also opens up the opportunity for many of the kids to be able to pick up a book and read for an hour at least once a week. The project is currently volunteer run and is showing strong signs of success with many kids coming to the library to finish the stories they had begun reading in class time and staying behind after school because they are so enthralled in their stories.

The hope is once the project is fully functional and all logistics have been ironed out there will not be a need for volunteers and the project will be self-sustaining. The Library program was set up by the A team from Sunderland. Their generosity is very much appreciated by all here at MYC



*Group 5 enjoying our new books in our library*

## We finish our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly newsletter highlighting our MYC trip out to Mavuso Stadium

On the 11th of June the five homes of MYC took part in the GLOW health fair at Mavuso Stadium. The event was held to support GLOW (girls leading our world) and had various different activities including yoga, kickboxing, zumba and a 5000m race. We were very successful in the race with 3 of our boys from McCorkindales placing 1st 2nd and 3rd. A lot of our boys also took full advantage of the location playing on the very well maintained football pitch in the national stadium. We were able to have various games of football and it was quite an effort trying to get everyone to leave at the end of the day. Our young people were all kitted out in matching T-shirts for the event and the girls were also given new pink Under Armour gear thanks to a recent donation from Stop Hunger in the U.S. The event was attended by various youth groups from around Swaziland and we were very excited to bring along 50 young people of our own. Lovemore Garia (our resident nurse) was responsible for organizing our involvement in the event.



*Fairview and Sikhunyana ready with their new t-shirts*

He was helped and backed by the MYC social welfare department and the team of volunteers we have here at MYC

**Thank for your continual support, interest and prayer. We always look forward to hearing your news, advice and well wishes. Blessings!**