

Scouting About Tzaneen #10

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Hello from Kwara

We are in full swing at Keep The Dream196, the year is going so fast that we are really peddling fast. Speaking of "peddling" Mark McNamara from Bike Africa completed his ride from Kampala in Uganda to Cape Town South Africa and through his hard work raised in excess of \$12,500 towards our Global Giving target to become SUPERSTARS by April 2013. We have \$2,500 outstanding to go and what a ride it was literally and figuratively. If you are interested in donating go to www.KeepTheDream196.com

At a time when money is getting tighter people from America, Taiwan, Australia, Canada and South Africa have dug in their pockets to help us achieve our goals. I cannot tell you how it has inspired and encouraged us to keep going as a team that people out there care and are willing to show that care by putting their money into our hands for the future of our children. It is very humbling as I know people are doing it tough out there so thank you. From the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU!

Well, the great news from Keep The Dream196 is that 10yrs ago we started with 13 girls in a small village called Shiluvane and now we are 2,500 children in 91 different sites around Greater Tzaneen and Venda (we have expanded into another district). However, that is not the only exciting news. Nkululeko Mabuza, one of those 13 girls was employed by Keep The Dream196 in January this year as a fully fledged Social Worker. She has returned to assist us to continue to build the future and she is determined to give back not just to us but also her community and the children we serve.

Our logo is "Building Tomorrow Today" and that is what Nkulu is doing with all her heart. It has been made possible by your continued partnership with us and ongoing giving. Its wonderful to see the 2nd generation working with and inspiring the 3rd generation to do their best and become all they can become. Each year we are becoming more sustainable through the work of the volunteers and now Rovers.

In 2013 we have brought Kheto Mongwe on to Keep The Dream196 again a Rover but this time he is with us for 12months and then will return to complete his Bachelors of Computer Science in 2014. It is wonderful to have the youth come behind us with their energy and enthusiasm and courage to take us further and higher than either myself or Elizabeth (Co-founder) thought possible. Louis Mawila has joined us as a Rover to assist all the different Scout Troops in Greater Tzaneen. Well done guys.

Rovers are the third branch of scouting. They are aged between 19-26yrs and we have 3 new crews because the kids just want to continue developing themselves and others to the point last year we were able to support 3 Rovers short term and now have been able to return to school in 2013 because of working with us last year.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and are excited about the work we do, the achievements we have reached and the possibilities for the future. Please spread the news and WATCH THIS SPACE!!

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News from 3rd Burgersdorp

In November 2012 we were visited by 1st Sasekani, 1st Gavazza and 1st Burgersdorp.

We are sisters, we are brothers, we are friends and we work together as a team.

On that day we were having a lot of fun, we were playing games, learning and doing different activities. We have learnt a lot of things eg we learnt about how teenage preg-



nancy affects our community. We made a decision about how to solve this problem We have decided to keep our teenagers busy by fixing roads because the roads have a lot of potholes and even cleaning our schools. So this year 1st Gavazza, 1st Burgersdorp and 3rd Burgersdorp have started to fix those roads together with our school principal. In July he is going to help us with material likes stones and bricks and other stuff so we can do a good job.

“Join Scouts and you will change FOREVER”

Rivoningo Mboweni—1st Nyanyukani Scout Troop

My name is Rivoningo Mboweni, I am a grade 8 learner and I am 14yrs old. Scouts has changed me! Being a scout has had a huge impact because joining scouts has changed me from a bad girl to a good girl. Even keeping me busy as always and it has changed the way I have behaved. The way I look and the way I look at myself. The way I think because since I joined scouts ideas flow in my brain.

Being a scout is not about what you do with others scouts but it becomes apart of your life style. Being a scout is a decision that one makes because you want to change in different ways: firstly you gain confidence, secondly you learn how to interact in different ways and with different people and lastly you discover your abilities. JOIN Scouts and you will change FOREVER!



1st Nyanyukani Scouts

1st Nyanyukani Scouts started in 2010. Since we have started scouts we have learned a lot of things. The Scout Laws, which teach us how to behave and how to respect other people and to make friendships with those people. Scouts has helped us by teaching us first aid and the Scout Promise. We have enjoyed very much first aid because now we know how to treat a person who is



Louis Mawela from 1st Shiluvane teaching 1st Nyanyukani their basic knots. Louis is now a Rover with the newly established Shiluvane Rover Crew

injured. We love Scouts because it teaches us how to stay with all people and to love them even if they are different. It also teaches us to advise and respect all people. We will always love Scouts. WE as the Scouts of Nyanyukani love Scouts and will always be Scouts

Nkhensani Mboweni—1st Burgersdorp

I am Nkhensani Mboweni, I live in Burgersdorp. I am going to turn 20yrs on 5th November 2013. I am currently studying information technology in Phalabowra.

The reason I joined was my mother pushed me because she knew something about this organization and she knew I would need Scouts in the future. Now my life has changed because of Scouts. I have realized Scouts is fantastic. I know how to respect people, how to

plant and grow vegetables and how to help people when they are sick.

The most important thing I have learned is to take care of my family. I remember when my mother died, I was supposed to take care of my younger sister. I did that because I was knowing how to take of some one and I thank Louise, Akela Zabe and Akela Catherine for supporting me and for teaching me lots of things concerning my life.

I like to encourage young children to join Scouts because scouts helps people at all times for example teaching you things you wont learn at school but it is part of your life.

Nkhensani Mboweni
Assistant Troop Scouter 1st Burgersdorp Troop & Rover with Marula Rover Crew.



Remember Mashele

Scouts has helped me to know places and people. It has helped me because I don't smoke, drink or use drugs where as some of my peers are doing that and some have dropped out of school. I also learnt first aid and community service like fixing roads. We also visit other scout groups. Scouts is very exciting and keeps us busy so we don't get time to get into trouble. When I was a child I was a

Vivian Malkumbile

good girl but then I entered adolescent stage and I was starting to date boys and I even dated 2 at the same time. I would come back home late everyday and I was not respecting others, adults or children. After joining Scouts many things have changed, I am no longer falling in love I am following Scout Law #12 which says a Scout does not fall in love, I am no longer that type of person. I have learnt about

child abuse, HIV and many other things. Scouts has changed me.
Halala Scouts.
Vivian Patrol Leader
3rd Burgersdorp Troop



**“ Scout Law #12
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fall in love—
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Being a Scout Deep Down in your heart - Karabo Manyama 1st Radoo

Being a Scout its not about just having fun, its about gaining some knowledge at the end of the day. Scout is not just a name, it is something alive, something previous like a precious stone.

As a scout I discovered that many people including members of scouts, they still cant understand what scouts is

about. The answer is: Scouts is your safe life and learning how to behave with one another.

It is your friend at all times.

Scouts will guide you to understand your background and think about your future.

- Karabo Manyama



Nelson Mandela day is coming. What are you and your Pack, Troop or Crew going to do to

celebrate this occasion. Start planning now to make a difference in your community and celebrate Madiba's birthday.



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Nkulu Mabuza—1st Shiluvane Pack Scouter & Rover

My name is Nkululeko Mabuza from 1st Shiluvane. I have been a scout for the past ten years and through the help and support from Keep The Dream196 I am now a qualified professional Social Worker. This year, 2013, I was given the opportunity to apply to attend Indonesia's messengers of

peace camp and I was selected. In March I went to Indonesia representing Scouts South Africa and all the rovers in South Africa.

This was a great experience for me, not only did I make new friends but I learned about new cultures and how they do things and the rituals.

There were more than 400 participants present at the camp from different countries and we were all happy to be part of the international scout peace camp.

The opening ceremony was great, we had cultural dances that were done and the Chief of Scouts addressed us. We had pictures taken and we were warmly welcomed and told about the activities that were going to be done throughout the week. I also had the opportunity to meet Mr Frederic T. Kama-Kama, Regional Director who is in charge of Scout Africa and I felt honoured. After the opening we were given sometime to go and prepare a presentation from the African region



and we managed to mix the four different cultures together and came up with a great performance. We had a dance from Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Kenya and South Africa. Scouting ceremonies are done differently but the message is still the same, the membership badge is the same and the same color they just differ in size. Some of the campfire songs are universal such as the oh ayla and baby shark. I tried to learn new songs but it was very difficult for me because of language.

I am pack Scouter and we are busy with our national cub challenge, I am able to integrate what I have learned in Indonesia with my pack and they are enjoying the program.

