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Project TEN- Durban Center

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Half way there!

Time flies when you are having fun- the first cohort reached the half way mark. This month we engaged with various communities and learned more about different cultures, traditions and environments. We also enjoyed hosting various guests in our home and share our traditions and holiday meals with them.

As we continue working with last month's organizations, we continue to extend our reach and have begun working with new organizations.



IsiZulu words of the month

I- Mina
You- Wenna
My name is- Igama lami ngu

I'm from- Ngiphuma____
I live in-Ngihlala_____

Domino Foundation:

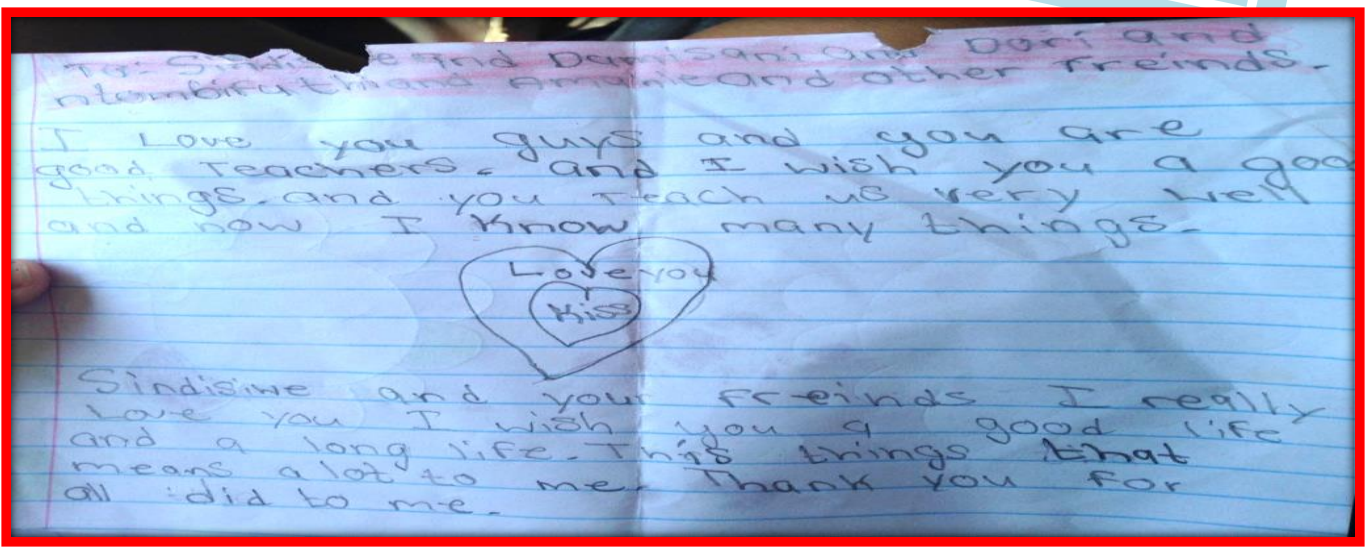
Change a life, Change a community

Amaoti Math Camp

During the school year classes at Amaoti 3 Combined School consist of about seventy learners to only one teacher. Together with four of our volunteers we completed a three week Math camp for about sixty learners from grades 5 and 6. The small class sizes allowed the volunteers to give the learners the personal assistance and attention they needed.

Through fun games and activities the volunteers taught difficult math topics such as multiplication, division, fractions, and measurement. In addition to the math lessons the volunteers created activities focusing on team building, interpersonal communication and self esteem.

The time at math camp was enjoyed by all, while bonds and memories were created. The learners showed their appreciation with handwritten notes requesting that the math camp continue next year!



Amaoti village tour

After we completed several lessons in Isizulu with our teacher Sfiso Hlongwa we were given the opportunity to tour his village- Amaoti. Sfiso works for the Domino Foundation and assisted us in our work with the learners at the Math camp. During the tour we got to practice our Isizulu skills as well as get an insider's glimpse of life in Amaoti by visiting the local municipality, hair salon (where some of us got our hair braided) and restaurant (where some of us tasted traditional Zulu cow's head). We really enjoyed getting a better understanding of the way of life in the community we are serving.



Project TEN Day Off

We decided to use the day off as time to bond as a group and went to the Drum Shack for a drumming lesson. While there we learned different beats on the traditional West African drums and worked together to create our own beats & rhythms. After that we went to the beach to complete a scavenger hunt and additional team building activities.



LIV-

**Rescue a child, Restore a life,
Raise a leader, Release a star.**

There are millions of orphaned and vulnerable children in South Africa, mostly due to HIV/AIDS. LIV focuses on a solution to aid this crisis. By placing these children into a safe family environment with a trained foster mother to love them and a school to educate them, all their needs are met. If these children are equipped with essential moral values and life skills, they will grow up to be a generation that will influence positive change within South Africa, Africa and the world.

One of the goals of LIV village is to expand the children's horizons and bring new and creative opportunities to their lives. Project TEN volunteers Tamar Unger and Guy Grossman are very talented photographers. They collaborated with LIV and created a photography course which took place over three days. During this time the participants learned how to use a camera, different photography techniques and how to express their feelings and emotions through photography. With the generous help of people from the community in Durban, we borrowed 3 cameras and over the course of Christmas the children were given an assignment to take pictures of "life in the village". After Christmas the course will continue and the kids will learn how to edit their photos and create an exhibition of their work.



ICARE

Giving children a future

ICARE aim to solve the problems of street children in South Africa. This is done by understanding and addressing every aspect of each child's needs.

ICARE strive to work towards a better South Africa where children do not live on the streets.



Our collaboration

In ICARE the TEN volunteers bring their skills and knowledge to create meaningful activities for the boys. The time the boys spend at ICARE day centre keeps them off the street. The activities prepared by TEN volunteers aim to stimulate and challenge the boys. Some of the activities include lessons on hygiene, 1st aid, African geography, ODT(outdoor training). We also taught the boys how to make challah bread and they each baked their own to eat.

The TEN volunteers also spend time sitting and talking with the boys to giving them the personal attention they need.

Amit Peled (one of the TEN volunteers at ICARE) described her experience: “ *Being at ICARE has given me perspective about life. It makes me appreciate my childhood. I hope we can help create a better future for the boys*”.



Denis Hurley Centre :

The Feeding Centre

This month brought the Christmas season, meaning that many of the wonderful staff and volunteers at the feeding center went on leave. Thus, all the TEN volunteers stepped in to help carry the feeding center through this time. Headed by Amit Sosman (one of the TEN volunteers and up and coming chef in Israel) the kitchen was run efficiently the entire time, feeding 200-300 people per day.

Reconciliation Day Lunch :

Reconciliation day is a national holiday in South Africa. It is a day of connecting people from all walks of life.

During this day, the Dennis Hurley Centre hosted a lunch aimed at bringing people together to share a meal and life stories. During this meal TEN helped set up and serve the food as well as facilitate conversation among people at the tables.



Life on the street: no jobs, no hope

But for a day homeless from all cultures feast on good fare

DUNCAN GUY

HOMELESSNESS in Durban is rooted in joblessness. A homeless person, a church volunteer and a veteran clergyman at a Reconciliation Day lunch at Durban's Denis Hurley Centre yesterday spoke to The Independent on Saturday.

Roman Catholic Church volunteer Gille Allen said that when people did not have jobs they often ended up on the streets taking drugs and drinking.

"They look for work but there is none so what do they do? The core thing is jobs," she said.

Allen added that homelessness in Durban had become worse in the 14 years she had been a volunteer.

"When I started in 2002 there were just (homeless) children. Now it's older people - more and more of them."

Father John Paterson, a 94-year-old Catholic priest, said homelessness and hunger had been a problem throughout his career.

"Apart from employing people and paying them, we are always going to have this problem," he said.

Jerome Joseph, 51, who lives in a shelter "when I have the R50", agreed.

Sporting severe scars on his head, and speaking slowly, he described how his life changed when he was attacked by a gang of 13, left for dead. He spent six months in a coma and more than four years in hospital.

When he makes enough

money selling fruit, he can sleep under a roof. Otherwise he's on the street.

"What is the government doing about poverty and hunger?" he asked. "Even people who go to school get their matrics and then sit at home jobless, so they end up doing crime. It is also why many end up on the streets."

The "Thinkwin" Municipality said joblessness was behind the homelessness and quoting a recent study "It found that most people ended up on the street after coming to the city in search of employment but were unable to find jobs."

Other common reasons were family related issues, including family disagreements and the death of close family members.

The study found there were



FEEDING ON UNITY: People of all faiths gathered for the Meal of Reconciliation at Durban's Denis Hurley Centre yesterday. Among them were, from left, Chana G. representing the Jewish faith, Rosemary Govenor (Christian) and Joram Soddy (Hindu).

nearly 4000 people living on the streets and in shelters in the central Durban area, of which 65 percent were male. Most were between 25 and 34 years old.

More than half the people interviewed originated from KwaZulu-Natal, most often Durban.

At the lunch, homeless people rubbed shoulders with people living comfortably - Hindus with Jews, Muslims

with Christians, blacks and whites, able-bodied and disabled people.

On the menu was a Christian breyani, a Hindu breyani and a Muslim breyani incorporating a vegetarian dish, and one that was baba ghanoush.

Grace took the form of enthusiastic singing of the national anthem and singers entertained the lunch goers with

Christmas carols and other songs.

Everybody made three impromptu Christmas cards to offer one another on coloured pieces of paper set on each table.

A man who gave his name only as Leonard said the lunch was a special treat at a special place.

He said he went to the centre once a week from Ntuzuma for his only proper meal.

"The rest of the days go around eating what can find," said Leonard.

Organiser Raymond Phiso said he understood there were no easy answers for problems such as business owners running into problems with homeless on the streets.

"Our approach with





**-Isizulu
lessons
-Cooking
Indian food
-ESL lecture
with Sue
Phillips**



**-Shabbat
dinners
with
friends
-Hanukkah
activity &
Party**



**-African
dance
show
-Exploring
Durban**

