

Newsletter on the Activities at Iziko Lobomi, Hout Bay

Aug 2009

Dear Friends

Lesley McCall
Chairperson

IN THE OFFICE

New Office Administrator



A New Boss in charge ...

We had to say good-bye to Noxolo Gladile (Noxie) in June this year after she had accepted a full-day position at a local crèche. Noxie served as staff member for almost five years and will be greatly missed by everyone at the centre as well as many supporters and friends of Iziko Lobomi.

We were fortunate to be able to appoint **Pamela Maqakalana** (picture left) who has much experience in the hospitality industry with work experience at a local hotel and tourist information centre.

Another burglary!



First the bad news ...

The Iziko Lobomi-office was broken into on Tuesday night the 18th Augustus. This was the second time in 6 months and like the previous time, the thieves went off with our computer, ADSL-modem and other small items.

And now the good news!

The same morning when the burglary was discovered, a film company (**Bioscope Films** from Cape Town) approached the office to request permission for a photo-shoot in the Iziko Lobomi gardens. Pamela told them about or loss the previous night and after their photo-shoot they agreed to pay the generous amount of R 3,500! God is good!

A local security company has been approached for advice and a quotation on an alarm for the office. Metal spikes will also be welded to the top of outside containers as deterrent to future intruders.

Picture bottom left:

Pakamisa Lucas (our kitchen manager) and Hisland Makenke (our caretaker) look on in disbelief at the hole broken through the partition between the office and adjacent conference room from where access was gained into the office.



HEALTHCARE



Care Rooms

The new Care Rooms are functioning very well with all three rooms being occupied for more than a month now.

A married couple from Zimbabwe, Doubt and Helen (middle picture left) is due to be discharged at the end of the month to make room for new patients. They have been taken care of for almost three months and their health improved to such an extent where it is safe to let them go. Marion Franke (our Welfare officer) is urgently looking for donations to assist them with food and fare money.

Can you perhaps help ...

Marion is looking for sponsors to assist with the daily expenses in caring for our patients. Funds are needed for the ladies from the Monwabisi Care Group who are responsible for the daily care of the patients and funds are also needed for general expenses such as food, electricity and cleaning.

The estimated total cost to deliver this service is in the region of R R4,200 (US\$525) per month.

Care for Pregnant and New Mothers

A very useful caring and educational service was provided in the past for pregnant and new mothers in the community. This service unfortunately came to a halt due to a lack of funds.

Can you perhaps help ...

Marion has expressed the need for this service to be offered again at Iziko Lobomi and a friendly request is herewith extended to any of our supporters who may be interested in supporting this service financially. Funds will be needed for a trainer, transport, printing and items for the babies such as clothes, nappies, bottles, medicine, etc. An estimated amount of R1,200 (US\$150) per month will enable us to renew this service.

GENERAL NEWS



Iziko Lobomi Computer students attend Gartner Symposium 2009

Eleven of the students who are attending computer classes at Iziko Lobomi's computer training facilities have been invited to attend Gartner's Annual Symposium at the Cape Town International Convention Centre at the beginning of August.

Gartner is the sole sponsor of the computer programmes offered to school children in the afternoons and adults in the evenings.



Ukwabelana Shop Iziko Lobomi at the Gartner Symposium

Sherley Mothata who is in charge of a shop at Iziko Lobomi which sells products made by people in the local community of Imizamo Yethu was invited to put some of her items on sale at the Gartner Symposium which were attended by almost a thousand local and international delegates. Sherley did excellent business and also served as representative for Iziko Lobomi and the HBCCA.



Nelson Mandela Birthday

Nelson Mandela is continuing his positive influence on the people of South Africa. He requested everyone this year to spend a couple of hours doing community work in their neighbourhoods on his birthday.

The residents of Imizamo Yethu chose to do some cleaning up on Saturday the 18th July.



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MAINTENANCE TO-DO'S

We often get requests from supporters for more information on specific needs at Iziko Lobomi. The following items are on our To-Do list for the next 12-months.

We are also planning to commence on a general cleaning up and embellishment programme for Iziko Lobomi in preparation to the expected increase in visitors to the Centre as a result of the upcoming 2010 Soccer World Cup.

1. Sewing Room Floor

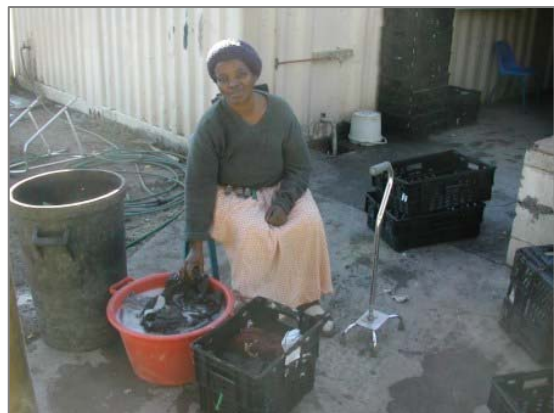
Holes started to occur in the timber floor of the sewing room because of the high levels of moisture in the soil below these containers. This side faces the mountain and during the wet winter months the water table is virtually level with the ground. We are planning to remove the timber floor and replace it with a waterproofed concrete slab and finished off with non-slip ceramic tiles. Estimated cost to repair: R7,000 (US\$875)



2. External Clothes Washing Area

We have at any time approximately 10 people residing at Iziko Lobomi who need to wash their clothes. Clothes are currently washed in large plastic buckets and containers which is very awkward, especially for the elderly and sick.

We are planning to install a double stainless steel wash trough with an adjacent concrete top to the outside of the kitchen. Estimated cost: R6,000 (US\$750)



3. Corroded external roof steelwork and IBR Sheetting

The exposed steelwork at the main entrance to the hall are in a bad state due to corrosion and needs urgent attention. The unpainted galvanised iron roof sheetting to the main hall has weathered down to the extent that walking on the sheetting is becoming a problem due to the risk of bending the sheetting. The sheetting has weathered down to approximately 60% of its original thickness and needs to be protected as soon as possible. Estimated cost R18,000 (US\$2,250)



4. General painting and repairs to toilets, kitchen, main building and respite container

Estimated cost: R6,000 (US\$750)

Would you like to make a contribution towards any of our needs?

Donations can be paid into the following bank account:

Account Name: **Hout Bay Christian Community Association**

Bank: **Standard Bank of South Africa**

Branch: **Sea Point Branch Code 024-109**

Current Acc. no: **071 103 627**

SWIFT Code: **SBZAZAJJ**

IBAN Code: No code available. Donors advised to request SWIFT- code transfers which can only be done at your physical bank and take between 2 - 4 working days. No Internet transfers possible from bank accounts outside the Republic of SA.

Branch Postal Address: PO Box 983, Cape Town 8000, South Africa

Branch Physical Address: 220 Main Road, Sea Point, Cape Town, South Africa

Please note that where donations are earmarked for a specific project or need, the HBCCA will allocate 10% of the donated amount to cover overhead costs such as staff salaries, electricity costs, office expenses, etc.

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