



HOPE TRUST NEWS

Pro 14:31 . . kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship.

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Dear friends,

Unkulunkulu Unathi (God With Us) have EXCELLED this year. They taught the HCF invitational X1 how to play soccer with a conservative 5-1 win. But they went on in September to win the uMngeni LFA League. They won the final in a nail biting 4-3 penalty short-out. They are pictured below in team attire ready for business & in relaxed practice mode.



The next exciting news is that the team is invited to join the 2016 SAB League, playing in the Nedbank Cup Competition.

The costs of this spiralling rise to fame have been born by Hope Trust but going into the next season we urgently need to find sponsors for the team. They have registered 25 players for the SAB League, of whom at least 5 in any team playing must be below the age of 17. This is designed by SAFA to provide opportunity for up and coming players. If any of you know companies or individuals that believe in the moulding power of sport to impact our nation and would commit towards a sponsorship for the team please be in touch. The biggest potential costs (aside from soccer kit, balls & coach salary is travel. Moving 15 players and coach around soon adds up. The past year monthly travel cost has been R2000-2500 but the greatest distance travelled has been to the Howick area. The Castle League is essentially a municipal league so if they continue to shine they could have some significant distances to travel. Amos (the coach) has strongly expressed the opinion that funding should be channelled through Hope Trust who can ensure accountability.

The New Trustees

The first meeting of the new trustees took place early in September. The meeting was chaired by Rich Pratt (representing HCF Eldership) and attended by Larensia Rabe (NGO's, Social Worker), Rick Phipson (Development & Training Specialist with ACAT), Vaughan Coulson (Businessman and Accountant), Richard Currie (Marketing and Business), Lesley Peiser (NGO's, Finance & Fund Raising) and Dave A'Bear (CEO and *ex officio* role on the Board). At the meeting Larensia was appointed to be Chairperson. We look forward to the input, wisdom, enthusiasm and support of each Trustee and especially for the lead Larensia offers from the experience of also chairing the *Give a Child a Family* Board of Trustees.

Financing the Vision

Although we have kept our head above water financially in the past few months, this month has proven the toughest yet. We face the greatest financial pressure we have ever experienced. Regrettably we have only paid half salaries this month! The response of the HCF Eldership has been to release Dave A'Bear from some of the regular HCF commitments to spend three months concentrating on Hope Trust. The activities being focussed on during this time are:

- ◆ Proposal writing & fund raising for Hope Trust from strategically selected sources;
- ◆ Working to launch the **Hope-Soap** project. This is a gracious initiative from Dave and Karen Williams to provide glycerine soap to Hope Trust at cost. We are exploring markets for bars of soap in Sweetwaters and beyond. We will also explore higher value markets (health shops *et al*) since it is very gentle on the skin, biodegradable and *ph* balanced! The profits accruing from this initiative will be ploughed into Hope Trust. Since it may be some months before steady markets are producing a return on investment, pray for God's favour on the initiative. A steady income, however small, will enable effective forward planning.

- ◆ Assisting Manka and the Sweetwaters Church with an application to the Msunduzi Municipality for a change in land use for the Church property (which will also be utilised by Hope Trust); and to the Ingonyama Trust for their authorization of a change of land use. The Google earth image shows the SCC site next to Manka Malevu's home;



- ◆ Securing sponsorship for the 'God With Us' soccer team;
- ◆ Seeking the best ways of expanding the work of Hope Trust towards areas further from existing urban centres. Partnering with our Church friends so that the Gospel prepares the way for welfare, development and training focussed on family restoration.

In concluding: Proverbs 19:17 says 'Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.' In Acts 10:4 the angel, speaking to Cornelius said 'Your prayers and gifts to the poor have been received by God as an offering.' Jesus said in Acts 20:35 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' Come and partner with us as we partner with the poor in making a difference in desperately needy communities.

Much love

Dave, Jean and all the staff.

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