



COLLINS CONNECTION

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Hello the Salesian Family

Yes! We have a boundary wall and it looks very good. Do you agree? However, you may have noticed that there are no gates? No, this is not because we are wanting in the sound of mine department but is because we are taking precautions in the interests of having gates by the time we are ready to start building and move onto the site. We fear the gates may mutate and develop legs and run off somewhere like in the back of somebody's lorry that visits a neighbouring state. Better safe than sorry! This is a firmly entrenched Takkie philosophy.

No! We have not been able to get all the litter and rubble removed from around the site. We have been to several meetings and have heard several promises that action will be taken and then nothing happens until we start the process all over gain. Very frustrating for tired takkie rubber! We keep trotting along and will one day succeed. We are experiencing trying times. Makes us want to try...even harder



Built the wall!

The Team that...

The Permaculture project is also experiencing a nowhere else to go time. We were offered an extension of 12 metres for a new garden so that 30 more participants can be trained but this area is not suitable for our purposes. Some new buildings next door, the ablution block and some new Wendy houses that will be placed on the other boundary

would mean that the garden would get very little or no sun. The Takkies have given up and Ekukhanyeni have had to disappoint the trainees. Makes us want to cry... We thank the Lawley Parish Committee for trying to accommodate us. We will ask the City Council to consider giving us a strip of land in Lawley but we do not have much hope with regard to this. We thank Ekukhanyeni again for the fresh supply of glycol-nutrients and vitamin supplements for the children at the Laura Vicuña Centre. What would we do without you?

The good news is that the current permaculture trainees are now preparing for their final assessments and have been given opportunities to practise their skills in conducting lectures on the theory of permaculture. They are nervously thrilled! We Takkies are at the ready to demonstrate our varied uses and skills to any inattentive students!

Please admire us! We are the foundation group of the crafts project. Our number has now grown to twelve and we cannot accommodate any more trainees at this stage. Franscina has been training us very well and we have each been commissioned to make a pair of shoes, a hat and an a sash belt to wear to church and other public places where we can show off not only our newly found expertise but also advertise our wares to others. We have already found a shop in Lenasia that will stock some samples for us and our own Committee Member, Chester Browne has offered to do the same in his Ennerdale store. We have also got a church choir interested in using our wares for their official uniform. We have not been asleep! No, we have no intentions of replacing our beloved Takkies. We do however compliment them very well!

When we are experts at making shoes and hats we will be trained in bead work as two of our group are highly skilled in this craft. We have a market outlet for bead bracelets...in Italy no less! When we have conquered this skill we will then learn to sew haybox insulators and one or two of us will be trained to demonstrate this cooking method to others. We have two friends, Caroline Halpin and Mary McGuire, trying to raise funds for the cookery and haybox making project. Thank you so much!! You are both very much appreciated.



You too, could be armed like this!

Our new friend Sister Rosario has gone to Italy to try and raise more funds for our craft project. Thank you Sister and thanks to your trusty team of enthusiasts.

Have you ever been across the sea to Ireland? Well watch this space and we may take you with us if our plans can work out. We may be going to meet some very good folk who have worked hard to help us get the building project off the ground and we may meet some new friends who could donate a lot of funds towards this. We have our best thinking soles on and are busy finding out if there are donor organisations we can visit and do our Takkie act for them...no, not tacky act...Takkie Act! You know... the winning one! If any of our readers have a brain wave please give us one too!

Val Drift has been working consistently hard with her 39 computer course students and we are happy to announce that thirteen of them completed their course a week ago. There was much celebration and we wait with bated breath to find out if these young people have managed to find employment. Hold thumbs and pray hard for them please. These have been replaced by new students. We have a very healthy waiting list. We wish the new group great enjoyment and achievement. Thank you Val. You are very much appreciated.

Overheard from my window; did you know Bernie Mullen is still struggling to get a water meter reading from the City Council so the transfer of the land can go through? We really do not know what the metre is with her! A long distance haul?

Keep 'takking' along the road to achievement and success....eventually!



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