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PHAKAMISA NEWSLETTER

1. Introduction

Phakamisa is one of the Ministry of the Pinetown Methodist Church of Southern Africa. It serves 42 areas in the surroundings of Pinetown. These areas are comprised of rural, semi - rural and urban areas. Phakamisa therefore provides training in different skills to the care givers and also provide training of teachers in Early Childhood Development. This report aims to give the highlight of the activities done during the year.

2. Care Givers Programme:

This programme is done with different groups, where the members of these groups are the representatives of the community groups. Each member is expected to learn skills and then go back to the community group and impart the skills learnt at Phakamisa.

Skills Development Training are as follows:

- **Sewing**

This group had 44 members this year. They were trained in threading machine, front aprons, girls school skirts, boys shorts, graduation gowns, cushions and cushion cover, bags, pencil and peg bags. Lastly, they were trained on how to sew food warmers.



- **Beadwork**

The beadwork group had 20 members. They were taught on how to make ring earrings, necklaces ankle bands, book marks and a lot more.



- **Cooking and Baking**

This group had 31 members this year. Different skills were taught in this group more especially in a way of healthy cooking, because that is what we promote to our gogo's and youth. The group have been taught on safety and hygiene, then trained on how to make different kinds of healthy food and bake as well.



3. Early Childhood Development:

We have 3 training courses under this programme Child Minder and Edu Care course.

- Child minder – 6 months course
- Edu-care – 1 year course
- Supervisor – 10 weeks workshop

This year we had about +/- 150 pre-school/ crèche teachers, of which almost half of those teachers graduated for child minder in June. Then the Edu-care teachers will graduate in December with the second group of Child Minder course that started in July.



4. Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)

In this program Phakamisa provide its service in the form of Wandering Schools. We have 89 orphans that attends in our three pre-schools. They don't pay anything in these schools, all services are being provided free of charge. This year we continued with feeding of porridge to our kids in all wandering schools.



5. Special Events

Thursday in Black – we had Thursday in Black on 30 March 2023



Women's month celebration- in celebration of women's month we hosted Miss Phakamisa on the 25th of August 2023 where our grannies were modelling



30th Celebration- Phakamisa celebrated it's 30 years on the 11th of October 2023



Wandering School outing- Wandering Schools visited Ushaka Marine world on the 9th of November 2023.



Farewell party- Mr Neil Purdon and Mr Sbu Sangweni (30 November 2023)



Grannies Christmas party and ECD graduation – 5 December 2023



Wandering school Christmas party- 6, 7 & 8 December 2023



Closing- office closes on the 14th of December 2023

In conclusion

We would like to thank you all for your continued support and prayers. May God Bless you and your family members this festive season.

