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Birthday Celebrations

This year we celebrated Nthando's **SEVENTH** birthday! It has been such a blessing to see how God has shaped, changed and used this organisation to serve the most vulnerable in our community. We are so excited for what the future holds for us as we continue to work with the children at The Ark. **Please continue to pray** for this ministry, for the children, their parents, teachers and service providers. Together we hope to positively impact their lives and provide them with hope for a productive future.



Developmental Groups at LAMBS Educare

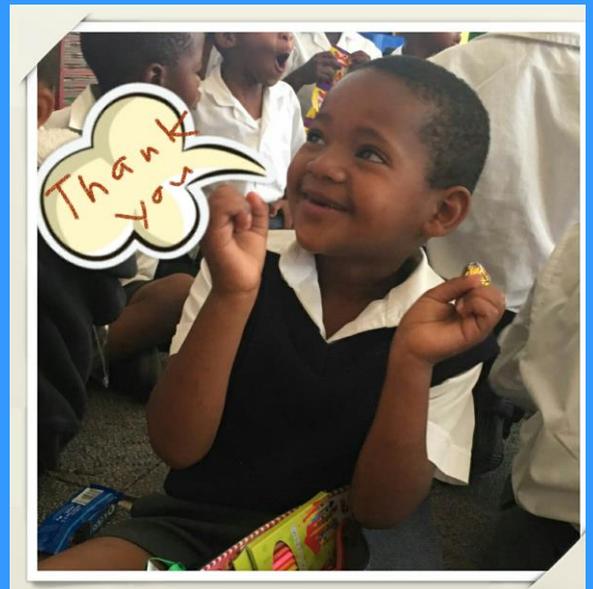


As we move into 2017, we continue to monitor and treat those attending the LAMBS Educare (18 months – 5 year olds). This year we have decided to start developmental groups with them, which take place every Friday. Each Friday an age group gets a turn to take part in a experiential group activity, covering areas of development such as gross motor, fine motor, language, sensory play and life skills. We have all had a great term already and look forward to the learning that term 3 will bring.

**The
Nthando
Family**

Thank you to Rhenish Primary School

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Rhenish Primary School for donating desks and chairs to the Ark Schools foundation phase. The Ark Schools workshop team gave them a new lick of paint and they are now ready for use. Every child should have a desk to learn from, and Rhenish Primary helped make this possible.



Therapy Services

At the start of the year we had to say farewell to Matilda Nowers, one of the occupational therapists who has been working with us for the last 8 months. Thank you for all your hard work, passion and love you brought to the team Matilda and all the best as you start a new chapter in Saudi. With Matilda leaving, we have the opportunity to welcome Bronwyn Lindsay to the team, as our newest occupational therapist. We trust her time with us will be a real blessing as she works with the children at the Ark. We are currently overseeing the LAMBS Educare, the Grade R, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes this year. This is a total of approximately 150 children. We offer them regular onsite occupational therapy, and refer them for speech therapy, psychometric assessments, eye tests, hearing tests and to paediatricians when indicated.



Literacy Project

This term we launched our literacy project with the Grade 1 and Grade 2 learners. Learners that have shown difficulty in reading and writing have been paired with a teacher who sees them individually every week, working on their basic literacy skills. These children have started to show a real excitement for reading, where before it was a daunting task. We still have lots of work to do, but we are excited to see the progress in each child so far. Watch this space, as we plan to build up our library in aid of Mandela Day this July.



EaSter Egg Hunt

This year we decided to bless the Grade R, 1 and 2 learners with a Easter programme. This consisted of a object lesson, teaching them about the reason behind Easter, followed by a Easter egg hunt. The children loved every minute, and were filled with excitement as they interacted with the Nthando volunteers. Thank you to Julie and her fantastic team for making the children smile, and allowing them to experience the love of Christ.

