



HOUT BAY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

HBCCA NEWS LETTER – 2009 / 2010

The HBCCA is now entering its twentieth year in working for and with the people of Imizamo Yethu and the Iziko Lobomi Centre is entering its fourteenth.

The services rendered have been numerous and changing. Where twenty years ago we were more welfare based – running people to hospital, providing means and food etc, or a mini work agency – today we find we are fifty percent welfare and fifty percent upliftment.

Services rendered on the welfare side are:

- Meals provided from Monday to Friday with a small fee of R2.50 charged for those receiving grants. Crisis cases are carried
- This year we completed the Care Rooms for the sick and crisis cases. These rooms are occupied most of the time.
- Prayer and general problem counseling is available and the Monday Club church services continue each week.

On the upliftment side:

- A new shell project run by Lynne started this year and the excellent quality goods are sold at the waterfront
- Sue started a new craft project. The made items are sold in the shop to tourists
- The sewing room is used for people to run their own small businesses
- Three other independent businesses are also housed – Shirley's tourist shop, the production of ethnic painted pictures and the woodwork room.

Apart from the above our office offers a fax and photocopying service to the community and Tebo runs the computer training sessions in our computer room, mainly for school children and young adults.

Our hall is extensively used by the Imizamo Yethu community and greater Hout Bay as a meeting place for many functions.

Iziko Lobomi continues to live up to its name – the Centre of Life – and is indeed a blessing to us. Therefore it is with some concern that as we close for the Christmas holidays it will be on an all time low financially. The recession has taken its toll and we are very much in need of funds to keep this most needed centre going. Please keep us in your prayers.

We have a feeling of deep gratitude to all the volunteers who help us, whether it be by collecting food, doing extra admin work, donating funds, food or clothes, or doing the weekly shopping. We are indeed grateful as we would not manage without you.



On behalf of the HBCCA **THANK YOU**

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