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The Newsletter of The Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates Educational Foundation

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEXT MEETING

Saturday, May 7, 2011
10 o'clock a.m.
Location: To Be Announced

All Foundation members are
encouraged to attend.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates Educational Foundation has had a very productive year (2009-2010). Plans that were projected for that time period were accomplished and we have witnessed the results. I extend a special thanks to the loyal Foundation members, to our many contributors and friends, and to the Board of Directors.

For the second year in a row the Board of Directors has undergone considerable change. Five of our long-term members have resigned. We will miss the wisdom and leadership of Mrs. Sarah Ballard, Mrs. Winnie Farrar, Dr. Addie Harper, Dr. Rebecca Nelson, and Mrs. Zurline Thornhill. We wish them well and ask that they continue to give us guidance and assistance. Dr. Nelson, who has for many years served as the Board secretary, is now serving in the Peace Corps in Kenya. We trust that she will return safely.

We know that you as members and donors are proud to be a part of an organization that is making a difference in the lives of so many children. However, we can only keep that momentum going with your continued support of the Foundation. We have no paid staff and we are in particular need of persons with fundraising, public relations, and computer skills. If you have any of those skills or you know of someone with those skills who would like to volunteer, please join us. Become involved. We will welcome you.

Our immediate goals are (1) to assist the principal and staff at Christianenburg in fulfilling their educational expectations, (2) to continue providing dictionaries to each seventh grader at Christianenburg and the three neighboring primary schools, and (3) to upgrade or help establish libraries at each of the three neighboring primary schools. Our fundraisers are designed to accomplish these goals and we need your help and that of your friends and family to provide the financial resources to prepare learners for success in the 21st century.

Margaret A. Jacobs
President

* *Go Well* is an expression of encouragement and endearment by South Africans. It is the wish of the Foundation that all go well as they go through life.

ON-SITE EVALUATION CONFIRMS VALUE OF FOUNDATION EFFORTS

In August 2009, then Vice President, Mrs. Margaret Jacobs and Board member Dr. Betty Strickland, conducted an on-site evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the Foundation's efforts to assist the Christianenburg School. Their report clearly indicates that the learners, educators and staff are making excellent use of the books, materials, and facilities provided by the Foundation. The principal of the high school that the learners attend after graduation from Christianenburg confirmed that learners from Christianenburg were a bit more advanced than those from other primary schools. As a result of meetings with principals of three primary schools, the principal of the high school, and a group of more than 125 parents (male and female) of Christianenburg learners, the evaluators endorsed the Board of Directors' proposal to assist the other schools.

During the visit our evaluators noticed that the tiled floor in the principal's office needed to be replaced. Upon returning home they conducted a targeted fundraiser and had the tile replaced. They saw a need and acted!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHRISTIANENBURG PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2010

Enrollment Is Increasing

When Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates led the first group of travelers to Christianenburg in 1998 there were 1,285 learners and only 23 educators. Today there are 1303 learners and 34 educators. The first priority at this Kwa Zulu, Natal, South Africa school continues to be improving the mathematics and reading competency of the learners. The educators indicate that since the beginning of the current school year, new measures have been implemented and the results have been impressive. We offer kudos to the hard working staff.

Sprucing Up The Environment

Much has been done to improve aesthetics and safety at Christianenburg. The library, a major accomplishment of the Foundation, has a new ceiling which greatly enhances its appearance. The school district frequently holds meetings of principals in this very attractive facility. A full-time gardener has greatly improved the appearance of the outdoors and a much-needed security guard helps to bring peace of mind to all.

Computer Center -- The Newest School Addition

Thanks to the financial support of the Divine Life Society (a Hindu philanthropic group in Kwa Zulu, Natal) and a \$9,565 donation made by one of the travelers who visited the school in 2009, the computer center building, begun in late August 2009, is now complete. The school is attempting to raise funds to construct work-stations and purchase chairs to accommodate 50 learners. Creation of a center has been a goal of the Foundation for several years. Mini-laptop computers have been provided by the Education Department and all educators have received basic computer literacy training at the University of Natal. You can imagine just how anxious the learners are to become computer literate.

SEVENTH GRADE REFLECTIONS

The following quotations are excerpts from papers written by seventh grade students at Christianenburg School, describing their experiences at the school. They were written as part of an English-as-a-Second-Language class.

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Christianenburg is a school that fulfills your dreams and makes your wishes come true. I am proud of Christianenburg. The sky is the limit. Rise and Shine, our School Logo is our trend setter!

Sibiya Patience

You guys rock. Never knew that reading could be so much fun. I have learnt so much, especially from the Wise Up to Science pages. Please be sure to keep on rocking.

Ngubane Thokomele

Our school has a Noah Project which is for orphans and vulnerable kids. Noah is helping those who are not enough supported from their homes. Noah is giving them support by giving them food and counseling them in their problems e.g. Single parents who are not working, HIV/AIDS, and orphans. Sometimes these Learners are living with grandparents. I think Christianenburg, is a school that puts the needs first--they make us their number one priority,What a school,what a place of comfort- Christianenburg is a home for everyone.

Diamini Lungiswa

Sometimes teachers might think that they are wasting their time but they do not know that we really appreciate everything they are doing. They may take it for granted that they are doing their job. Even if we have lost our parents they close that gap to our hearts. For me female teachers are my role models. We have learnt so much from you. As we leave the school this year we shall definitely carry your flag with pride, we'll miss you Christianenburg.

Madondo Bangumusa



Left to Right: Sibiya Patience, Madondo Bangumusa, Diamini Lungiswa, and Ngubane Thokomele; "7th Grade Reflections on Christianenburg" authors.

FOUNDATION OUTREACH TO OTHER SCHOOLS

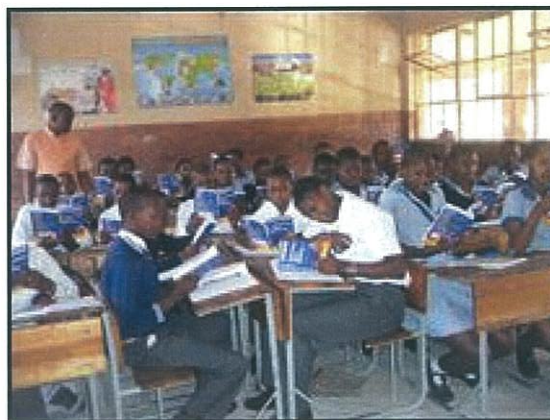
During the past year the Foundation has reached out to three other public primary schools that are in the same neighborhood as Christianenburg: Clermont, Clernaville, and Udumo. These three schools have received dictionaries for the first time. Each seventh-grade learner received a dictionary to take home. This is a valuable tool for the learners to accrue dictionary skills before entering high school. The personal ownership of books is out of reach for most South African children.

Public Schools in South Africa are faced with many obstacles as they struggle to provide an excellent education with less than sufficient resources. Most students do not have the required school fees, a majority of parents are unemployed, and a significant number of learners are orphans. Finally, many learners live a distance from school so attendance is hindered by scarce transportation to and from school.

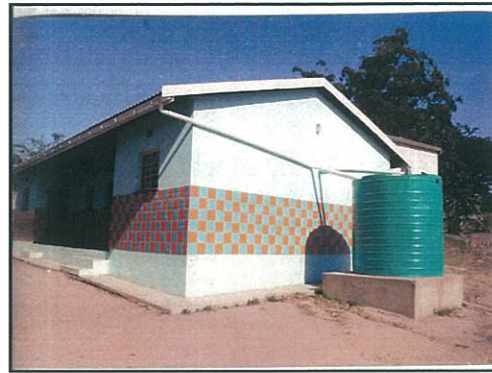
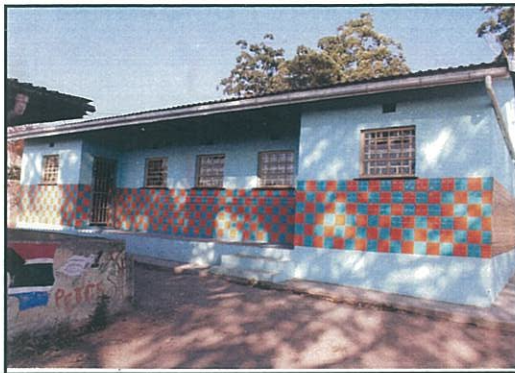
As mentioned above the Foundation has reached out to three additional schools:

- **Clermont Primary School** received 100 dictionaries (70 for 7th graders and 30 for use in-school).
- **Clernaville Primary School** has a total enrollment of 938 learners with 22 educators. The school received 150 dictionaries (120 for learners and 30 for use in-school).
- **Udumo Primary School** has an enrollment of 992 learners and 28 educators. The school received 150 dictionaries (120 for learners and 30 for use in-school).

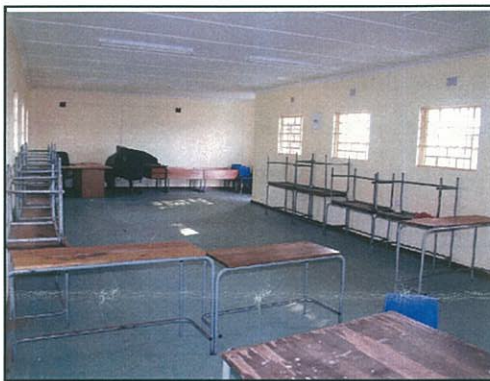
The Foundation outreach is in its initial stages. There are plans to expand the reach of our assistance to these schools.



PHOTOS OF COMPUTER CENTER and LEARNERS



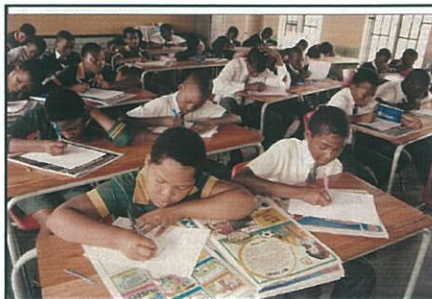
Front & Side Views of the Computer Center



Inside View of Computer Center



Thobeka Mncwabe and Sphilile Mncwabe Placed 3rd & 2nd Respectively: Pinetown Gymnastics Club



Learners Busy With Newspapers to Advance Media and Propoganda Study



Learners' Rehearsal for Soccer Day Friday



Clermont School Learners

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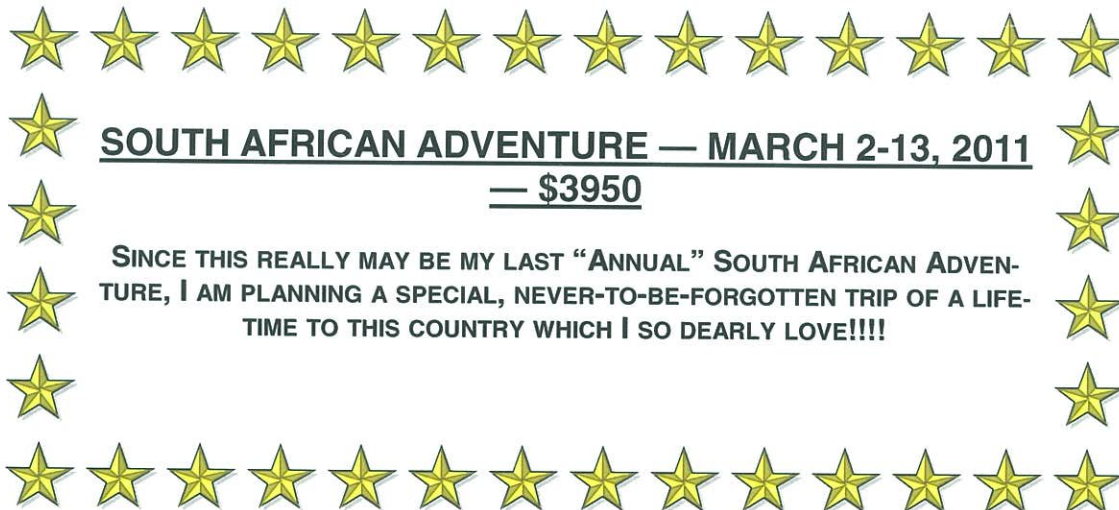


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