
LITERACY FOR ALL - 2006 - on going



The Literacy For All program was started by a group of passionate people from 2 continents coming together with the same focus, that of helping our children to a good grounding in education. Dr Dottie Leveque believes that you "cant teach a hungry child" and so through KidCare International USA she started a feeding scheme for the children Isiphiwo primary school. She met Barbara Coombes who had a reading system with an added benefit in that it was written in the 11 official languages that we have her in South Africa. Dottie introduced this system to the school where they started to teach children to read IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUE.

Rotary Club of Newlands met Dr Dottie and the Coombes and saw the value of the program. We brought in various Rotary clubs who could support schools in their areas. We now have 8 schools on the program with "twinning" of funds between the school and the various clubs. With only 39% of children being literate by the end of grade 3 we are starting to raise their level and, together with the University of the Western Cape, are doing a yearly survey to establish the rise in the literacy.

The schools that we have supported so far have been:

1. Sonwabo Primary. - Gugulethu
(One of the original 6 who helped develop the Training Course.) Grade 1 147 Learners + 4 Teachers R30 591.70 - School has purchased
The Principal and Teachers in this school are highly motivated
2. Mkanyiseli Primary - Nyanga
(Also one of the original 6 schools that helped with Training) Grade 1 120 Learners + 3 Teachers R24 698.58 - School has purchased
This is a well-run school. Does a lot for their AIDS children.
3. Sivuyiseni Primary - Khayelitsha (Also one of the 6) Well-run, non-fee paying school in very poor area.
4. John Pama Primary - Nyanga

