



Children enjoying their treats after the informal children's programme at the project in Emmaus

USA Delegation visit in Emmaus

Early in the morning on Friday 24 September a group of 15 travelled down to our project in Emmaus, KZN. The group consisted of representatives from CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship - USA), Second Baptist Church Little Rock (Arkansas, USA) First Baptist Church of Abilene (Texas, USA), Broadway Baptist Church Sweetwater (Texas, USA), Refilwe Community Project (Johannesburg, RSA) and Arise Ministry Group. The purpose of the trip was for the group members (those who hadn't been already) to be exposed to the area of Emmaus and the ministry of Arise therein. We arrived in time to catch the end of the nursery school programme and appreciate their reciting of the ABC's, counting to 20, and singing songs. Especially after all their efforts we were glad to give them some small treats to enjoy. The group met Pastor Musa, shared in some lunch and continued surveying the property. An informal children's programme proceeded with games and a Bible message. The following morning the group met in a Winterton coffee shop and discussed a plan going forward. **The hope is that a network of churches, groups and individuals can be formed and structured to come alongside and partner with Refilwe, Arise and Door of Hope.**

Thank you to each member of the group for their time, we look forward to seeing how the Lord will develop our networking and partnerships for His glory.



The group meeting in the Coffee shop in Winterton



Bobbie and Margie at the Emmaus Project

A Sad Farewell

A number of weeks ago we unfortunately had to say goodbye to **Bobbie and Margie Jones** who had been overseeing the project in Emmaus, KZN. After prayer and consideration they felt it was time to return home to North Carolina, USA. They did a wonderful job whilst here serving the community, helping to continue establishing and overseeing the nursery school as well as the building of the church hall, amongst other things. The Arise team as well as the church members and community of Emmaus certainly are missing them. **We want to express our heartfelt thanks to them for their invaluable contribution.** And we wish them every strength and blessing for the future as they continue settling back in to life in the United States.



Customers and Volunteers outside the Hidden Treasure Charity Shop on the 2nd Anniversary

Happy Birthday to our Charity Shop

Saturday 8 October was a joyous day as we held a special celebration for our Hidden Treasure Charity shop's Second Anniversary. The shop has had its ups and downs over the last couple of years but has generally done very well. A couple of this year's winter months were particularly difficult but it has picked up nicely since then and is running well. Recently, Maggie was hired as a shop assistant to help out and increase the efficiency of the work, which has helped. Mark Williams is doing a good job of supervising the shop, together with Sibi and Barbara - the shop managers; thus enabling it to continue raising the necessary funds to support Arises' ministry to the impoverished woman and children in Emmaus.

We praise the Lord for His consistent provision and providence regarding our charity shop.

We thank all those who have donated goods to sell, as well as those volunteers who have given of their time. However, we are still in big need of more volunteers to assist. Please continue to pray for the shops ongoing success and prosperity for God's glory.



Anna Christian with Pastor Musa's daughter

A special welcome to Anna Christian Allen from North Carolina, USA. She is volunteering for three months. We trust her stay in South Africa will be fruitful and blessed.

Arise Prayer Requests

General:

- The Arise Team
- All Arise Partners (local and overseas)

Emmaus project:

- Teachers, staff, and children at the play centre
- A bakkie (truck) for Pastor Musa (For collecting foodstuffs, preaching etc.)

Hidden Treasure Shop:

- A long-term Supervisor
- Continued success of the expanded shop
- Volunteers to assist in the shop

Volunteer Missionaries:

- Mark Williams is currently struggling with kidney stones
- Sara Williams is expecting their first child end of December

Congratulations Pastor Musa!

Firstly, we must say that in our last newsletter we shared about Pastor Musa's serious ill-health. Blood tests have come back clear so there is still no answer as to what exactly was wrong with him. Which only makes us conclude, even more, that it may have been a spiritual attack. Praise the Lord, however, Pastor Musa is fully recovered and looking strong and healthy once again.

We are also grateful to the Lord for enabling Pastor Musa to obtain his driver's license - which is no small feat in South Africa. And no ordinary licence at that, but a heavy-duty vehicle licence. Now that he is 'legal' he will be able to distribute the food parcels and perform other ministry tasks - when we can help him get a vehicle that is. Please join us in prayer for this.



Pastor Musa on top of the mountain he goes to pray