



**May you and yours have a blessed and joyous festive season celebrating the Saviour's birth!**

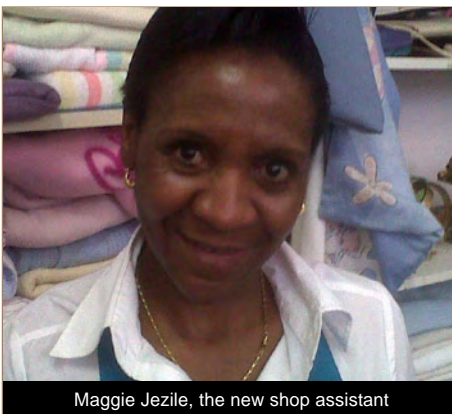
Thank you to all who have supported the work of Arise throughout 2011. We are truly grateful for your valuable contributions.

## Pastor Training

During the last week of October, Don Allen and Mark Williams spent some time with church leaders from Emmaus and the surrounding area teaching them the Survey of the Bible. Over sixteen people attended the two day training. The attendees were all attentive to the background and themes of the Bible. A second training was followed by Mark Williams in November. The second training was on biblical leadership. Biblical leadership is set apart from the world's view of leadership as it gleans from the humble example of Christ. Despite the heat and the eight hours of lecture, the church leaders listened intently to the biblical examples of leadership. The ARISE ministry is grateful for the willingness of the school for allowing the training to happen at their facilities. Further Pastor Training near Emmaus will continue after the holiday season.



Mark is a CBF missionary from the USA. He graduated from UNC-Charlotte with a BA in Religious Studies and has a M.Div. from Campbell University.



Maggie Jezile, the new shop assistant

## A New Addition to the Hidden Treasure Shop...

We welcome our new addition, Maggie Jezile, to our Hidden Treasure shop! Our Alberton charity shop was given permission from the Hidden Treasure board to create a shop assistant position. With the additional help, the shop assistant has been able to help the manageress with the cleaning and sorting of donated items. The shop also received temporary help from the assistant director of the Hidden Treasure, May Shenton. With May's advice we were able to organize the shop in a more aesthetically appealing way. With the hard work of our staff and the gracious gifts of our donors, the Hidden Treasure shop has been able to significantly contribute towards fulfilling the ministry needs of ARISE.

## Christmas Cheer for Emmaus

Don travelled down to the project in Emmaus on the 20th December to deliver some Christmas cheer in the form of food and supplies. Donations have been generously given from a few sources. Riverside Community Church has, for the past couple of months, been collecting a substantial amount of food and passed it on to us for distribution. Tiger brands donated a variety of sweets. And Redhill Primary School supplied numerous buckets filled with general supplies and goodies for boys and girls. We trust the community of Emmaus and the recipients of these wonderful parcels will be greatly blessed through the generosity of others. And in it all that God may be praised in this special season of celebration.



Emmaus child enjoying a tasty treat

**We praise the Lord for His faithfulness in 2011 and ask you to pray with us that 2012 may be an even greater success for His Kingdom.**