



**ubuhle care & development centre**

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# NEWSLETTER

*January 2009*

## Headlines

Christmas Party for the Children 12 December 2008

Pre-school and after school centre opened on 12 January!

## Project Goal

**To assist children-at-risk on the farm areas surrounding Bronkhorstspuit**

### Children-at-Risk

Since August 2008 we visited approximately 78 families living on the farms just along the Bapsfontein road alone.

We were shocked at the home-situations of the children. They suffer with hunger, are generally uncared for, not going to school, do not have birth certificates and are abused in many other ways.

We managed to secure 18 of birth certificates as well as 34 ID books for the caregivers.



### Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party was a special occasion. A research company in Johannesburg, BMI Foodpack, bought a gift for each child and brought party packs. It warmed our hearts to see the joy on the faces of the children.



**Playing on a jumping castle was a first for most of the children.**



### After-school Care Centre

One of the major challenges that the school-going children on the farms face, is that their caregivers cannot help them with their homework. Some of the caregivers are illiterate and others have not completed their own schooling to a level that they can assist their children. Most farm families do not have access to electricity and as soon as it is dark, the children cannot continue with their assignments. At our centre the children receive a meal after school and then are then assisted with their homework by volunteers. They then have time for fun with games and sports.

## Pre-school Care Centre

In God's incredible provision the farm school on our farm (Hugo and Melanie Prinsloo) closed down in December 2008. We were able to do basic renovations and equipping of the centre, which enabled us to register 23 children on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2009. We pick them up in the morning and drop them off around 4pm in the afternoon. The children receive 2 meals per day and an occupational therapy program is followed to help with their development. We also have as much fun with them as possible



### How can you help?

We would appreciate your help in any of the following ways:

#### THINGS

Food (*maize meal, sugar, tea, rice, baked beans, macaroni, oats, milk, mince, eggs, salt, fruit, vegetables, cooking oil*), toilet paper and other cleaning products.

Pots & Pans, Tables & Chairs, Mattresses (x30), Carpets, Garden Tools, First Aid Kit, Computers, Sewing machines, Stationery and anything else that you would normally throw away.

**Small black scooter bikes!!!**    **Puzzles!!**

**Other educational toys!!!**

#### PEOPLE

Volunteers with homework from 3pm – 4pm

Help with securing donations

Trainers for sewing, beading and other crafts

### Future Programs

Adult Literacy (ABET)

Career Guidance

Youth Group Events

Other Training:

*HIV/AIDS    Vegetable Gardening*

*Sewing    Hygiene and Nutrition*

### Where are we?

Farm Vlakfontein 523 JR Bronkhorstpruit

*On the Bronkhorstbaai road - Opposite the horse farm.*

### Contact us?

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