



## **Phedišang's Newsletter - Hands On October 2010**

### **WHO WE ARE**

Phedišang is an organization that contributes to the care of orphans and vulnerable children by providing meals, health monitoring and access to available government funding.

### **WHAT WE DO**

Phedišang's mission is to:

- Provide orphans with 2 meals a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Monitor their health and liaise with healthcare professionals and providers
- Obtain available government grants
- Keep the children living with a family member

Projects are centered around achieving these aims. In addition, it is very important that we provide a nurturing and loving environment for these children so they can thrive.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **END OF THE WORLD CUP!**

The Phedišang children, along with everyone around the country, were sad to see the end of the Football World Cup in July. We were able to watch the games at the centres every day because of the generous donation from the Stephen Lewis Foundation (we now have televisions and aerials at all of the centres). The children zealously kept staying glued to the television sets, watching the matches each day; and those who wanted to be outside, made sure to leave their own soccer games and came in to see the last few minutes of each game.

We were desperately hoping to see Bafana - Bafana come out on top, and then switched to rooting for Ghana, another African team. Finally we had the excitement of pushing and hoping for The Netherlands in the final (because of our links to Merison BV), and we had to be content to experience the excitement of the World Cup being in South Africa!

#### **DEATHS OF CHILDREN**

It is with great sadness that we record the deaths of Raganya, Elvis from Turkey centre, after a serious illness lasting 3 days; and Vhuma, Stanley from Molalane in a car

accident. We think of the friends and families who loved them, and are glad that Phedišang was able to help their too-short child-hoods a little. God Bless & go well – Elvis & Vhuma.

### **LEADER'S PROGRAM - GUEST SPEAKERS**

As part of the Phedišang Leaders Program, we were proud to have Meta-Coach (ACMC) join us at our monthly meeting in August. Barbara and Danny Tuckwood from Meta-Coach in Johannesburg visited the leaders to facilitate a workshop about setting goals. The guest speakers donated their time and expertise and were able to share their business coaching skills with the group of leaders. They asked them to participate in a goal setting exercise based on turning a "dream" into an achievable goal (this exercise has stayed with many of the leaders as they have talked about their future goals these past few months).

The Phedišang Leader's Program includes children (Grades 8-11) from the seven drop-in centres which are part of the Phedišang Project. The 35 children (5 from each centre), all considered "high-achievers," meet once a month and learn about leadership development, life skills, goal setting, and career opportunities. This is the 2nd year that the Leader's Program has been operating within the Phedišang Project.

We welcome any guest speakers who would like to share their time and expertise related to leadership with the Phedišang Leaders - just let us know if you would like to do this!



Meta-Coaching – Starting the Day



Meta-Coaching facilitates workshop

## **SAYING GOODBYE TO PHEDIŠANG STAFF**

Many of you may remember our always happy and smiling Suzan Mogale who has been with the Phedišang staff and family for many years. In July, she decided to pursue a career opportunity with the local municipality and will soon be part of the traffic department. We were sad to see Suzan leave but wish her all the best in her future career (and we know that she will continue to stay in touch)!

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

**ROEDEAN                      GIRLS                      ANNUAL                      VISIT                      2010!**

Phedišang is truly lucky to have had repeat visits from Roedean School in Johannesburg

(a leading private girls' only school) on an annual basis. The expedition this year was one of the best ever, and we believe as good for the Roedeans, as it was for our own children. Having done intensive motivations and applications, fifteen Grade 11 students came to Phedišang, lived in the community, and stayed at a local mission (in a village called London) for five days. The trip followed months of planning, and resulted in a time of deep mutual interest, exchanging and sharing information with one another.

The Roedeans were paired with groups of Phedišang Leaders to coordinate how they would teach activities and plan projects during their time at five of our centers. This included a lot of playing games with the younger children (!) but they also helped paint a World Map at one center, taught Table Tennis to the kids at another, and used the existing World Maps at three other centres to teach countries, capitals and flags! The event ended with a braai and talent show where each group performed a short dance or skit – it was truly a week to be remembered.

If you are interested in learning about the Roedeans stay, please visit the blog that we created where the Roedeans recorded information about their journey. The blog (as well as many of our pictures) can be found at:  
[www.roedeansphedisangworkingtogether.blogspot.com](http://www.roedeansphedisangworkingtogether.blogspot.com).



The Roedeans at the London Mission Worcester Centre – World Map Completed!

## **DONATIONS**

### **LOYAL LOCAL FARMERS CONTINUE TO SEND PRODUCE**

We can not ever really say too often how grateful we are for the ongoing donations of fruit and vegetables from local farmers – Unifrutti and Olifants Co-op among many. Also Pick 'n Pay Hoedspruit (a large local supermarket in a town near Phedišang) who always find some surplus salads, veggies or produce for us, when we say we're coming to town. We are truly blessed to be supported by friends and donors from around the world, but it would be odd if the local more privileged people were not participating – thank you so much to them.

### **TIGER BRANDS ON-GOING SUPPORT**

We should also never neglect the enormous boon to us of a huge delivery of basic food-stuffs every month, delivered right down to Phedišang in Limpopo. The blessing of this donation is huge, and we are truly grateful. We are proud in our children, who have

penned thanks and appreciation to donors like Tiger Brands appropriately and timeously.

### **MONTEI FOUNDATION**

We are excited to welcome a new partner, the Montei Foundation in the USA, who has generously donated funds to Phedišang. We cannot thank them enough for their support as we work to create a community resource center throughout these next few months. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting new project!

### **UN-SOLICITED SUPPORT FROM INDIVIDUALS**

One of our extremely loyal Johannesburg donors phoned the office at the end of July. 'I'm turning 50 next week', he said, 'and I'd like my friends to make donations to Phedišang in lieu of presents to me.' What a fantastic, generous gesture. Thank you so much, Darryl – and Happy Birthday. Thanks for all your support – may it come back to you many times over.

### **SELLING LEMONADE IN THE STATES TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



This summer, Stephanie Gordon Farsht's two young daughters raised over \$700 dollars for Phedišang by selling lemonade in their neighborhood!

This is the second year that they have raised funds and we express our gratitude. It's amazing what you can do – even with something as simple as a lemonade stand? Thank you, girls!

### **STAY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN ARTICLE ABOUT OUR CIDA STUDENT!**

In July, we also hosted a journalist and photographer who were interested in following one of our former Phedišang children, Tebatso, while she was at home in Turkey 1 from CIDA during the World Cup.

They will be writing about the CIDA campus and how students are learning and integrating their rural backgrounds and experiences into their continued education.

As we find out more about when the article will be published, we will keep you posted.



Tebatso teaching chess to centres

### **DONATIONS OF GOODS?!**

Do you have any gently used toys, books or clothes that you are not using anymore? We always have a need for coloring books (or just paper!), crayons, paper, pens, and pencils. Our children seem to go through these items apace, but that's probably fine for 500 plus under 18-year olds! Please contact us if you have any items that you would like to donate.

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