



# MASAZANE

SOUP KITCHEN & CHILD  
PROTECTION PROJECT



## Christmas 2020 and Covid Update

Dear friends and supporters of Masazane Soup Kitchen, 2020 has certainly been a difficult year for millions of people around the world.

We hope that our friends and supporters have managed to stay safe through these tough times.

Too many people in South Africa and elsewhere have experienced the loss of loved ones, others have lost jobs and livelihoods. One article I read recently claimed that in April this year as we were in our level 5 'hard lockdown', 47% of respondents to a national survey said that they had no money for food by the end of the month. So we were appalled by the corruption in this country that saw the selfish chasing and theft of Covid-19 funding for personal gain.



**But we have also seen the very best of people on display.** In our case, it was in the hard work and dedication of our gogos. These six women, all over the age of 60 – one in her 80s – have come through 2020 in good health and with enthusiasm for getting back to 'normal' again as soon as possible in 2021.

Between March and August, lockdown regulations meant that schools were closed and because our kitchen is on the grounds of the Mbekweni Primary School, no meals could be provided for hungry children. But when we were able to reopen in lockdown level 2, the team enthusiastically received their donated PPE supplies and set to work.

Our team of gogos is ably supported by our Project Manager, Shireen Willemse, on whom we have relied so heavily this year to purchase supplies and generally ensure the smooth operation of the Kitchen. Our Treasurer, Brian Davison, works quietly in the background to ensure that our funds are wisely used, and he monitors all expenditure. By his calculation, **each meal that we serve costs approximately R3.50, or about 25c in US\$.**

We were delighted to be able to take Christmas hampers and gifts out to the Kitchen this week for the gogos, and parcels for 150 children chosen by them. Thanks to the team of Christmas angels who helped with this huge task!

**The whole team thanks you for your continued support and enthusiasm for this project, which really does make a difference in the lives of hungry children. With this newsletter we send blessings to you and your loved ones as 2020 draws to a close.**



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