

ECO LETTER

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Season's Greetings

Dear Supporter

We are near the end on an extremely fruitful year from the Foundation point of view. We have had fantastic support from you and others.

This has enabled us to upgrade the Bush school, support the Phelwana clinic and other local initiatives and make a material difference too many children and schools in the surrounding community.

In addition we have been able to acquire two pre owned vehicles for the use of the Bush school and Foundation.

The Bush school, which is now completely eco friendly with its state of the art solar system has had a great facelift and can be shown to donors and prospective donors with pride. Visitors to the school have reacted with amazement at the infrastructure, which has to been seen to be appreciated and this has invariably resulted in spontaneous support.

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Our educators Joel, Lazaro and Rapert are dedicated and highly regarded by the schools we support, as a result the name Timbavati is seen in an extremely positive light.

We are very fortunate and grateful for the background support we receive from Jacques and Letitia Brits of the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve and what we have achieved so far is credit to them.

We are also extremely grateful to Willie Sonnenberg for his contribution in producing our original brochure and first newsletter.

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Donors by Category

SYCAMORE FIG (R500 000 AND ABOVE)

Timbavati Private Nature Reserve

JACKALBERRY – R50 000 AND ABOVE

Mr Bryan Smither, Monyan Rockwood Leisure Pty (Ltd)

FEVER TREE – R10 000 AND ABOVE

Mr Humphrey Borkum

KNOBTHORN – R 1 000 AND ABOVE

Dr Graeme Naylor, Mr Dennis Rutter, Mr Peter Williams

SILVER CLUSTER LEAF – UP TO R1 000

Mrs Angela Volck

Yellow Elephant School

Report from Healing Hearts

The staff from Healing Hearts would like to take this opportunity to thank the Timbavati Foundation for their kind donation toward our “Yellow Elephant School” project. The Yellow Elephant School is an orphanage which provides permanent residence for 8 orphans. The after school care facility provides meals and assistance with homework for another 48 orphans from the Acornhoek area. A portion of the donation has been used to address the lack of water provision.



Water Provision

The lack of water provision was the first problem we addressed. The existing open natural well has been a safety hazard and the water was always muddy because there was no existing retaining wall.

A retaining wall was built within the well. A hand pump was custom made and permanently installed at the well. To simplify maintenance, the hand pump was assembled from accessible spares. We erected a cover over the well, and fenced the area. We also installed a 2000l water tank, enclosed by a honeycomb brick wall for security purposes. We are very pleased to announce that the well is supplying 1000l per day, so it is possible to fill up this 2000l tank within 48 hours.



Unfortunately, this water is not suitable for drinking purposes and can only be utilised for household needs and watering of the vegetable garden. The bricks supplied for the wall around the tank above were made by the children from the Yellow elephant school.

For drinking water purposes, we erected a 5 000l water tank including water filter and gutters from the roof. One tap was installed inside the kitchen and another outside the house.

The residents were delighted! Previously they had to walk a distance of 3km per day to fetch drinking water, but now there is water for all purposes.



The Next Project Phase At Yellow Elephant School

The Healing Hearts team plan to assist the Yellow Elephant School with electricity provision. Secondly, the exiting vegetable garden will be upgraded with irrigation and nets.

We would like to include the following wish list for the Yellow Elephant School: Interior wall paint, curtain rails, clothes, food, toiletries and stationary.

Once again a big “thank you” from the Healing Hearts team!

Lettie Erasmus

Project Manager

A Final Word From The Trustees

As advised in our first newsletter we distributed a total of R 328,000 our chosen beneficiaries out of the first year’s income.

This is in addition to the costs associated with running and upgrading the Bush school which is substantially financed by the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve. The Reserve also donates, on an annual basis, a percentage of its major income sources to other foundation projects.

The Foundation, which is so important to the upliftment, education and health of the surrounding community, can only succeed with the continued support of the donors such as yourselves. We appeal for continued support in terms of funds, time or assistance of any kind to help us grow and expand our work in the community.

The need is great!