



KEEPING IN TOUCH

July— August 2009

3rd Edition

Keeping more than HOPE Alive

BAYWORLD VISIT

On the 15th August Joy and Jenny Baker fetched the children from Dora Nginza hospital and took them to see the dolphins before they left for their new home.

It was a beautiful sunny day and we took the following children along: Ala, Alyssa Caylin, Demi, Pumela and Sune. Sune's granny came with.

Gladys our translator came along. She said she had never been here before.

We were first welcomed by Elouise of Bayworld and she gave us a guide to show the children around the museum. We first went to see the snakes but unfortunately the electricity went off so we were unable to see inside the museum.

The children and I, went and sat in the stands and watched the show of the dolphins. They have minds of their own and were doing all sorts of tricks. They splashed us once and we got wet but laughed a lot at the antics of the penguins.

We had some chips and cool drink.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate the kids birthday's giving them gifts and volunteers bake cakes and we have chips, cool drink and balloons. We sing happy birthday and cut the cake. Great fun is had by all the children and parents alike. Helene made a cake in the shape of a soccer ball, this went down well with the boys. Nontambi baked a delicious chocolate cake. Lyn bakes fairy cakes and Ann helps out when no one else can.

A big thank you to all, who delight our children with these cakes.



VOLUNTEERS HARD AT WORK

A big thank you to Wendy Baird and her team went to Dora Nginza hospital to give the paediatric oncology waiting room, playroom, doctors room and 2 bed ward a good cleaning and disinfected everything, including toys chairs and tables and one could see the difference. Some sisters at the hospital remarked on it. Red Alert kindly gave us all the cleaning materials and one of their staff, to help with the use of these materials. Wendy and her team want to do this on a regular basis.



Volunteers assisting with packing of food parcels, kindly donated.

Playing with children and even some playing with the children's toys.

Fun is had by all.



Important Info

Forthcoming events in September and October 2009.

More interesting points will be shared with you in the next issue.

With the assistance of dedicated volunteers and donors we are able "To keep more than hope alive"



JULY HOLIDAYS

Joy went to fetch 2 children at the airport who are at Red Cross Hospital receiving treatment. They come home for holidays. Aunty was happy to have her nephew home.



They were very happy to come home but were sad when I had to take them back to the airport to return to Cape Town. I look forward to fetching them for Christmas school holidays.



DORA NGINZA



Children and parents waiting to see the Dr's. Always so courageous and smiling. Our little warriors



Dr Anees and Dr Ureche

We have had 6 new children at /Dora Nginza who are receiving treatment.



2ND VOLUNTEER MEETING 2009

The 2nd Volunteer meeting of 2009 was held on Saturday 15th August at Café Capenelli. 14 volunteers attended. A short pray was said. We discussed what has transpired since our last meeting in May, was discussed. The busy boxes, hygiene bags and mommy packs where passed around for all to see. This is an ongoing project.. We discussed the Secretary's breakfast coming up in September. We still need to sell tables. Carol Bartie is going to give me more contacts. Yvonne is going to phone for me. We talked about the revamping of Dora Nginza oncology section that is going to be taken on by Sarah Bisdee and her helpers. Some volunteers have offered to help with the sewing of roman blinds and sheeting. We are still needing a TV with wall brackets and DVD player and DVD's. We discussed plans for Xmas for the kids. Awaiting some new ideas. Cake and coffee was enjoyed by all.



We pray for all that are weighed down with the mystery of suffering. Reveal yourself to them as the God of Love, who yourself bear all our suffering



GI FT FOR JOY

Richard Magalies who travels from Willamore every month was happy to give Ostrich feathers as a gift. It was gratefully received. CHOC assists with his transport.



Joy travelled to Johannesburg in July to attend an EXCO meeting.

This was informative, I was also able to see the CHOC house in Johannesburg.

The children and families that are able to stay at the house are very privileged. The facilities are excellent. I also met with some of the parents, who seemed very happy in their surroundings, considering their children were on long term treatment.

ST GEORGES AND PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS

When visiting **St Georges** I am always assisted by Lynette Scheepers who works at the pediatric ward and is involved with the oncology patients.

We have two new children who are receiving treatment.

The other children come periodically for their treatment and checkup.

Busy boxes, bead kits and hygiene bags are most useful I am told and so I carry on supplying her with these.

Provincial hospital has no children at present but we were asked for 2 heaters and these were donated to Dr Christian in August..

BANK DETAILS:

STANDARD BANK	NEWTON PARK
ACCOUNT NAME:	CHOC PORT ELIZABETH
ACCOUNT NO:	0083822615
BRANCH NO:	0050017
TYPE OF ACCOUNT:	MARKET LINK

Welcome to the following volunteers. I am truly blessed to have so many helpers.

- Candice Bradfield - Natusha Schultz
- Helene Keyser - Wendy Bethlehem
- Jill Bok - John Coetzer
- Lee-Ann Ingram

All of them will be kept busy.

Jill has offered to assist with some home schooling

Natusha is great with photo collage

Helene baked the soccer cake.

John is our first male helper (brave man)

Desray Melsmeth has returned from care work and is eager to help



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In August the Chairman Mzwandile Khan-yaand the vice Chairman Ben Visser from National CHOC, visited Port Elizabeth. They met with Dr Anees and Dr Ureche at Dora Nginza, to discuss different subjects.

The key volunteers and myself met them for dinner and it was an informative evening with lots of points of interest discussed.

WISH LIST

Christmas Hampers

Knitting Wool and Knitting needles

TV with holder for wall

DONATIONS FROM GENEROUS PEOPLE WHO CARE

Absa—Linton Grange, contacted me as they want to make monthly donations.

The first package had soaps and toothpaste and some clothes for Moms.



Weirs kindly heard my plea from the last newsletter regards tinned food.

A generous donation was received from Robert. I was so thrilled to know that we could give the families and children extra nourishment



Collegiate Junior School gave us a gift donation for the Mom's of the children, as well as some towels. Anne Smyth and I went to collect.



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