



Newsletter

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Dear valued partner,

What an incredible month this has been! God has proven that He is indeed the God of multiplication and I am ecstatic to report that we collected a whopping R24 290 this month, putting us at a total of R32 719.40. Thank you so much for each and every one of you for your prayers and contributions. I cannot wait to get started. As mentioned last month, the aim is to collect a nice lump sum so that we can start the building of the community centre and I have worked that amount out to be around R80 000. However, I believe we will start at the R60 000 mark, and we are just over halfway there. Can you believe it? Last week we received a very large cash coin donation and I am looking forward to cashing them in to find out the total amount. We also received a bottled water donation from Bene Water and we are in the process of selling these – the proceeds of which will be added to the building account. If anyone knows of a better platform to sell them on a monthly basis, please let me know.

Other than that, this month has been spent sourcing and approaching Christian companies to secure partnerships. I am also working on an information pack which I am looking at posting on the internet and or social media to create awareness and invite additional partnerships / donations. If anyone could assist in this regard, I would greatly appreciate it, as it is unfamiliar ground to me. This month I will continue creating awareness and will also be restoring some furniture, painting some garden pots and continuing in our efforts to plant and maintain the gardens so that they are ready for spring. We seem to have eradicated most of the weeds (Pic 1) and we have planted some trees along the perimeter of the property to serve as shelter and to create some privacy from the outside perimeter fence. (Pic 2&3)



Please could I ask you to keep your eyes and ears peeled for any give aways that we would be able to make use of – there is so much we are going to need and it helps if everyone is on the lookout. I am also putting feelers out for a ZOZO hut which we will need for storage and a Shipping container which we will be converting into an art workshop - so if you hear of anything, please let me know.

Stay a while :

Worry ! We all worry. And now more than ever with this crazy world we find ourselves in. We worry about the pandemic, the safety of our loved ones. We worry about losing our jobs or lack of employment. We worry about money and certainly about the future. Do you know that worry is a form of fear. You could literally replace the word worry with the word 'fear' in every one of the above sentences. And do you know that in the bible, we are commanded 'not to fear' 365 times. Literally 1 for every day of the year. But that is so much easier said than done, isn't it? I certainly battled for years with so many different forms of fear. Theoretically I understood that I shouldn't fear but no matter how much I tried, I could not get it under control. I found it to be impossible. And guess what, it is impossible, in our own power. But I have subsequently learnt the secret to overcoming fear. In Isaiah 26.3 it says "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because He trusts in You". Growing up we sang a song at Sunday School "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of the earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His Glory and Grace". This is truly the only answer to worry. The more we fix our eyes on Jesus and the promises in His Word – the more PEACE will displace WORRY in our lives.

Thank you for being a part of this awesome dream and making it possible. I cherish and value your partnership more than words can express.

With Love

Theresa

Know someone that would like to become a partner?

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