

Annual report for Greystones:

It is with great pleasure that we appeal to our top donor. We count it all joy that we could count on you without any doubt while you kept your promise. As you did your part we put in all effort that the rightful persons who suffer from the effect of Alcohol and Substance Abuse experience the benefit to the maximum. We believe in ourselves and with the support of others and Greystone of coarse new horizons are in sight.

We strongly believe that we are on the right track and achieved a lot. While others say we and the responsible persons have lost the battle against Alcohol and Substance Abuse the fact remains that every person deserves a second change. We have the opportunity to share the joy with families after successfully rehabilitating a learner and two fathers. First, you have to understand that 70% of the leaners at our local high school are trapped with one or more different drugs. This is also the reason while the headmaster of the school serves on our executive board. The primary schools from our point of view are more problematic.

We have to highlight that with our annual financial report, doors will open very fast. We can prove that a person can become sober in, or outside a rehabilitation centre. There is no reason to give up. As you know we are a dual vision organization, meaning that we reach the expectations of Department Social Development while we focus on our Christian believes. Lastly, government sees us as a Faith Based Organization while we also believe in Somebody who must be part of the healing process. In other words, we talk in both directions.

The sad part of the story is that many people lost track of the problem for the simple reason that we deal with a -demonic spirit- who are out to destroy families and their relatives. In the same time many youngsters are robbed from a bright future. To study for three or more years at a College or Institute is good but on grass root level the challenge become gigantic. One has to understand that Social-workers are dealing with a great task and the work load is enormous. For that we have to understand, a lack that also escalate under people. Further, the social workers change on a regular basis and then a parent has to explain the problem from start. This is where the frustration builds up because the waiting lists for a rehab are long. Here School of Knowledge have no problem because we screen our patients and send them to a place according to our finding.

At this stage we are happy as we do our utmost best with the help of Greystones. We want to do more but by prioritising we will press on and believe that we will reach our dream and goal in mind. There is certain things that we see as stumbling blocks such as transport to be at the right place for meetings and follow-ups also a camera to record our do-about. This we all know are very crucial for government as they monitor the specific bank account. We believe that there will be no bad administration.

The accountant was so shocked for the bag of receipts as I said you can pick and choose but remember we also work with cash and kind. In other words fieldworkers, board members and people who contribute as the need arise. It is a difficult task to put everything on table as proof because we are somewhat ignorant as to exactly what a specific person want. We work for the love of our community as we seek for a solution. We strongly believe if we will get land from the local government we will build a lighthouse as people from afar will come to us. The reason we work and deal with the problem, but the secret we hope you will agree that one can never ever count out the Creator. And that is where our success is locked up.

Please see, the report of our professional accountant, OBS and their comment.

As we look to the performance and financial report the first page is the top 30 chronicle disrupters at our Primary School, in the classrooms.

The learners' files are kept in our office, locked up as per DSD requirement. We will ask permission for parent to slot in for as we want to keep record and track from where we came.

As we upgrade our office as income in finances allow so we for a long time had to do our own printing, posters and business cards to mention the relevant contributions. While our books were with the accountant we bought our own laminator as well as a paper guillotine. For others it is nothing but for School of Knowledge progress is progress no matter how small. There are other NGO organizations which solute us and still we are open to help and direct because we want to Network. Unfortunately, it is our believe that nobody can copy our idea. It is God given.

As time goes on we want to make a professional-DVD but we took up some beneficiaries who was more than willing to appear as part of our report. You can follow.

WE HAVE GOOD TIMES WITH MEMBERS IN THE BROAD OUTLINE OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE WANT TO BRING JOY IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD AS FAR AS WE CAN TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ALSO DEAL WITH THE SADNESS HERE IS A LEANER WHICH WE SEND SUCCESFULLY TO A REHABILITATION CENTRE. SOBER AS ONE CAN BE HE SIMPLY ASKED HIS PRENTS TO TRANSFER HIM TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL. WE ASSIST THEM AND EXPLAINED THE BEHAVIOUR AND HIS FEARS IN ORDER NOT TO GO BACK TO HIS PREVIOUS SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. HIS PARENTS DID NOT WANT TO UNDERSTAND. THE SADNESS OF THE STORY IS A PROMISING YOUNGMAN COMMITTED SUICIDE.

The baptism of Keenan. Now a motivational at schools, church groups while he assists the School of Knowledge. A Blessing wherever he goes. Remarkable with an evangelist anointing. They convince those who doubt that there is help for the hopeless.

The European Guy contacts him afterwards to ask more of the religion.

Pastor Thony Khan former gang leader with a background of dealing with Substance on the Cape flats now work close with School of Knowledge in order to send the message “stay away from alcohol and substance”. One lady and a gentleman talk about their days of hell. He also presents a six day seminar to parents to be aware for signs coming to forth before it is too late.

Also we brought in an occasion where the community choir perform on their 21st reunion. The guy with the grey hair (myself) of course is the founder and patron while the lady in front do a solo part is his (SOK) personal assistant. She is also an International artist and from time to time she are invited or when people for example from London and America come to perform in S.A. she sing as back ground vocal.



The School of Knowledge, a non-profit organisation from Diazville that focuses on combating drug abuse, received a generous R10 000 donation from Greystone Cargo Systems. Greystone will repeat donations of the same amount every month for the next six months. Ian Topp (middle) of Greystone presented the cheque to Magdalene White (left) and Dina Adams from the School of Knowledge. Pieter Jantjies of the NPO said they provide a support service. “We are not social workers or the police.” Call Pieter Jantjies on 072 658 3805 to get involved. Greystones have already donated copy paper to various schools in the West Coast area as well as tracksuits to eight youngsters to participate in a competition in Cape Town.

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