



Newsletter



Hope and Light Christian Community Welfare
Newsletter 1/2019

Dear friends and supporters of Hope and Light

Here in South Africa Autumn has set in already, and with that the increasing hours of darkness are upon us, unexpectedly supported by our Electricity providers, Eskom. Our power has been on and off in South Africa as a result of “load shedding”, which comes purely as a consequence to poor management and maintenance of South Africa’s power stations. There are days where we sit for over 8 hours a day with no electricity. This means that morning coffee is a luxury. As is watching television, showering in hot water, blow-drying hair and quickly popping some noodles or potatoes on the stove to cook. Amazing, how quickly we take these things for granted.

The people working here in the office on the PC’s are constantly interrupted with unwanted (or maybe wanted) breaks as a result of power failures. Welcome to South Africa 2019!

On 8 March 2019, was the big day for Hope and Light: **Our School was finally officially opened**. Dr Christian Kugelmeier reports from Hope and Light Germany:

Report about the School Opening Ceremony, Sir Lowry’s Pass March 8, 2019

What a celebration!



None of the approximately 200 attendees will ever forget the wonderful opening ceremony of the Hope and Light school campus on 8 March.



The school's multipurpose hall was literally finished at the last minute and provided an ideal setting for a three-hour celebration that moved hearts and made the Hope and Light mission accessible to everybody present.



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From 10:30 on, Edgar Lennitch, the school's head of HR, led a colorful program that started with an emotional retrospective of the story of Hope and Light by its founder and chairwoman, Barbara Tofaute. She talked at length about the beginnings, difficulties and challenges that have been overcome in recent years and ended her speech with a thank you to her deceased husband and co-initiator Hermann.



f. l. Rainer Winge Hope and Light e. V.,
Edgar Lennitch



f. l. Barbara Tofaute, Josias Hove

Then, a mixed children's choir of Hope & Light children and members of the associated Eagles Rising Institute intoned both the South African and then the German national anthem, before Rainer Winge, chairman of the board of the German Hope & Light organization came to the microphone and brought out a vote of thanks for the excellent cooperation and, above all, the generosity of the donors. The **Dietmar Hopp Foundation, Sternstunden e.V., BILD / Ein Herz für Kinder, GENESIS Mining** and the **Zwick Roell** company were especially mentioned here. Without them, the construction of the school and important infrastructure elements of the school would not have been possible.



Eagle Rising Chor



Hope and Light Chor

It was followed by another great singing and dancing performance of the Hope and Light children to the immense delight of the attending dignitaries, sponsors, teachers, parents, children and school staff.



Children of the kindergarten and the pre primary school

The closing point of the contributions was given by the German Consul General in Cape Town, Mr. Matthias Hansen, who emphasized the importance of education for children of the Cape region and very warmly expressed his gratitude in the name of the Federal Republic of Germany for this extraordinary project. Finally, the members of the German Hope & Light board received a flower greeting from the hands of the schoolchildren before the Hope & Light children set the final scene with yet another exhilarating dance and singing performance.



German Consul General Matthias Hansen



Josias Hove



Kindergarten child



Hope and Light staff



Hope and Light staff

Golf tournament of South Africa

The Hope and Light Golf tournament was the first of its kind at the beautiful Erinvale Golf Estate, which is known as one of the most esteemed golf courses in South Africa. 72 Golfers took part in the event, playing 18 holes in remarkably windy weather and the odd shower of rain. Despite the unfavourable (and unusual for South Africa!) weather conditions, the players really enjoyed themselves and did not let the weather get them down.

As the afternoon progressed to evening, an exquisite dinner was served with a raffle, and an auction complimenting the event. The evening was later concluded with a lovely atmosphere of music and dancing. The entire fundraising event gathered a grand total of **R185 000**, which will be used as sponsorships to pupils from our school.

Many thanks go out to **Margrith Bill** and **Simone Stein**, that put all the time and effort into organizing this event to perfection. The date for the next golf tournament has already been finalized and will take place in Erinvale on 6 March 2020.



f. I. Margrith Bill, Simone Stein





I hope, that this report has informed you well and made you happy. In the next release of our Newsletter we would really like to introduce to you the wonderful and many new children that have joined the school as well as the various projects we are running.

We wish you a wonderful Spring in Europe with much sunshine, water and electricity!

With warm regards



Barbara Tofaute
and the whole
Hope and Light-Team



Financial report from 1st July 2018 to 30th September 2018



Naudé & Partners

Registered accountants

HOPE AND LIGHT COMMUNITY WELFARE

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 01 JULY 2018 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

INCOME

Donations Received/ Bursaries	8 578 781.42
School Fees/Registrations	994 410.00
Activities	16 105.80
Fee -uniforms	1 090.00
Interest Received	11 473.82
Government Subsidy	322 900.00
Sundry Income	1 000.00
	9 925 761.04

EXPENSES

	1 698 662.06
Accounting Fees	28 405.00
Bank Charges	8 894.45
Cleaning	2 645.27
Consulting Fees	67 500.00
Computer Expenses	13 208.01
Childrens Village Expenses	119.99
Courier & Postage	300.00
Donations/ Bursaries	1 484.80
Electricity/Gas and Water	162 998.16
First Aid	344.51
Gifts	166.78
Groceries	57 137.91
General expense	240.00
Gifts	193.90
Insurance	32 053.30
Legal Fees /Professional Fees	16 894.69
LTSM - Learning, teaching support material	10 800.91
Motor Vehicle Expenses	34 468.78
Printing and Stationary	39 960.13
Rent Equipment	4 384.22
Repairs and Maintenance	18 558.83
Salaries and Wages	1 114 278.32
Small Assets Written Off	30 400.00
Security	13 112.31
Subscriptions	6 305.00
School Expenses	614.94
Telephone and Fax	20 691.85
Uniforms	12 500.00

Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	8 227 098.98
Donation Received: Capital Expenditure "New Building Project"	-7 523 772.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	703 326.98

Compiled by Naudé & Partners based on information and explanations provided by Hope and Light.

No Balance Sheet was compiled and no Audit was performed.

The figures are subject to change.

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