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Gwandavale School Opening

The GTO team visited Willard Ndlovu ACET Team Leader - Zimbabwe a couple of weeks ago to see Gwandavale Secondary School in Matopas, Zimbabwe, sponsored by the GTO through the generous donation from Paul and Nancy Smolkin, which opened at the beginning of the year.

Previously, children walked up to 40km to attend the school nearest to their village, and now only walk a few kilometres.

Only 42 students were enrolled for Form 1 due to Covid restrictions, but more are to follow. A borehole for proper running water, a vegetable garden and another school block and further accommodation for the teaching staff are in the works.

We are thrilled to have had another opportunity to contribute to improving and building a disadvantaged community.



Philangethemba Winter Holiday Club

Molweni in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, was devastated by the April 2022 floods, and many people known to the staff of Philangethemba lost their homes and family members.

From the night of the floods on 12th April and several weeks after, the Philangethemba campus hosted up to 20 people who were affected, providing food, clothes and spiritual support.

Predictably the floods interrupted our normal programs, and it was great to see "normal" programs resume to some extent. In July, with support from GTO, we could host our normal Winter Holiday club, which is a week of

activities for the young people on holiday from school.

We also marked an important milestone where we offered an essential service to the community. We set up 30 workstations with fast internet to allow online learning and training in basic computer skills.

The computer centre power is supplied by the solar installation funded by GTO and ensures that there's power even when load shedding and other interruptions occur. The continued support of GTO for the Philangethemba activities is greatly valued by the community.



Bulembu Baby Home

The Bulembu Baby Home is a place of safety where babies and toddlers are in our care in Bulembu, a small town in Eswatini, Swaziland.

We currently have 34 children from ages 1 to 5, and each is loved and looked after by our caregivers, who play a vital role in the babies' and toddlers' growth and early development stages.

What excites us the most is watching each child reach their milestones, which is critical for their development and progress.



Mary is 2 years old and loves playing with her toy xylophone. David is also 2, and he loves to draw and colour pictures. Wanda is 1 and enjoys feeding herself, although it can be messy.

Our children must flourish as they reach these milestones, and we have as much fun as they do with each!

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