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...the God and Father...comforts us in all our troubles so we can comfort those who are in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (2Cor. 1:4)

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021

By: Wiebe van der Heide

Dear Friends and Family,

2021-A year of expectation; that is how we have named 2021. When I asked the children why this year could be a year of expectation a 16 year old answered as follows: 'When we see so much around us falling apart we can expect God to help us'. What a beautiful answer. And we are adding: 'even if everything around is falling apart, we will still praise God'.

May we all expect to see God working in our lives while we are praising Him, no matter what is going to happen.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports our work. Every time again we are overwhelmed with thankfulness when we realize your faithful support through finances, prayers, emails, post cards and phone calls. Your support makes you co-workers in this work among the residents of the Mzamom'Hle Township. "Thank you very much!!"

"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water" (Revelation 14:7)



Latest Develoments

After distributing more than a thousand food parcels during the hard lockdown of last year we could start our regular programs again in September. Monday afternoon's Simone would continue to take a group of girls to a church hall for educational activities and from Tuesday till Thursday I would take each day a different age group of boys to the sports field for soccer and a time of discussion with bible readings applied to daily life. The weekends with children on the farm had to be shortened to day visits only instead of two nights sleepovers as to accommodate regulations. Also currently the activities take place in this way. The year 2020 was closed, as other years, with an exciting party full of fun, prize giving, a meal, worship and Christmas presents. These parties are always highlights of the year. A 17 year old who had been part of the programs for 7 years asked to speak. He spoke of his thankfulness of the time he had with JTRM and that all others part of the programs must realize the privilege they have of the presence of JTRM in their lives, that the beautiful experiences otherwise would not have been. He closed his speech with the words that they all needed a father figure in their lives and that that was experience through the work of JTRM. The words of this young man may be an encouragement to all who are involved in this work. What a privilege to share with them God's goodness, give leadership and guidance and help these children to become adults able to make good choices for their lives.

The children in the Township have had a difficult start of the year as their school only opened half February, 4 weeks later than scheduled, due to ever changing regulations. Even now it's part-time schooling only, some weeks 1 day, then 2 or 3 days. We are all trying to adjust and do our best in the current circumstances, doing as much as we can. During these times we realize that there is not really much in this world one can rely on, but we know that there is One who has the whole world in His hands. May we all rely on Him!



A barbeque/braai on a rainy day



A pool table given by our neighbors is much enjoyed

'Jesus the Rock Missions Foundation' is working amongst residents of Mzamom'Hle since 1997. In 2006 it was registered as a Dutch NPO and since 2015 in South Africa with SARS as a PBO. The object of the Foundation is to share God's love with children and youth and their living environment while working in a holistic manner; giving attention to the physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being. The community itself is stimulated to be added to this endeavor.