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The Newsletter of  
The Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates  
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April 30, 2016

DEAR FOUNDATION MEMBERS, DONORS, AND YATES TOURS TRAVELERS:

SEASONS GREETINGS! May the New Year bring you much happiness and fulfillment!

The Foundation is happy to report that your generous support continues to enrich the education of the children at three public primary schools in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa: Christianenburg, Clermont and Clernaville. Christianenburg became our initial focus when travelers with Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates visited the school and were moved to help. The Foundation was formed to raise funds and assist the school in improving the learning experience of the children. Clernaville and Clermont asked for support after they saw the progress Christianenburg had made with the Foundation's assistance.

Because of the generosity of supporters such as you, Christianenburg has added a library, computer center with air conditioning, science laboratory, playground, dividers to form several classrooms from one large room, a heavy-duty copier and printer, binder and laminator, 16 wall clocks, 100 calculators, laptop computers, 10 fire extinguishers, new windows, electrical wiring, replacement of gutters and downspouts, and educational materials. Current projects include support to update bathroom facilities and tile classrooms and passageways. Since 2008, each graduating seventh grade student has received a dictionary and a reader as a graduation reward.

Clermont, our second school, has received a dictionary and a reader for each graduating seventh grade student and a jungle gym for the playground for pre-school children. Current projects include new furniture and educational materials for the preschool program; cabinets, tables, science kits and plumbing for the science laboratory; and a subscription to the magazine of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Clernaville, our latest school, has received dictionaries and readers for its graduating seventh graders. For the current projects at Clernaville, see the Schools Report on the following page.

The Foundation values the essential part you have played in making our support to the schools possible. It has been an inspiration to see how the schools have utilized so wisely the help that you and others have enabled the Foundation to provide. **But there is still much to be done!**

We urge you to continue your support by telling others of the work and achievements of the Foundation and by making a year-end financial contribution. We also invite you to become involved with the Foundation by serving on a committee or becoming a member of the board of directors. For more information, visit our website at [www.bbyatesedufoundation.org](http://www.bbyatesedufoundation.org) and review the included membership form. Please feel free to contact us.

**The highlight of our year was celebrating with Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates, our inspiration and our leader, as she reached her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BETTYE! WE LOVE YOU!** (More about this later).

Thank you for your continuing support! We cannot help the children without you!

GO WELL,  
The Board of Directors

\* *Go Well* is a South African expression of encouragement and endearment. It is the wish of the Foundation that all "go well" as they go through life.

**Dr. Betty Bouey-Yates Educational Foundation  
Schools Report of the Board for the Period of October 2014 to September 2015**

School	Completed/Current Projects	Value	School requests	Cost	Approved Projects	Cost
<b>Christianenburg Primary School</b>  <b>Students -1171</b> <b>Teachers- 38</b>	16 clocks	153.90	Floor tiling	4,046.00	Floor tiling and	7,500.00
	New toilets	4,303.16	Gutters	3,300.00	Gutters	
	100 calculators and 10 Fire Extinguishers	703.52				
	100 – 7 <sup>th</sup> graders Dictionaries/readers	1,378.00	Dictionaries/readers	1,378.00	Dictionaries/readers	1,378.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>6,538.58</b>		<b>8,724.00</b>		<b>8,878.00</b>
<b>Clernaville Primary School</b>  <b>Students - 918</b> <b>Teachers - 26</b>	97 – 7 <sup>th</sup> graders Dictionaries/readers	1,336.44	Dictionaries/readers	1,336.44	Dictionaries/readers	1,336.44
	*Tiling of floors (Approved on 9/27/14, but not funded)	(6,630) Not paid	Building extension- 3 classrooms and computer center	11,000.00	Building extension- 3 classrooms and computer center	11,000.00
			Prior approved Floor tiling	6,630.00		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,336.44</b>		<b>18,966.44</b>		<b>12,336.44</b>
<b>Clermont Primary School</b>  <b>Students - 480</b> <b>Teachers- 13</b>	80 7 <sup>th</sup> graders Dictionaries/readers	1,102.40	Dictionaries/readers	1,102.44	Dictionaries/readers	1,102.40
			Pre-K package,	1,646.00	Pre-K package,	5,000.00
			Science lab cabinets and tables	1,681.00	Science lab, kits, etc.	
			Science kits and plumbing	1,347.00		
			Subscription –NAEYC	60.00		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,102.40</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,734.00</b>		<b>6,102.40</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>8,977.42</b>		<b>33,526.88</b>		<b>27,316.84</b>

**CURRENT PROJECTS WITH THE SCHOOLS**

*Several exciting projects are under way between the schools and the Foundation!*

**Christianenburg:**

- **The new bathrooms are almost finished!** This project is a cooperative effort between Christianenburg and the Divine Life Society of South Africa (“Divine Life Society”). The Divine Life Society required Christianenburg to raise one-half of the funding to build a new building that would provide an adequate number of modern facilities to accommodate the large number of children who attend the school. The Foundation provided Christianenburg’s one-half share. We look forward to the completion of this project! Here’s a glimpse of the new stalls and wash basins. We are getting there. Such a great improvement over the prior facilities!



- **The installation of new gutters and downspouts is complete!** The old gutters were in disrepair, and rain water was causing damage to the buildings and grounds. Their replacement will preserve Christianenburg’s physical structure for future generations of children. The new gutters look great!



*Old Gutters*



*New Gutters*

- **Next project:** Retiling the classrooms and passageways to cover concrete floors that had started to deteriorate, creating safety hazards for the children and staff. We will share the finished floors in our next newsletter.



**CURRENT PROJECTS WITH THE SCHOOLS (CONT'D)**

**Clermont:**

- The two preschool classrooms will be enhanced by new furniture and a variety of learning materials for the children. Their teachers will receive a subscription to the journal of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
- The science laboratory will receive new cabinets, tables, science kits and plumbing to rebuild this area after it was vandalized. Clermont has made changes to its security system and process to stem any future such problems.

**Clernaville:**

The Foundation is very excited about participating in a project that will add classroom space and a computer center to the school. The new construction stems from a cooperative effort between Clernaville and The Divine Life Society to build an addition to the school. Clernaville is responsible for funding one-third of the costs of the new space. The Foundation is providing Clernaville's one-third share. The new space and computer center will impact the lives of many children in the years to come! We expect this project to get underway in 2016.

**ACTIVITIES AT CHRISTIANENBURG**

The students have been involved in a variety of fun and educational events. We are proud of their successes:

- Won great prizes like book bags, water bottles and lunch bags by participating in a COO-EE contest to teach the children recycling by having them collect the bottle caps from the beverages sold by the sponsor. The contest taught them recycling to create "a better tomorrow and also to keep our country neat and tidy." (See picture below).
- Participated in a "Top schools" soccer tournament. Four learners achieved well enough to go into further competitions. If successful at the next level, they will represent the province of Kwa-Zulu Natal.
- Worked with "Durban Solid Waste" (DSW) in planting vegetables and plants in a garden at the school. The crops were used to feed vulnerable learners and orphans from within the school.
- Won prizes in poetry, drama and story telling at a youth cultural festival of the Kwa-Zulu Natal Provincial Department of Education.
- Seven learners received certificates of participation for a "read and grow" competition at Qashana Public Library.



The COO-EE Competition Team

## **Happy 90th Birthday, Bettye!**

*To celebrate Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates' 90th birthday, a committee of her friends convened a reunion of travelers on her South African Adventures. The reunion was not an activity of the Foundation, but the committee donated the proceeds from the event to the Foundation in honor of Bettye and her commitment to improve the educational opportunities of the children of South Africa. Mary Faber, a National Education Association colleague of Bettye's, attended the luncheon and prepared the summary below. It says it all!*

### **The Reunion Experience: A Summary**

Can you imagine 239 people coming to your birthday party? Except for presidents, royals, and stars, few can.

But when Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates turned 90, that's how many warm, engaging, appreciative people came to her birthday, cum fundraiser, cum reunion luncheon on June 13, 2015, at "The Club" at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. They each registered and paid \$60, then flew, drove solo, carpooled, and caravanned to the base. Over a delicious buffet lunch (with the reputedly best fried chicken, rice, vegetables, and fruit pie that the services had to offer), they spent several hours celebrating Bettye's life and achievements and their own community of South African travelers, who were seated mostly by year of travel.

Participants bought raffle tickets (with winner Rebecca Nelson, donating her \$405.00 winnings to the Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates Educational Foundation). They read the souvenir booklet prepared especially for the luncheon, admired and bought South African jewelry from Bettye's collection, and demonstrated their appreciation of each other with smiles and hugs, just as Bettye celebrated them.

Almost all who came to the luncheon had traveled to South Africa with Bettye, beginning in 1996, with Bettye's first South African tour--that, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, is considered one of the best in the field. Not only did they all visit sites in Johannesburg, Soweto, Sun City, Durban, and Capetown with some taking a side trip to see Victoria Falls, but they also went to Constitutional Hill, visited Lesedi Cultural village, met the Bafokeng Queen Mother, met the children from Bettye's adopted township school (Christianenburg Primary School), and visited Mandela's cell on Robben Island.

Bettye's travelers learned more about and experienced in a deeper way than most other travelers the past and present of that glorious nation. They arrived with gifts of school books and materials for the Christianenburg school's library, materials that they had bought on their own and packed in their luggage, to show appreciation for the vitality and eagerness of the children and their teachers. For one of Bettye's purposes has always been to help improve the educational experience for children in Kwa Zulu-Natal. The Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates Educational Foundation was established for this purpose.

As Bettye said many times during the luncheon (and, truly, whenever anyone anywhere has asked), "There are so many people of good will in the world that I don't even have to ask for help. I just talk about South Africa's educational needs, and they volunteer their time, expertise, and money. I am blessed to keep meeting and getting to know them."

And in the closing prayer, Rev. Kathryn Bailey Moore said what all the luncheon participants seemed to be saying quietly to each other about Bettye and the world she created: "We are all part of the universal family that Bettye, through her wonderful spirit, has fostered. She is a joyful presence in our lives, sharing herself with us and increasing our awareness of the needs and hopes of others. May we continue. God, Bettye is one of your powerful stars. Protect her."

# YATES TOURS 2016 TRAVEL PROGRAM



**South Africa**

9 - 21 March 2016 (10 Days, 12 Nights)  
Johannesburg, Sun City, Durban & Cape Town

Optional add-on to Victoria Falls

**\$3,950**  
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15 - 25 April 2016 (10 Days, 10 Nights)  
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**\$4,280**  
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26 August - 6 September 2016 (10 Days, 11 Nights)  
Venice Regatta & Greek Islands cruise

**Italy**

Optional add-on to Rome

**\$3,950**  
Twin Share

7 - 15 October 2016 (6 Days, 8 Nights)  
Salvador & Rio De Janeiro

**Brazil**

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