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First Term Newsletter May 2021

Dear Friends,

The school term was delayed by two weeks this year and we have worked until the end of April to make up the 10 weeks of schooling that was required. To manage the attendance and still enforce Covid19 regulations we have once again had to divide the classes up and have the children come in on alternate days. We continue to sanitise children's hands and take and record their temperatures every morning and the educators take turns in groups of two.



Our youngest were taught to brush their teeth and given tooth brushes and toothpaste.



We were fortunate to have Josh Goodwin for his community service for matric.

Families have been very hard hit by Covid 19 – many people have lost jobs, been retrenched and even had to move away to family homes on farms. Some people who have lost their income have been in to see me, and as we never turn anyone away, these

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children have become 'scholarship' children, which means that they don't pay any fee. As some families have moved away we have managed to replace the children as people are desperate for affordable education for their children.

What is particularly heart breaking is when children who are making good progress and benefitting from their time at school are suddenly gone - all the language they were learning, the academic progress and the nutritious meals they were enjoying come to an end. We pray that they are able to continue their education and that something of the love of Jesus and the educators stays with them.



The children each get their own box of toys every morning, the toys are sanitized after school.



The children with the flowers they made from anti-waste

One family, who was just hanging in last year when the child's uncle was paying a very small fee, had the uncle leave to find a job. The mother of the child looks after her very ill mother and the aunt makes just enough to cover the rent. There is no food in the home. We made the child free to come to school and she eats here every second day but we are now sending extra food and vegetables home to the family. This is just one family but the story is common to so many of our families. We require proof of job losses or retrenchment so that the school is dealt with honestly.

This year Mrs Lisa Govender has stepped into the 'Deputy Principal' role and has worked extremely hard in making sure that every class had the correct work. Our intention has always been to help the child to seamlessly fit into the Gr 1 class when they go into Primary

School. I am very proud of the work and effort that has gone into our planning and teaching this term in spite of all the difficulties.

We are blessed to have the continued presence of Nzamo, a wonderful young man who is giving us the required eighteen months of service after completing his studies. He has a positive outlook and is willing to fit in wherever he is needed. He knows the name and class of every child – quite an achievement! We also have a young lady who has just matriculated and is helping us while she plans her future. She is rotating through the classes so each teacher has an assistant for a week.

Our teacher's assistant who had a baby in December is not at all well so has not yet returned to us. She has a beautiful little boy but has not been well enough to fully enjoy him.

End of Term



On the last day of the term we had a Staff Development time where we learnt how to put together vision boards. We had great fun and we all had a lot to think about.

We are so grateful

We thank Action Udobo in the UK for their amazing ongoing support – I remain overwhelmed by the love they show us and at this time as never before, we could not keep our doors open without their help. I am without words as thank you is such a small word and which does not fully express my gratitude.

We still receive fruit and vegetables from the RSA market every second week and this is such a blessing as it enables us to dish up lovely nutritious meals to our children.

We were given the gift of a beautiful, brand new tv stand which we will use to bring in funds for the school – it was donated by the son of our Governing Body secretary, Shawn Prenger. Two years ago he was our auctioneer at an art show morning and did a wonderful job of raising funds for the school! Many thanks, Shawn!

A gentleman came at the beginning of the year and gave us 12 pairs of shoes. I was able to present brand new shoes to twelve of our most needy children – such a wonderful gift, the children were delighted!

Every day we see such growth in our little ones – the child who could not speak English who now chats to the teacher, the standard of work our children are producing and the joy in our children who run and climb and paint and produce creative items.

As always, very grateful for all that God is doing in the lives of our little ones,

God bless you all,



Anne Snyders,
Principal