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“What we do for the least of people, we do for Jesus” Matthew 25:40

Introduction

Ikhaya le Themba is a faith-based, non-profit community organisation (046-634 NPO) rendering services to the community of Khayelitsha. It was established in 2003 as a Home-based Care Organisation providing nursing care, counselling and Home-based Care Training, but quickly grew to focus on the development of the community as a whole, including the support of orphans, vulnerable children, the youth and the elderly.

Vision & Mission

Our Vision

Ikhaya le Themba is a faith-based organization bringing hope and love to the poor and vulnerable. It serves as a model for uplifting and empowering communities across Southern Africa.

Our Mission

We strive to meet the spiritual and practical needs of communities through mentoring, training and effective distribution of resources. Our mission is to reach the poor through selfless love and service. It is the foundation of everything we do, believing that "what we do for the least of people, we do for Jesus" - Matthew 25:40

Our Values

Ikhaya le Themba seeks to be an organisation of people who are loving, generous, purposeful and relational, bringing hope to communities in need.



Chairman's Report

Nelson Mandela once said "It always seems impossible until it's done".

This year was one of incredible growth in IKLT. We were able to touch so many more lives through our OVC, Home-based Care, Enterprise Development and Skills Development programmes. We employed new staff, created more jobs, cared for the sick and destitute, released more leaders and kick-started our international volunteer programme.

As we continue to actively pursue those things that are important to God, we know that we continue to **change communities, one life at a time**. We would like to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, God who gives us wisdom, the team of volunteers, partners and both local and international investors who make this all possible.



Yours in faith,
Grant T. Banwell

Board of Directors for the Year

Grant Tozer Banwell (Chairman), Ian Richardson, Clifford Andrew Hiscock. Going forward with a 'sneak peak' into the 2015/6 year - Ikhaya le Themba is proud to welcome Ross Gillespie to the team and Gerhard Claassen as a non-executive director of the board!

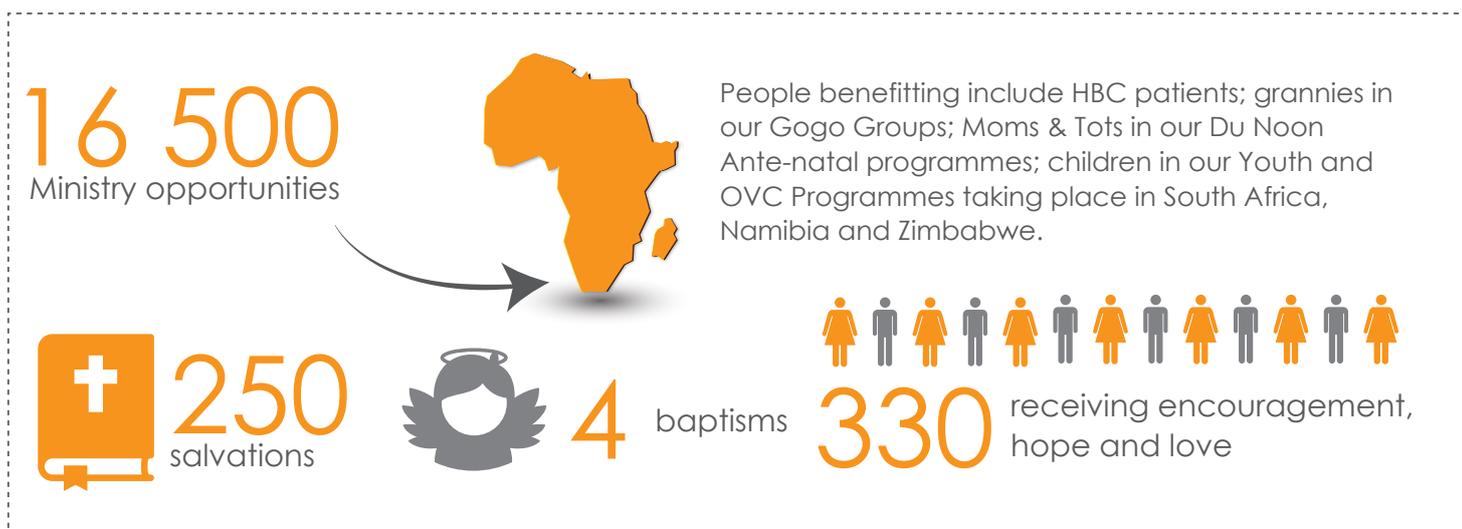
Staff (during the reporting period)

Bobby Teichert	Orphans & Vulnerable Children Manager
Silke van Deventer	Finance and Volunteer Manager
Andrea Bester	Media Liaison
Theresa Richardson	Project Manager
Ian Richardson	Project Manager
Felicia Mzimkulu	Home-based Care Leader - Khayelitsha
Cynthia Ntshobethu	HIV Support Group and Soup Kitchen Leader
Norah Camalata	Orphans and Granny Group Leader
Georgina Sandama	Home-based Care Leader - Dunoon
Cynthia Stenge	Orphans and Vulnerable Children Leader
Bongiwe Mawana	Home-based Carer
Smanywe Mawana	Home-based Carer
Noknowaba Stuurman	Home-based Carer
Jane Boo	Home-based Carer
Albetina Pani	Home-based Carer
Nokwanda Mdigi	Home-based Carer
Nyameka Ndyavuthwa	Home-based Carer
Nophindile Mayeki	Home-based Carer
Sidwell Ntoyaphi	Home-based Carer
Boyboy Tuba	Home-based Carer

Another 'sneak peek' into the new 2015/6 year is the exciting announcement of four new staff members to Ikhaya le Themba – namely Phila Mbabama (Carer), Michael Sodwa (Gardener), Tania Nell (General Manager) and Lucy Govender (Financial Manager)!



Making a Difference Through Love and Service in 2014/5



We want to give God all the honour for the wonderful work accomplished in 2014/5!

Some amazing statistics:



10 600 pre-school and graded children attended the play dates that were held on a fortnightly basis.



24 youths attended the weekly youth groups on a Friday night (totalling 508 times) and were trained to run Play Dates on alternate Saturdays for **450 children**



3 700 visits to the elderly and sick community where members received medical care in their homes in Khayelitsha and Dunoon



16 Home-based carers rendered an incredible service to the needy on a weekly basis, and received group counselling to support the critical work they do



44 people attended the weekly Gogo support group for the frail and elderly



85 ladies attended the women's day event



97 000 meals were prepared and distributed during this year



3 763 food parcels were distributed to needy families in Sunningdale, Du Noon, Edgemead and Khayelitsha



17 roofs of shacks were maintained / fixed



Several tons of household items and clothes were dispersed through the thrift store to the community



35 people earned an income through the ministry



13 skin care products were developed and sold through the Indalo enterprise development



16 beneficiaries generated R108 805 turnover for Enterprise Development



500 children attended the annual Christmas party



620 blessing-in-a-box (back-2-school) shoeboxes were given to children in need



3 174 people benefitted from skills development training this year



We shared the gospel with over **900** adults and children



954 volunteers from around the city joined in for Play Dates averaging 40 at a time



5 outreach ministries were facilitated



A workplace readiness workshop was run for **35 matriculants** from Inkwenkwezi High School



35+ moms in Du Noon attended the weekly Antenatal Programme and Nutrition Awareness Intervention



20 Carers in Zimbabwe were trained in Home-based Care



Over 250 responded to the salvation message



We believe that many hands make light work and, as in a human body, when each part or member functions correctly the body remains healthy. Ikhaya le Themba works on the same principle, and as we continue in a partnership together, each fulfilling our various roles, the ministry is able to continue to grow and change communities - one life at a time. We are thus able to carry on contributing to the solutions to the many challenges the under privileged in our country face.



Community Development



Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)

Play Date Sessions: From March 2014 to February 2015, Ikhaya le Themba hosted 16 play dates, which involved an average of 350 to 460 children.

The majority of the teaching material used in 2014 is found in Safari club, a multi-use children's program for Africa. Most sessions began with a big group welcome, open in prayer, Praise and worship, a puppet show/skit, an object lesson and a memory verse. Then we broke into our 3 small groups and rotated between hearing the Bible story for the day, doing a craft and playing games. All of which re-iterate the learning for the session.

The curriculum for 2014 consisted of the following lessons:

A series on: The King's Commandments: Foundation for God's Rules

The 1st Greatest Commandment: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.'

The 2nd greatest commandments: Love your neighbor as yourself, No other gods before me, Do not make idols, Do not misuse Gods' name, Keep the Sabbath holy, Honour your parents, Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not lie, Do not covet.

Topical lessons: Making good choices, choosing good friends, guarding your tongue, forgiveness, and God loves everyone.

At the start of 2015 we kicked off the year with a big group 'welcome back', a Snake show, and a wonderful teaching all about Jesus (by Charmaine and Donovan Manuel from J-way children's ministries). These three play dates enabled us to kick off the play date routine in fun and creative ways.



April Holiday Club Dance and Drawing for the Youth Leaders was hosted on 31 March to 1 April 2014 and included about 24 youth leaders.

Day 1-Dance with Marci Pearce from 3dance co. in the UK

This holiday club session was presented as a special workshop for the youth leaders of 2014. The session began in prayer and was followed by an amazing time of dance games and competitions. I saw the youth leaders come alive at this workshop like never before. There were a number of volunteers from Brazil and the City Bowl who joined us for the day; they interacted with the leaders in a great way.

During 'a time of battle', some of the older youth leaders mentioned that they would like to battle a volunteer in rapping. Howard Fyvie took the challenge, but when the time came everyone was too shy. Marci opened the competition and quietly Moses Mampofu (one of the younger leaders) slipped up his hand. Next minute a boom of authority and confidence exploded out of this boy's mouth and needless to say Howie was beaten!

This workshop did so much for the youths' confidence levels this day. It was a time they still speak about one year later. Marci attended youth meetings during April for +3 weeks and taught +-20 min workshops. The youths learned a choreographed dance that they performed at a play date shortly thereafter.

Day 2 -Creative Drawing

Day 2 was a quietly creative day as Andrea Bester presented a workshop on 'Drawing in Ink'. Andrea's love for God as the creator shone through her presenting and I believe opened up creative areas in the youths' lives to explore the gifts and talents God has given them. Zuki Kwaiymani won the prize for best artist of the day.

July Holiday Club was hosted from 9 to 12 July 2014: The theme presented at the July holiday club was 'Salvation through Jesus'. During Mandela Week our team, with the assistance of volunteers from British Gas and WNS, presented a "World Cup Soccer" Holiday Club for over 450 orphans and vulnerable children. The days were filled with good food, loads of games and gospel messages. During the week our OVC manager, Bobby, asked the children if they would like to receive Jesus as their personal saviour and over 200 children stretched their hands to the sky in response! I noticed that one of the British Gas volunteers was so touched by this that he just stood staring at them. On the last day he attended, he said that the time he had spent with the children was the most fun he had ever had!

Christmas party: 6 Dec 2014

On 6 December we hosted our annual Children's Christmas Party. It was a wonderful event with nearly 500 children attending to join in the fun. A kind-hearted Pastry Chef from 15 On Orange Hotel in Cape Town arranged 650 of the most amazing cupcakes for the party. Each was a rainbow coloured, Jelly Tot dotted work of art. Squeals of joy and appreciation filled the air as the children ate these lip smacking delights. (Theresa Richardson FB blog)

Volunteers, youth leaders and some of the older children presented a wonderful nativity play for all the children to see. At the annual play date each child also received a 'blessing in a box'.



Youth Leader Programme

Our Youth Leader programme started out about 6 years ago as a means to give the teenagers from the OVC group a more relevant programme of activities, and to form a team of closely knit youngsters that are able to support and help care for the larger group on Saturday mornings. We started out by working through sections of our HBC Training manual and then progressed through the "King and His Kingdom" booklet. Over time many of these youngsters committed to following Jesus and were baptised.

This past year we settled into the "CrossRoads" curriculum, imparting skills on how to make the right life choices through good character development. This programme is very interactive, giving everyone the opportunity to participate through skits, drama, interaction within a small group, and presenting feedback to the larger group.

During the first school holidays Bobby's sister, Marci, presented a Hip Hop dance workshop where many of the youths excelled at expressing themselves through dance. Later in the year, thanks to sponsorship from Cape Nature, we took them on an outing to the Cape Point Reserve. Everyone had a wonderful time out in the open, away from the confines of township life. Another highlight was taking a select group to the Artscape Theatre to see a ballet performance, giving them a different perspective of dancing and self-expression through the arts.

This group of teenagers is now able to help with planning our Saturday OVC Play Dates and is confident when facilitating them. It has been a pleasure and joy to see some of the older ones mature into responsible young adults and take on meaningful roles in their community.



Home-based care (HBC)

During 2014, 16 Ikhaya le Themba Carers had the privilege of carrying out 3871 home visits to over 90 adults in Khayelitsha/Dunoon. They saw people healed naturally, through efficient care, and supernaturally where medical healing seemed impossible. The Carers were vessels of hope and joy to many patients and their families. They broke the fear of disease and taught the families to care for their sick and needy, whilst providing nutrition, rehabilitation, prayer and encouragement. Many families experienced physical and spiritual healing including reconciliation of broken relationships. The most prevalent diseases were by far Pulmonary Tuberculosis coupled with HIV. The Western Cape is known worldwide for its high Tuberculosis statistics and we continue to bring awareness, nutrition and relief where access to treatment and poverty is a great challenge.

Gogo Group

The Gogo Groups (Gogo means "granny" in Xhosa) that we ran three times a month in Khayelitsha helped 40+ older community members to connect and share their burdens. In many cases these ladies are breadwinners and caretakers of their families, with heavy loads to carry. This support group encouraged local community members by being able to share the word of God, create unity and fellowship, as well as provide a platform for counselling and building stronger relationships. We were able to provide each Gogo with a monthly food parcel to assist in providing for their families. The highlight for this group was the visit to Du Noon on Mother's Day to attend a ministry time by Africa Mahlope, followed by a delicious meal.



Women's Day

Women play a crucial role in the lives of families in South African townships. Often the sole breadwinners, these ladies carry heavy burdens and hold families together with their love and service. As part of Ikhaya le Themba, we decided to host a Women's Day Celebration on the 9th August for over 100 women from DuNoon and Khayelitsha.

The message we wanted to share with these ladies was that when they choose Jesus, they can be truly free as He gives freedom that releases them from all the sins and burdens of the past. The message was that He is the one that loves them and supports them, in the midst of their struggles. After the message was shared, we worshipped and then feasted on a tea supplied by the ladies from a local church. Each lady received a lovely gift pack, hand made by our Khayelitsha Gogo Group. The love of God was shared abundantly.

We continue our ministry to these ladies through the Moms Support group in DuNoon, which meets every Tuesday. We share the word of God and facilitate a teaching by a Department of Health member, who teaches on various topics, such as breast-feeding, HIV & AIDS, TB, Cancer and parenting. We then share a meal together and continue to build relationships with these amazing women, so that they are supported and upheld with fellowship and prayer.

Community Storehouse – focusing on poverty alleviation

Projects of the 'community storehouse' focus on different areas to alleviate poverty, and include the soup kitchen, thrift store, tummy packs, recycling swop shop, the distribution of food donations, and the shack to shelter projects. Our Community Storehouse initiative originated from the work with our Home-based Care patients, who needed more than just wound dressings and physical rehabilitation. As an organisation we focus on "whole patient" care, seeing to the household and nutritional needs of the patients, as well as their families. Through Woolworths donations, Soup Kitchens, Food Pod gardens and Hungry Tummy pack initiatives we distributed 97 000 nutritious meals in Khayelitsha, Du Noon, Edgemoor, Table View, Namibia and Zimbabwe. We distribute regular donations to those who are physically unable to help themselves and are therefore vulnerable to starvation and malnutrition. The Community Pantry distributes donations from Woolworths and Debonairs, as well as putting together Hungry Tummy packs for some patients and families.

Soup Kitchen

Every single day, Cynthia Stenge and the carers, ensure that there are 30 to 40 litres of nutritious soup available for our patients, vulnerable adults & children in our community. The most amazing aspect is that Ikhaya le Themba is growing some of these ingredients in 100 crates designated for this purpose in the garden! During 2014, Ikhaya le Themba delivered over 38055 meals. 3763 "Woolies" parcels were distributed to needy families in Sunningdale, Du Noon, Edgemoor and Khayelitsha. The estimated total number of meals distributed through the ministry, including play dates and youth, was 95 214.

Thrift store

Ikhaya le Themba has a thrift store run by Norah Calamta. This store has weekly sales of in-natura donations like clothing, blankets and household necessities. Any child or adult can bring an item to swop or purchase clothing at a nominal cost. This swop shop raises funds that contribute to the soup kitchen. Numerous tons of household goods and clothing were distributed to the needy. A Thrift Store was started in Khayelitsha where clothing and household items are sold for R5 or less, giving most people the opportunity to "shop for bargains". Thank you to the many people who donated second hand clothing, furniture and appliances to this ministry.

Recycling Plastic to Gain Needed items

In July 2014, Ikhaya le Themba partnered with WNS, Yomelela School, and Beyond Education to introduce a recycling initiative that saw many tons of plastic refuse being collected in Khayelitsha for recycling. Students and residents in the community were able to purchase items from our swop shop with their tokens earned for plastic rendered for recycling. In July we partnered with Yomelela School, WNS and Beyond Education to start a recycling project in Khayelitsha, aimed at cleaning up the township and teaching life skills to local children. Children and families were encouraged to pick up litter that could be recycled and exchanged for tokens. These tokens were then used to buy food and clothing at our Swap Shop.

The response was truly incredible, right from the very beginning! On the first day of the initiative, very early in the morning, 860 scholars began bringing in their bags of plastic for recycling. Each pupil was then given tokens to the value of the plastic they had collected. A team from our Gogo Group helped sort the 732kg of plastic into categories for recycling. The following week, the excited pupils returned to spend their tokens on various "treasures" in the Swap Shop. Toys, books, school supplies, second hand clothes and soccer balls – whatever their hearts desired. It was wonderful for us to see them laugh with joy as they used their hard earned tokens to buy treats and supplies!

We have seen how this initiative encourages the children to take responsibility for their environment and to instil pride in their neighbourhood. It is also a great opportunity for corporate and community projects to work together to strengthen and add value to communities.

Shack to Shelter

Our annual pre-winter shack roof repair took place over 4 weekends during the months of May and June. Teams of volunteers from a local church and Cape Armature Winders covered 17 of our patients and GoGo's shacks' roofs with 250µ black plastic as a means of waterproofing them. Much fun and camaraderie was enjoyed by all who helped, and everyone came away with a sense of "it is better to give than to receive". There were tears of gratitude from some of the recipients as they could now face winter without wet bedding.

We also received a donation of cupboards, via Kitchen Emporium, which we managed to install into Nopindile's and Johane Musviba's houses. Nopindile was speechless when she saw the final product.



Enterprise Development

We believe that empowering people to start their own community businesses is an effective way of alleviating poverty for the long term. Work is an essential part of life, giving unemployed folk opportunities to provide for themselves and others. Work is God-given, and working hard is part of being a disciple of Jesus. We have seen many people standing taller after acquiring a skill and starting to earn an income – enabling them to share and uplift others within their community and families. Our Enterprise Development initiatives created income opportunities for 16 people with a gross turnover valued at R108 805 and R35 000 "in the pocket" for the 16 beneficiaries.

Indalo

In 2011 Ikhaya le Themba started producing creams and balms made from natural oils and beeswax. We had many patients with wounds and skin ailments, and we had a desire to use gentle, natural products with good healing properties. These natural products proved to be so successful that we started producing them for general use. We wanted people to enjoy these products made by previously disadvantaged folk, who in turn were able to earn an income. Very soon we were making soap, essential balm, moisturising cream and lip balm for regular and sensitive skin.

The Products

From the heart of Ikhaya le Themba we present Indalo products: a new 'all South African' skin care range. Hand crafted with love and care, using only natural oils and beeswax (no chemicals or additional perfumes), Indalo soaps and creams are totally natural.

During 2014, Indalo embarked on the development of a baby range, because Ikhaya le Themba carers had used Indalo products extensively on their patients, with excellent results, we had the confidence to start developing a "Baby Indalo" range for infants and toddlers. The product was used on many babies and children with skin ailments, with great results. The gentle olive, macadamia and almond oils, with beeswax and South African West Coast Lavender Essential oil, proved to be a wonderful natural product ready for the shelves.



The People

Since 2003 we at Ikhaya le Themba have seen an increasing need for Skills Training and Enterprise Development in impoverished communities. We believe that by empowering people with knowledge and skills, communities can be uplifted and transformed. Through making and selling these natural products, people are instilled with a sense of self-worth and are able to contribute towards creating a better future for their families. Thank you for supporting this life changing initiative!



Gardens

What an exciting year we had in the garden! It never fails to amaze me when I see the hope that the Ikhaya le Themba garden brings. Our team of 6 community gardeners worked hard and achieved much. The produce grown in their enterprise development gardens in Khayelitsha was used in fine dining restaurants around the Cape, earning the praise of top international chefs. The team met obstacles with determination and the result was beautiful, world-class micro greens and herbs. On a local note, 2014 saw Ikhaya le Themba's garden team standing proud each month as they handed out freshly harvested spinach to the 450 Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC's) we minister to. The gardeners were overwhelmed by the fact that their labour of love was making a difference to the children of their community while earning a much welcomed income every month. Each child was given bunches of fresh green produce and for a moment the streets of Khayelitsha exploded with green life as each child rushed home to show their parents or guardians. It was beautiful!



Skills Development

Home-based Care Training

The year started with our annual Home-Based Care training for our 16 Home-Based Carers. Our training provides practical knowledge thereby enabling communities to care for their own at ground level. We teach simple home-based care principals such as wound dressing, physical rehabilitation, nutrition and hygiene. The training enables learners to operate independently and is Biblically based, sharing the heart of servanthood and discipleship. In this way, truths that are taught are spread into the communities our Carers serve, as they love and look after each patient, whilst providing them with practical help. Our training material is in Xhosa and English and we are part of the Home-Based Care Forum of Khayelitsha, which sets the standards and policies to which we adhere.

Outreaches

Aussenkehr

History of Ikhaya le Themba & Aussenkehr

Aussenkehr is a privately owned farm on the banks of the Orange River, roughly 50km from the Vioolsdrift border crossing in Namibia. One of the conditions of ownership imposed by the Namibian Government was that a portion of the land be used to accommodate several thousand local families from Noordoewer. At present the local population is in the region of 8000, but this varies depending on the pruning/picking season. The village has a Spar, a furniture shop and plenty of informal 'spaza' shops. There are 19 local church congregations of differing denominations and quite a few shebeens. Due to the migrant labour, cramped living conditions and sexual promiscuity, many unwanted pregnancies occur, creating further problems, as the newborn child cannot be taken to either of the parents' villages. These infants are left behind at Aussenkehr where the Child Care Centre takes them in. The ACCC receives funding from some of the grape producers, and is run by 3 staff and several volunteers who care for about 60 children on a daily basis. These children are placed with local families who provide and care for them. The younger ones attend the local primary school and go to the centre in the afternoons, where a meal is provided. The older children attend high school as boarders. The chairman, Matias Andreas, is employed by one of the grape companies and also leads one of the local churches. Mr & Mrs Conradie also served as Board Members until last year. Adjacent to the ACCC is an open-sided Community Hall that is used daily by the Child Centre and also by visiting preachers at the discretion of Matias Andreas.

Aussenkehr Trip: 27th August – 1st September 2014

In order to expose the volunteers and new staff members at Ikhaya le Themba to another aspect of our ministry, we took a multinational team to Aussenkehr (Namibia) to help run the Holiday Club for the OVC's at the Child Care Centre. The TMT mini bus was hired to minimize transport costs and the 13-member team embarked on the journey. One aspect of this trip was to facilitate a holiday club with the theme of "Family and Salvation" for 30-45 children which started with a "popcorn and movie" night. In the days that followed, the children enjoyed worship, a puppet show, arts and crafts, games, soccer, netball and Bible teaching. Their response to the health and hygiene teaching and Gospel Message was encouraging with 4 children giving their hearts to the Lord at the Sunday Church meeting. The other objective was to introduce Grant & Cliff to the folk and facilities at Aussenkehr so that they could have a better understanding of the prevailing complex challenges. Much time was spent "sight-seeing" and getting to know how things operate there, as well as meeting all the relevant people we have come to know and love. The total cost of the trip was R11 958.00 that was sponsored completely by GoReefers.



Aussenkehr Trip: 11 – 16 Dec 2014

In December 2014 an excited team of four from Ikhaya le Themba travelled to Aussenkehr to host a holiday club and Christmas Party for the children. We were on a mission to ensure that the children had loads of fun and treats to help them learn more about themselves and Jesus. The program was jam-packed with activities, crafts, songs and games. The children made special gifts for the staff of GoReefers, as well as an Advent Calendar for themselves to enjoy during the days leading to Christmas. Their creative juices flowed freely as they learnt new card making skills. GoReefers' personnel were delighted with their unique handmade gifts. It was wonderful to see how the hearts of the children softened towards the gospel and over 30 children received Christ as their Saviour during ministry time. The program included 'how to have a quiet time' and 'the importance of building a good relationship with Jesus and each other'. All the volunteers were encouraged by the children's response and joined in singing songs to honour the birth and life of Jesus.

The holiday club drew to an end and culminated in the Christmas Party. The local GoReefers staff and their children attended the festivities making new friends and enjoying a delicious meal followed by cake. At last the moment had arrived for GoReefers staff to hand out Christmas presents to the 100 children attending the party. It was smiles all round as the children investigated their bags filled with personal treasures and toys. The guardians attending the party were so grateful for the toiletries, stationery, sweets and toys that the children received. At the start of the New Year, the teachers from the local school mentioned how confident and excited the children were because now they had all their school stationery. It was a very special time enjoyed by all and ended with deep gratitude to GoReefers for their continued love and support.

Du Noon – Moms & Tots

In Du Noon we presented weekly basic nutritional information to Ante- and Post- Natal patients attending the clinic. We invited the mothers to attend our weekly Moms and Tots Group held at a local church in Du Noon. The Moms and Tots group proved to be a wonderful opportunity for intentional discipleship, sharing of health and nutritional issues, and the building of strong friendships between the mothers and their children. On average, the 25 mothers and their children received a cooked nutritional meal each week and Ikhaya le Themba was able to help mothers in distress, with a birth pack covering the essentials needed to care for their new born babies. Our carers conducted home visits to vulnerable mothers providing advice and nutrition where needed.



This initiative was started at the request of the Nursing Manager at the Du Noon Clinic. In addition to the increase in the number of teenage pregnancies in the community, the Nursing Staff identified that many of the mothers were ill equipped and lacked support due to the fact that they were from the Eastern Cape or from neighboring countries. Our heart has been to meet the practical needs of the pregnant mothers and to mentor the new moms where necessary. We have found that bringing encouraging scriptures to the moms, regarding themselves and their children, has made a difference in the load they carry. We have seen women reaching out and supporting each other through this support group. On a practical note, the soup/food we supply has made a significant difference to some women. We found that generally the nutrition in Du Noon is shocking and there have been situations where the soup we provide is the only food a mom has had to eat for the day. We managed to provide each Mom with a birth/baby pack supplying basic resources they needed to care for their newborn babies.

Zimbabwe: 6th – 26th November 2014

During a conference hosted at a local church in Sunningdale, Neville Sandama requested, and the Directing Elders suggested, that Ikhaya le Themba visit Harare to do HBC Training. We were tasked with arranging the trip to present HBC training to 10 congregants who would then be trained and equipped to train others when needed. We also gathered as much information as possible pertaining to obtaining land and building a church in Harare. Isis, one of the Brazilian volunteers with nursing/medical skills, accompanied us. The journey up (and back) was done over 3 days. The V&A City Lodge sponsored us to overnight accommodation at Bloemfontein and Polokwane (both ways). Nevil met us at the customs offices where the Zimbabwe authorities imposed additional taxes of \$310. 4 hours later we were on the last stage of the trip to arrive in Harare at 10.00pm. Nevil arranged hosting for the first night and we took residence at Silveira House Jesuit Mission the next day (Sunday) and began training.

Home-Based Care Training:

We were able to use a Classroom at Tafara 2 High School for the duration of the course at no cost. Training took place in the mornings and each day ended with lunch. During the first week 12 candidates attended and were also mentored to "Train the Trainer". The students were quick to learn and a joy to work with as we put them into 4 teams according to the suburb in which they reside. During the second week these teams rotated between teaching another group of students, under supervision, and doing practical home visits, under Theresa's guidance. Certificates were presented to this first group at the end of the 2 weeks, during our last Sunday meeting with the saints. Each team was given an HBC Kit containing all the items needed to carry out home visits to patients. A "Stock Box" of dressings, bandages, gauze and other consumables was left with Gertrude, one of the committee members, who was also shown how to issue, record and control it.

Registering Ikhaya le Themba Zimbabwe NGO:

Zimbabwe Law requires that any organization that provides Home-Based Care be registered with the Department of Social Services and also have a Letter of Consent from the local office of the Health Department. This was communicated back to Grant and we were given consent to try and comply with these regulations. All the documentation was compiled and submitted to the relevant institutions as well as a Letter of Request to the Director of the Health Department. The Executive Committee was formed and the first meeting held where all members were briefed on their roles and functions. Ikhaya le Themba's Quality Procedures and Documentation Standards were explained and the Constitution accepted.

Volunteers

Volunteers from a local church came to give of their time and love on playdates; packing shoeboxes; collecting winter clothes and working in the gardens. Ikhaya le Themba received volunteers from all over the country and even as far as Brazil joining us in making a practical difference. Bobby wrote the following about the impact of volunteers: "I feel volunteers are able to add value to the people IKLT works with by making themselves available to come along to the programs we run, be part of the lives of the children, youth, carers, patients, grannies etc and building meaningful relationships. Volunteers bring new fresh perspectives and ways of doing things- this brings refreshing to the people we serve as a freshness in the programs offered. I have seen an openness in all those we serve in receiving volunteers with open hearts and a willingness to get to know these volunteers and learn from them and especially learn things they don't know about when the volunteers are different to their culture. Volunteers are able to also add value by bringing their skills and making that available for IKLT use eg: Karen Schrauwen that is a nutrition consultant. Volunteers assist us according to their availability and it doesn't necessarily have to be long term. "

Fundraising initiatives

The 'Blessing in a Box' Christmas project

We provided over 620 "Blessings in a Box" distributed at the end of year Christmas Party in Khayelitsha, to children in Du Noon, Genadendal and to Home Of Hope in Table View. The boxes contained school shoes, a pencil case & crayons, a ruler, a pen, a pencil, an eraser, a sharpener, scissors, a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, a facecloth, toys and sweeties. At Ikhaya le Themba we work with approximately 500 children in Site B Khayelitsha, providing bi-monthly Saturday Play Dates, regular school holiday clubs, life-skills training and more. The children benefit tremendously from the input and they love to be a part of our programmes, but if there is one thing that creates special excitement amongst them it is the Christmas Shoe Boxes!

"Shoe boxes" jam-packed with back-to-school goodies, hygiene products and toys, are collected at the end of the year from generous congregation members, individual sponsors and corporate businesses. These colourfully decorated presents are handed out to the children at the Christmas party. What a great privilege it is to see the laughter, giggles and joyous faces as they receive these wonderful gifts. It is truly a benefit to the community, as it takes the pressure away from the caregivers and parents, who can't afford presents or 'back to school' basics for their children. This drive is really one of our favourite initiatives! This year the response to the Blessing in a Box drive has been mind blowing. When we began the drive earlier this year we were concerned about numbers as we had around 150 new children regularly attending the Play Dates. After asking for 450 boxes last year, we were doubtful as to whether we would reach our target of 600 this Christmas due to the current financial constraints.

Our misgivings proved to be totally unfounded as, through your overwhelming generosity, we were able to provide over 660 boxes; enough for all our OVC's in Khayelitsha and the children from a local church in DuNoon as well! Through this initiative and our overall work with our Orphans and Vulnerable Children, we believe the impact that we're having on Khayelitsha is significant. Each child who is able to return to school in 2015, equipped and ready to begin classes, thanks to a shoe box full of school supplies, is a victory. Your contribution has formed a part of that and on behalf of the children, we are very grateful. (Andrea Bester FB blog)

Support a child

Jesus Christ said that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to the children; Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away. (Matthew 19:13-15 ESV)

We believe at Ikhaya le Themba, that by investing into children, we unlock the blessings of the Kingdom of Heaven to make a difference in the communities where God has placed them. They realise their potential to walk as the children of God who brings the Hope of the world into their communities. This is made possible through the investment of time and finances into disciplining these children to understand whom they are, why they are here and what God has made them to be. During 2014, we initiated the opportunity to invest time and finances into orphans and vulnerable children, called "Sponsor a child". This was birthed with a heart to see children who were vulnerable through circumstance or having lost parents, cared for, disciplined and loved. Donor's investments of time, finances and talents enabled Ikhaya le Themba to care for 350 children, provide 31 500 meals, 650 Christmas Shoe Boxes, over 10 000 Easter Eggs, over 1000 beanies, socks, and gloves, and tons of second hand clothes and toys.

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**The purpose of life is not to be happy.
It is to be useful, to be honorable, to
be compassionate, to have it make some
difference that you have lived and lived
well.**

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Financial report

Financial statement for the year ended 28 February 2015

Income		979,474
Enterprise Development	178,596	
Fund Raising Events	11,031	
Orphan Sponsor	347,400	
Ikhaya le Themba Income	374,179	
Outreaches	68,268	
Expenditure		1,249,209
Bank interest	1,697	
Bank Charges	21,838	
Community Development	72,405	
Contingency	3,794	
Cleaning	297	
Computer and Internet expense	3,584	
Depreciation	39,006	
Entertainment	8,675	
Enterprise Development	117,459	
Medical	399	
Maintenance	1,204	
Orphan and Vulnerable Children	93,068	
Outreaches	95,845	
Postage and Delivery	102	
Printing and Reproduction	5,930	
Professional Fees	63,900	
Supplies	1,081	
Stipend (incl PAYE and UIF etc)	583,837	
Telephone	16,551	
Training	16,280	
Vehicle expenses	102,250	

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