



MASAZANE

SOUP KITCHEN & CHILD
PROTECTION PROJECT

Easter 2024

Dear friends and supporters of Masazane Soup Kitchen,

In March we held our AGM. I thought you might like to read some of what our new Chair, Claudine Bill, had to say:

“Our team of Gogos is a strong team, led and supported wonderfully by Martha Mdingi. They cook and clean 4 days a week at Mbekweni Primary School, preparing around 400 meals a day. It is tiring work, but they do this with such love and care for the children.

The focus of the work is, of course, on the children. We are all aware of the challenges that face our children today. Half of SA’s children live in poverty, and one in four children is nutritionally stunted. In the State of the South African Child report, five key challenges are identified that impact on the lives of children.

1. Child poverty
2. Child health and nutrition
3. Education
4. Housing and household factors
5. Child safety

I was heartened to realize that in our small way, MSK plays a role in addressing these 5 challenges. The provision of one nutritious, protein-rich meal, four days a week has an impact on child health and nutrition. It also has an impact on education – the children are better able to concentrate and learn and have a better chance of succeeding at school. The gogos, through their role in the community – providing support and care to vulnerable children – help to provide safe places for children in the afternoons. Some of the gogos take in foster children, giving them love and a stable home. Through these efforts, the gogos are supporting the children to reach their potential and give them a chance to become productive members of society in the future.

Another strength of this project is the teamwork between Bethel Congregational Church and Rondebosch United Church. The work done by all of our volunteers, in addition to their other jobs and commitments, is amazing. Thank you to each one of you, each with a different role to play and different strengths which work together to achieve great things.

*And the final important piece is **our amazing donors**. We have been faithfully supported by a network of people and organisations around the world, who see the worth and potential of the children at Mbekweni Primary School; children who can reach their full potential if they are able to grow and thrive. Thank you for all the donations that make this possible”.*

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The yoga class held at RUC each week donates their fees to our project. Thank you!

We continue to do what we can to keep some of the children in our corner of Mbekweni from going hungry, but we can only do it with your support.
THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for what you have done for this project thus far, and look forward to a continued partnership with you as we try to ensure that some of the most vulnerable children receive the protection and nutrition that they need at this time of great need in South Africa.

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