

Bonnie People Project September 2018

Early Childhood Development, After School Care and Skills Development Facility

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One of the highlights this month has been the visit from Alain Sartorius and his family. They brought lots of gifts for the children and we managed to show them the project despite the wet and muddy conditions. Our deepest thanks to them as weeks after they left, the children were still enjoying the food, clothes and toys they brought with them.



As the Youth building is now completed, we are working on the grounds around the building. It has had been levelled to create more parking space for visitors and a beautiful space for the children. Even more exciting, our fresh water tanks are full after the heavy and much welcomed rain we had in the beginning of the month.



We now have four ladies working with Evaline to make our BPP products. They are working very hard to produce items for the next market in town.



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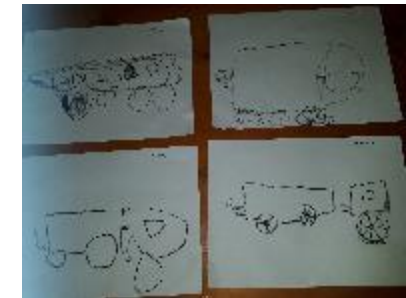
During free-play the children invited Jurie de Vos to take a ride with them into town. Jurie assists the teachers by watching over the children while they are on their break. He very much enjoys spending time with the children.



During our daily programme our children learn to explore their creative side, they had to make a vehicle using recycled items brought from home. Afterwards they had to paint their creations.



One of the interesting themes this month was about things that can hold other things together. They learned about buttons, glue, and many other materials used to hold objects together. They had fun while making things like books and paper chains.



It is important for the children to express themselves and we help them by allowing them to draw and explore the world on their terms. Each child is evaluated and teachers will give extra help to those who need it during the group activities. Here Lucille and Elmarie are assisting some of the children.



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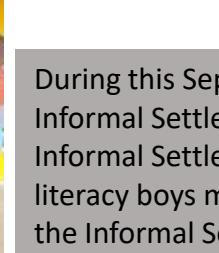


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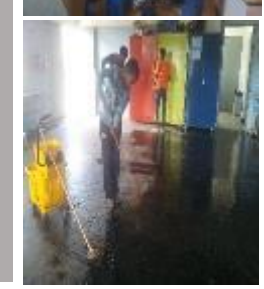


At the literacy program we start each day with a bible story and prayer before breakfast. At the end of the term the boys had to write exams and they did very well. Our new volunteer, Chriszelda from Happy Valley provides support and guidance to our youngest boys. At Bonnie People we strive to provide love and attention to all our children.



One of the themes for this term was about nature, the children had a chance to explore and create a picture of themselves using materials they found outside. Anathi, who recently relocated to the informal settlement is another volunteer who shares his skills in soccer and art with the children. They have started a soccer club and the boys are really enjoying the games. The children also receive art classes twice a week. Jurie also spends some time with the after care children. Most of the children really enjoy it when the adults take the time to play a game or just sit and listen to them.

During this September month we've had two visitors from the Informal Settlement, Bonishwa, who is on the committee of the Informal Settlement for the Bonnie People Project, and one of our literacy boys mothers. It is so fantastic to see that the people from the Informal Settlement supporting us at Bonnie People Project by coming to visit and to see what we do on a daily basis. Ntaoli, one of our literacy boys who are very talented, decided to help shave the boys hair during his snack time. Afterwards they took a nice shower. One of our literacy boys, Andrew lost his grandmother this month. We keep him in our prayers as this is a very difficult time for him.



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