



DONATION TO NCELULWAZI PRE-SCHOOL – A WORLD CUP FOLLOW UP STORY – AN INITIATIVE BY CARING NORWEGIANS CONTINUES TO BENEFIT RURAL SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDREN

Ncelulwazi Pre-School is situated in the impoverished Mpuluzi community near Barberton, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. The school caters for 3 to 5 year olds. Ncelulwazi first came to Penreach's attention when early childhood development (ECD) practitioner, Ms Zipho Ngwenya, enrolled for the Level 4 ECD NQF course which Penreach offers. Penreach's ECD field advisors began visiting the little school (which is situated remotely) on a regular basis to monitor the academic progress of Ms Ngwenya. It became evident during these visits that the school, housed in a run-down shack, had no resources. The children sat on a cold bare floor; the roof was made out of cardboard; the walls were damp; there were draughts everywhere; and there was precious little in the way of educational material to stimulate the children - the early childhood years are the critical years for laying solid foundations in education so that children can realise their full potential and perform well in later school years and even into adulthood.

But in 2010 all of this changed for Ncelulwazi when the little school became the beneficiary of funds collected during the World Cup by a caring group of Norwegians based on an oil rig in the North Sea, to benefit a worthy cause in South Africa. Their friend in Nelspruit, Ms Brit Seldal of A4U Tourism and Trading CC, had heard about the work that Penreach was doing to uplift education in impoverished rural communities from a Penryn College parent and friend, Ms Penny MacFarlane.

The donations from the Norwegians coupled with contributions from Brit and her clients have resulted in a new school structure with a zinc roof and windows and strong door frames; clothing; tables; chairs; toys; carpets for the children to sit on; educational resources; art materials; blankets; food; and the sponsorship of Ms Ngwenya's annual course fees. Brit and her husband Tor visit Ncelulwazi whenever they can and maintain an active, caring interest in the school's educational progress and that of the little children in its care.



Arriving at school....



Above: Tor and Brit admire the new building

Below: Children on their way to the outside loo





Before and after blankets ...



*THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR KIND AND
GENEROUS DONATIONS
TO NCELULWAZI PRE-SCHOOL IN
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA*



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