



PROJECT SNUGGLE-IN 2012

Conclusion to PC Palace Suppliers:

Bophelo Creche

What an incredible blessing it was to all who were involved in the hand out phase of another year's Snuggle-In Project.

Bophelo Creche was founded at the beginning of 2011 to help parents/grandparents who are unable to afford a crèche facility in Matwabeng township, which is about R70 per month. KMD saw this need when grandparents especially attended school children's functions with little ones tagging along as they had no means of sending them to pre-school. This resulted in unstimulated and bored little people. KMD then proceeded by renting premises from the local municipality and started the basic crèche facility with carpets, plastic tables and chairs and a few outside playing structures. Food is provided in the morning and afternoon from the kitchen shared by all the community projects.

Bophelo cares for 20 children. Our stop again at Bophelo Creche greeted us with parents and little people who attended school on a bitter cold Saturday morning specifically to receive their gifts. This year we requested KMD to send us a wish list of needed items and we responded by handing out items such as gloves, beanies, reading books, pritt, crayons, colouring pencils, Vaseline, colour paper, sweets. We were rewarded by 5 songs sung in Sotho and English and then "Our heavenly father" prayer before everybody enjoyed the sweets and cold drinks in their lucky packets. Precious, asked us to sign her guest book, and again we were impressed by her disciplined and well-mannered children. We again realized that this is a most worthy cause to support.

Tshokolo E Fedile Street Children

Our next stop was at Tshokolo E Fedile street children project run by KMD and Joseph, an old police man, from the same municipal show grounds. These are children who have no parents. Social workers require them to sleep at a relative's house, but these relatives do not allow them to share in meals, activities or funds, thus creating teenagers who are left on the streets during the day. They are then allowed to spend their afternoons at the facilities, helping them with homework, art and craft creation activities, sport activities and other life skills activities. By creating handmade items, they are able to obtain pocket money for much needed items. We distributed essential items on their wish list such as bath soap, toothpaste, face cloths, toothbrushes, a hair clipper, bowls for food, soccer balls and PVA paint. Each child received his own packet with his personal items. Again we were thanked by song and prayer.

Blanket distribution

Our final task was to distribute the blankets. I think this is fast becoming the highlight of each Snuggle-In as every personnel member gets to choose the recipient of his/her blanket. We entered into the poorest area of Matwabeng, which mostly consist of shacks without running water or electricity. Great was one of our personnel member's surprise when the little boy on the dump ran away in absolute distress because she wanted to give him a brand new blanket. Another personnel member was greeted by a blind old woman; she must have been between 80 and 90 years old, who showed her appreciation by doing a hip swinging dance with the blanket in the air. After a while, we had several children and adults following the vehicles in the hope of also obtaining their own warm, new blankets. We distributed 20 blankets.

It was truly a heartwarming experience for all who braced the cold weather.

How do you thank people, friends, colleagues and businesses in such a way that they understand what an absolute difference they make every year to the poorest of the poor in rural areas such as Matwabeng? Do they really understand that with a simple "THANK YOU" we express our deepest gratitude for their support in this project? I truly hope so.

Please refer to our website under social responsibility for photos of our project
http://www.pcpalace.co.za/snuggle-in_12.pdf

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