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# Actionpact

*Newsletter for friends of Mfesane*

## They've 'Given Themselves a Job' – thank you for helping them find their way

**These are some of the early results from your donations to our 'Give Yourself a Job' training programme.**

Divan Peterson lives in a remote area called Green Village where the community faces a lot of challenges.

When he joined the training course, he shared with us his concerns about being an unemployed father of a son with a medical condition. He wanted to use his creativity to change his cycle of poverty.

Attending the 'Give Yourself a Job' training course made him realise that he had talents, and the ability to put them to work. When asked to prepare for an entrepreneurial expo, he created woodwork items from cast-offs that he picked up in his neighbourhood, and fashioned a light using a disused baby feeding cup.

Other enthusiastic participants were: Wilmar Koordom who is making items from recycled wire, and mosaic work from broken beer bottles; and Nicola Sneuwel who uses bits and pieces to create new jewellery to sell.

Unemployment is one of the biggest problems that we face in South

Africa. Helping people to identify earning opportunities in their own communities, and training them to build up and maintain their own 'small business' is an important step towards the solution.

It may be 'one person at a time', but every individual able to earn their own income is significant – as is every individual who supports this programme. Thank you for being an individual who recognises the importance of 'Give Yourself a Job'.



**Please note that our bank account details have changed.**  
Please see our new details on the reverse of the enclosed form. Thank you.

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## Message from Nomvuyo

**I'm happy to be sharing with you some exciting news – and with it, to say a very big 'Thank You'.**

With the help of wonderful supporters like you, we've been accredited by the Health and Welfare SETA as a training provider for ancillary health training, victim empowerment, and new venture creation.

This opens new horizons for the expansion of our work. We're also applying to become a Further Education and Training College, giving recognised training towards diverse qualifications including everything from welding and engineering, to farming and child and youth care.

Whilst I have a personal sense of achievement and pride in this exciting new development, I know that we couldn't have done it without you. Your encouragement, your donations, and your partnership has brought us here. Thank you.

## Other Ways to Help

- Tell family members, friends, neighbours, and members of your church, club or workplace about our work, and encourage them to support our projects.
- If you're not already a monthly donor, consider becoming one. Knowing we can rely on your regular gifts helps us to plan and budget.
- Donations in kind are always welcome.
- Include Mfesane as a beneficiary in your Will. Not only will this be a memorial to your generosity, but will also build on the achievements you've made possible so far.

## LITNUM continues to bear fruit in education

**The first half of the school year is already behind us, and it won't be long before final exams are written.** You'll

be happy to know that the Mfesane Litnum promoters you've helped us put into

schools are doing great work, and positive end of year results are anticipated by children who have previously had no hope of a good outcome. Thank you, so much.



## Lieske Bester is our Isibindi 'soccer mom'

**When Mfesane friend, Lieske Bester, read in the February newsletter that the West Coast Isibindi soccer team had outgrown their uniforms, she made a decision – to replace their kits with new ones . . . for the whole team.**

Needless to say, the team was delighted, and only too happy and proud to pose for a group photograph wearing their new outfits.

We thank Lieske, we thank you, we thank all our Mfesane friends for their continued kindness in responding to the needs of men, women, and perhaps especially children, in need.



## If only we could have said 'thank you'

**When we received an attorney's letter informing us that a long standing friend and supporter had left a bequest to Mfesane in her Will, we were saddened.**

Not just saddened by the loss of a friend, but also for not having had the chance to thank her.

Whilst we understand that the contents of a Will is both a personal and private matter, informing us of your decision to make a bequest allows us to show our appreciation.

You have our assurance that communications regarding bequests are kept in strict confidence.

## If you donate by cheque . . .

. . . Please could you be so kind as to make your cheques out to 'Mfesane NPC' and not 'Rev Giep Louw'. By doing so you'll be helping us to bank your cheques more easily, and put your donations to work more speedily. Thanks for your understanding!