

## Visitors from the Netherlands



Three members of the Bijzondere Noden donor group visited MCDC on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Here they are relaxing with Hanneke Botha, Finance Manager and Dr Flip Buys, CEO. They are Jannemieke Geluk, left front, Leen van der Maas and Mr Burggraaff, back.

## Local is lekker

MCDC uses local entrepreneurs for all kinds of maintenance jobs. William Mtshweni and his TLB machine is a regular helping hand. Here he fixes the road to the MCDC offices, which was badly eroded during the very wet rainy season. William also did some road maintenance at Nakekela. His comment about the clinic: "This is a good place. God is at work here."



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## Auxiliary social workers trained



These auxiliary social workers started their training in 2009. All of them were previously connected to MCDC in one way or another. Dr Flip Buys, CEO of MCDC, seen here with them on the photo, says: I foresee better days for all our beneficiaries when these diligent young people are fully trained and working with us. They know Jesus Christ, they have firsthand experience of MCDC's work and they believe in what they are going to do."

Eva has been an OVC at Thembaletu for 5 years. Her great passion is to work with the youth, who mostly feel their parents don't understand them.

Nondumisa has been at Themba lethu centre for three years and wants to give something back to the community because she received so much to be thankful for at the centre.

Christinah was a temporary FDP worker at Manaleni Centre. She was so happy when she heard about the opportunity to study Social Work, because that is what she always wanted to do since she was a child.

Henry also has a heart for his fellowmen. He started with computer classes an MCDC when he heard about the Social Worker course. He was always interested in the work of MCDC and decided to study this and then later further his studies in Psychology.

## Accolades

Dr Sonja Miskin has received her dispensary licence with distinction. This will make life much easier for the staff and patients at Nakekela to have a dispensary for the schedule 5-8 medicine at the premises, readily available to treat patients whenever they need it.



## Visitors from all over

May has been a very busy month with our sponsors visiting us from all over the world. Here are Kees and Greet Kloosterman from Zwolle, Netherland. They visited MCDC in 2007 to start the Themba lethu Care

Centre and they are coming back in August with 16 volunteers to do micro funding for economic development.

“We have seen the need and poverty here in KwaMhlanga and we want to help,” says Greet. They are from the Christian Reformed Church, but they raise funds independently for their projects at MCDC.



## Hope HIV shows Britons around

Russell Davies, Executive Director of Hope HIV Africa, brought three delegates from the Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London to show them some of the projects they are sponsoring at Mukhanyo. The delegates were Paul Cowley, Nici Johnson and Brynn Robertson.

They visited Themba lethu Care Centre, where they were thrilled to find an entrepreneurship workshop/game going. The children playing outside, welcomed the guests with a hymn.



Children welcoming the guests



Nici taking part in the game



Russell explaining to Brynn about the entrepreneurship game



At Nakekela they were equally impressed by the peacefulness, the standard of care, and the lovely vegetable garden..