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Platfontein Youth Empowerment

THE STUDENTS OF PLATFONTEIN

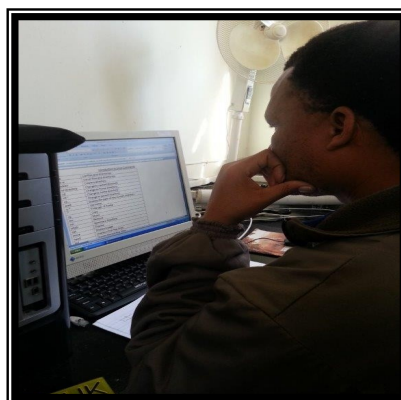
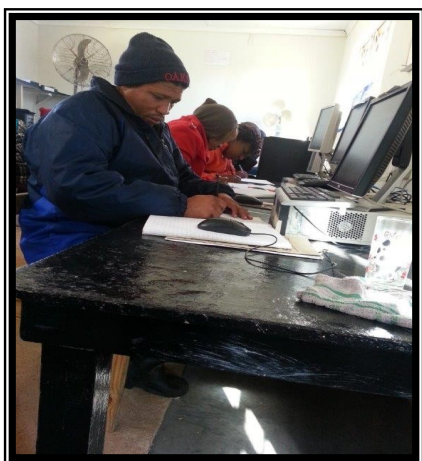


Computer Literacy and IT Training

The subject of Power Point Presentations has been the focus for this month on the computer literacy programme and the students will be given a task to prepare their own PowerPoint presentations to be presented in class.

In the study of electronics, the students were co-operative and understand the importance of the subject of the line between electricity and computers. There were a few days where minimal co-operation was received from the students but we managed to get the students to understand that the work is getting more difficult. They do have the potential to grasp and fully understand what they are being taught.

Study Time



Rommel invited to Conference in Switzerland

This conference is a follow up from last year stemming from the Freedom — Our Responsibility (FOR) Conference in Bloemfontein, South Africa from 26-30 September 2014 of which Susi Gubler and associates organized.

African leaders made a resolution to form a Coalition 'Commitment of the Willing' (CO-Willing) - a follow up conference in Switzerland to discuss, plan and design, methods in Leadership, addressing corruption in Africa as well as other injustices. Partnering, collaboration and developing programmes to nurture responsible and ethical leadership.

These concerns within the conference also related to the Platfontein Development Footprint which Hilltop has established in training poor Africans in order to give them skills and opportunity through progressive training and mentorship, in order to bring dignity to the poor and in roads into small business creation and employment for the future for economic impact in small rural communities such as Platfontein, home of the San People in South Africa.

FOR was a platform to share knowledge, power and resources to those who could benefit from these experience and connections.

CDW is for people willing and interested in sharing and implementing projects specifically in Africa which focus on:

- Leadership & Good Governance
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

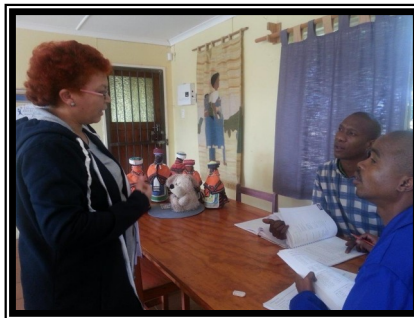


Additional Training

Business Accounting and Administration with Wendy Alexander

During the month of June 2015, the learners made substantial progress. They have covered six lessons out of eleven lessons, which constitutes just over 50% of the study material. They are also at a stage where they are grasping the basic bookkeeping terms and concepts, as well as understanding the different steps in the accounting and bookkeeping cycle.

Another factor contributing to their understanding of the study material, is that they are given homework exercises to work through in a group during the course of the week, then on a weekly basis test their knowledge by them writing a formative assessment on a lesson covered. By the test results, it can be identify, whether they understand the study material. During the month of July, 2015, we should be wrapping up this course in Bookkeeping Fundamentals.



Agricultural Training

The garden is growing well. It is being maintained weekly, with weeding and turning up the soil by the students a few hours a week. Some of the lettuce and spring onions being ready for harvest, Robin took a box of the vegetables into East London and went to two business. One shop Lime Fusion, a natural health food store and the other in the same building the restaurant Toast both were eager to purchase. Also very interested in our project with the Platfonteiners and happily purchased all that she brought to show, selling bunches of spring onions and three heads of lettuce totalling R45.00. It was quite a wonderful opportunity to test the market place. Robin found that the organic produce from our farm has a market for selling, especially specific vegetables and fruits.



English Skills Training

Reading English is a continuous part of their IT training daily. The students see the value and importance of knowing English, as English is the first language of business and used in tourism world wide.

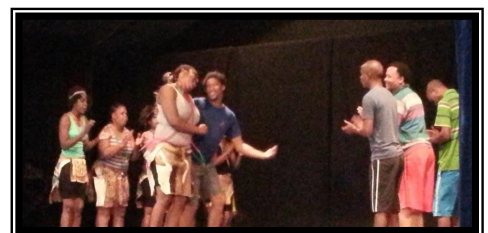
Egg laying Chickens

Our 19 egg laying hens are quite comfortable in their surroundings at Hilltop. The hens are producing one to two eggs a day which are being used and consumed by the Platfonteiners daily.

Platfontein Students Performing at Grens Primary school in East London

On Friday June 26th our students were invited to perform for 400 Primary school students at a Afrikaans primary school. The Platfonteiners wore their traditional tribal clothing and bead work and performed dances and songs up on the stage of the school. It was a tremendous joy for the children and teaching staff and all were fascinated by the performance. Healing dances and love songs were performed as well as making fire with sticks and the use of bows and arrows made by Ernesto and Augusto. It was a fully enjoyable experience featuring a Power Point Presentation, presented by Annamie, on the History of the San who originated from the most southern tip of Africa 130,000 years ago moving to Namibia and Angola, later returning to Platfontein, South Africa.

Sanlam Insurance sponsored the expensive transport to the school for 15 people and the children and school made an additional donation of R1,000 to the group for their efforts. After the performance, on this warm sunny day, the driver of the Kombi took the Platfonteiners to the beach an afternoon of seaside fun.



General Observations

Time keeping and punctuality: The management team has had to impress the importance of being early or on time and has had on many occasions had to express the importance of accurate timekeeping in their time registers.

Attitude concerning the programme and content: The course and subject matter is more difficult and challenging. The content has become highly advanced and more complex.

Days absent: One student missed eight days and two other students three days each, needing to return back to Platfontein for personal reasons. One female student, Matumbu, was sent back permanently on June 23, due to misconduct and continuous undermining and negative behaviour towards the entire programme.

Communication: The students are from two different tribal groups the Ixun and the Khwe using two different tribal languages, Afrikaans being the mutually shared language with English. Our training team has been very committed to the processes involved and providing an excellent education. The trainers have made great strides in exercising patience and determination to achieve our mutual goals.

Attitude: The students are enjoying the privilege of being at Hilltop and the opportunity to focus on their studies. Their positive attitude derives from them being amazed at themselves for what they have achieved thus far and are very proud of themselves.

Manners: We have had a few occasions where late coming and discipline has had to be enforced.

Effort and determination: Completing the fourth month, out of the six month programme has required quite a serious effort to learn and absorb the demanding course curriculum. The building and troubleshooting of computers are part of the curriculum that they find interesting, exciting, enjoyable and fun. The subjects of Excel and Pastel accounting has been difficult, taking more concentration and effort.

Language: English has become the first language of the course curriculum. The test scores of some of the students tend to be lower as the concepts in English are very advanced.

Personal appearance: The Platfonteiners are a good looking group and they are always neatly dressed and hair coiffure.

Accommodation and house keeping: There have been a few lapses, as it has become cold and the need for heaters was expressed by the group. Paraffin heaters were purchased and they have the tendency to frequently run out of fuel and is not always reported on time and sometimes results in delay of fuel delivery.

Food supplies and usage: The meal planning and meal preparations have improved. The Platfonteiners are eating well and our chickens are laying eggs, providing a constant source of fresh organic eggs. We often go to our local dairy and purchase fresh organic milk.

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