

**S**halom—In our crazy world that has so little peace we know we can have peace beyond understanding. We are so blessed to be part of the Kingdom of the Lord and that, in this crazy world, we can be shielded and have peace. We want to start this letter by praying PEACE over your life as you share in our lives. Jesus, told His disciples (and us) in John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you, not as the world gives. DO NOT let our hearts be troubled and do NOT be afraid”.



**I**n our previous letter, we introduce the amazing couple Paul and Lou-Anne Nicholson who rolled up their sleeves, got involved in the “nitty gritty” and support of LIFE Community Services. Lou-Anne’s mom passed away and she had to leave to be with her family.



Our deep sympathy for her and Paul.

Further they had unexpected personal matters that temporarily changed the trajectory of their path with LIFE. Please pray that the Lord directs, keeps and shows them how to navigate through this difficult time. We will certainly miss them and hopefully welcome them back in January 2025. Their expertise and skills are highly valued by the Board and staff alike.



**T**he Easter Holiday Club was an overwhelming success and we had many decisions for Christ. Our Theme: ‘You are IMPORTANT to Jesus’

The children came, rain or shine and it was a moving experience to see their desire to honour the Lord, to confess their wrongs and put their confessions in writing and nailing



them to the cross. The foot washing, the activities, the games all pointed to Jesus. The theme was “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” the Worship moved many hearts and the children responded to the prayer, praise and worship like their lives depended on it.



**B**orchards, one of our ministry centres has been operating in unidyllic circumstances. Trudie and Zyanda have been faithful under extreme circumstances. They kept the faith and imparted and deposited so much into the children. They maintained the programme under extreme duress. The children and leaders had to operate with the pro-



tection of some of our men due to the harassment they endured and the threats. We tried to work with a couple churches but they did not approve of the children so instead of closing the centre, we decided to find a home. This has been an ongoing search for about 4 years. PRAISE the Lord we found a property (house) and stepped out in FAITH to purchase a house so that we can have a home for a centre and the children and an house for accommodation for our needs.



We want to invite you to please partner with us on this. A South Africa business man donated the monies for the house. we are trusting to raise R30,000 (+-\$2000) for transfer fees and approximately R100,000 (+-\$5500) for fencing and security. The documents are signed and we are stepping out in faith on this mission after years of praying and searching.



**B**lessings from above this term: Jesus Alive Ministry: Our precious new friends, Elmarie and Isaac had a burden to bless our children in the homes and sprung into action. The

homes were blessed with new shoes, clothing, food, toiletries, paint for HfH 2 (now we need painting hands!) love and so much more. One of the homes received a brand new microwave from Eben and Annelien. All we can say is that the Lord is good and merciful and we are blessed to be His children. Thank you to



all who are so freely pouring into our children's lives! We thank the Lord for all you did even to the least of us!

Just to serve:

Grace Place came to serve in George. Shofar Church hosted them and we were privileged to be part of their serving. Without hesitation the guys and young ladies served the least of these with play, reading, praying and helping in the kitchen. Our heartfelt thanks that no-one thought themselves more highly. This was a love offering and service to the Kingdom.



**O**PERATION BUTTERNUT was a truly remarkable display of community effort and generosity. It all started with a truckload of butternut arriving at the kitchen, donated from a local farmer named Willie in Robertson. This generous donation was like a gift from above for our food programme, providing us with much-needed resources to continue feeding those in need.



The Life team wasted no time in springing into action, coming together to unload the truck and ensure that the butternut was safely stored in the kitchen's walk-in fridge. From 8 in the morning until 11, the team worked tirelessly, passing crates of butternut from one person to the next, ensuring that each piece reached its destination efficiently.

What was truly inspiring about Operation Butternut was the spirit of teamwork that filled the air. Every individual, from the drivers to the kitchen staff, played their part in this operation, demonstrating a level of coordination and cooperation



that was simply awe-inspiring. It was heartwarming to witness everyone come together for a common cause, working towards a shared goal with dedication and enthusiasm.

But Operation Butternut did not stop there. Our drivers were quick to offer donations to other organizations, NGOs, day-care centers, and churches in need of fresh produce.



Additionally, we made sure to provide butternut to those who were preparing meals for volunteers and

rescue workers during a recent building collapse in George. It was a small gesture, but one that we hoped would make a difference in the lives of those tirelessly working to help others in need.

In the end, Operation Butternut was more than just about unloading a truck of vegetables. It was about coming together as a staff and showing kindness and compassion to those who needed it most. It was a testament to the power of teamwork and generosity, and a reminder of the incredible impact that we can make when we all work together towards a common goal.

The kitchen staff prepared butternut soup and butternut on the side for the kids. (From Liesbeth Office Manager)

**Royal Rangers:** Our training started with the dynamic husband and wife team, Gerhard and Tammy. They are enthusiastic and have embraced our staff in a wonderful way. Their training was thoroughly done and we had fertile



ground for people (kids and staff) who want to learn and apply what they have been exposed to. The best is that Royal Rangers is Christ Centred and that is the kind of partnership we are looking at. Tammy writes:

**'Your leaders are fantastic!!'** Interestingly, we see a real difference in your kids to the kids in CT at the time when we started Rangers new with them in the past.

Your kids are much more obedient and so hungry to learn. You have done such a great job with your community program already; we are very excited to go every Friday to meet with them!!



What a blessing that we can partner together!

**I**sipho had the privilege of having Aunty Dilina working with us for many many years. We were the two grannies in the office and she was and is a blessing to LIFE. Her children together with her decided that, due to health issues, it is time for her to step down. We have lost one of the most amazing and faithful people on our team. She patiently trained many teens and children in the art of sewing and her wisdom was always welcomed. We pray and wish her many years of joy as she goes into her "retirement" and that she will enjoy a full life within her family and those who love her. Go well Tannie Dilina— you are much loved and we wish you all the Lord's love, blessing and protection.



For all the rest of the news: The Lord has been so faithful.

The school is developing and growing by the grace of God and the support and hard-work of all the teachers.



The Intermediate Phase embarked on many project and this is one of them. A communications tower.

Further the school had fund days such as crazy sock, bring your teddy to school etc.



Happy Feet and the little people at the centres, are growing in understanding, prayer and the Word of the Lord.



Philip and I have criss-crossed the United States but it has been worthwhile. There were a couple places we could not go due to expenses but the Lord knows our hearts. PLUS our 44 items arrived from SA that we packed and sent 1 year and 2months ago.



We visited old friends, CCOP, Cornerstone Television, friends and family.



We made new friends in Rhode Island, Tennessee, Pittsburgh, Bluffton SC Boise and Nampa ID and Sandpoint, near the Canadian border. Our friends and family graciously accommodated us and we were blessed to be able to share and pray as we moved around. It was a precious time of sharing, and selling ISIHPO and finding child sponsorships for our Heart for a Child Project. Please pray for us to make the right decisions, put the right Godly and upright people in place and to NOT veer from our original mission, vision and goals.

Grace, Peace and Love to all

Please pray for : Our Succession Plan

A donated Cell Phone (ours is model 6) – we need IOS 16 and/or higher

Safety for all in SA and for LIFE Community Services and the children in our care

For the peace of Jerusalem

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes I am coming soon". Amen, come, Lord Jesus. The Grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. Revelation 22:20-21

Have you ever wanted to sponsor a child to make a difference in a life? Join our

**Heart for A Child Program**

E-mail: heartfor-achild@lifecommunity.co.za

Or register on our website: www.lifecommunity.co.za

**We have some incredible stories that we will post in the next newsletter of the relationships that are being established between the sponsor and the children. Please graciously let us know if you decide to stop your sponsorship so we can find another sponsor for your child.**

*Thank you for blessing us.*

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I R M /LIFE Community Services

PO Box 444

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(make check payable to IRM and please specify on the memo line)

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