



COLLINS CONNECTION

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Hello the Salesian Family

We, your faithful Takkies, have deserted the hard and rocky road to success for a while. We are now in deep 'relaxation' mode and have as you can see, a locum watching over proceedings while we rest on our laurels! You may well ask what we think we are doing lounging about!? The truth is the tide has, it seems, turned and we have some new friends with very good news.



ZTE Corporation. We received a surprise phone call from Liesl Lodewyk, the public relations and communication consultant for this company. She informed us that ZTE would like to get involved in our project in a supportive way. We attended a meeting at which we discovered that ZTE are a cell phone distribution company recently established in South Africa. They have given us an initial donation and will, as they grow, increase their support of us. We look forward to their visiting us in Lawley, Ennerdale and Finetwon. Thank you ZTE! You are much appreciated!



Sho-Sho-Lo-Za Marketing: Through ZTE we were also introduced to Noelene and Roy of Sho-Sho-Lo-Za Marketing. They are involved in training of teachers and learners and in upgrading of English language skills. We will



Photo: from left to right: Liesl (ZTE), Sr Margaret, Roy, Noelene,(Sho-Sho Lo-ZA) Tony (ZTE) and Bernie

benefit from this aspect of their support programmes in the future. We have been promised rolls of linen with which to make our haybox insulators. This and the money received from ZTE will help us to establish a craftwork project at Ennerdale in January 2008.



Old friends have come shining through: Lesedi Trust has stated their willingness to contribute to the craft project in January when we have a budget

prepared by the trainer who will set up the project. We look forward to working with you again Lesedi. We are very grateful for your continued support!

The Collins Trust: We once again thank you for contributing generously to the operational costs of Don Bosco Educational Projects. We feel sure that you will be rewarded well in the ensuing year when the building actually gets underway.

Red deporte in Madrid: We were recently informed by Carlos de Càrcer that Red deporte have secured a substantial donation for the building of the multi-purpose hall. We are very relieved and happy about this. The hall is the biggest and most expensive item and is central to the building of phase one. We are meeting Carlos at Clonlea during November to streamline the administration of the funds. We are very grateful to Carlos and his team for their hard work. We could send our locum to Spain if they need a bit of a rest!

Ekukhanyeni: The Bavarian Government has allocated more funding to Ekukhanyeni for an extension to the Permaculture project and for the establishment of other sites in Lawley. Several more community members have indicated their interest in being trained with the establishment of the new garden. We are awaiting a response to our request for this project extension from the Parish Council in Ennerdale before we can go ahead. We look forward to lacing up our muddy Takkies again. Thank you for being our very competent network partners, Ekukhanyeni. We appreciate and enjoy our relationship with you!

Daughters of Mary Help of Christians: (FMA)

Can you believe it? We nearly got issued with a veil and habit! We were invited to attend the FMA Provincial Chapter where we participated in very moving liturgies, discussions and activities. The theme of the chapter was; 'called to be God's foreseeing love'...what a challenge! We had time to reflect on our Salesian Family mission and vision for the future. We also had time to present our projects. Each team were given a few minutes to do this. As you can see, the Ennerdale/Finetown Team is a very enthusiastic group! We were very enriched by this experience and thank the Sisters for inviting us, holey soles and all! We will endeavour to carry the challenge on our future journey. Are you coming too?



The Ennerdale and Finetown Team Representatives

From left to right:

Valerie; Sr Margaret; Bernie; Sr Therese; Alina

What a Wonder!

We are no longer entangled in complicated manoeuvres and intrigue regarding the demolition of the old building on Erf 4623! The deed was done on Monday 5 November. We are now busy erecting the permanent signboard detailing our



intentions of building the centre. We sincerely hope the zoning consent will progress without potholes and marshlands with which to contend! Glen Brydges, our architect, is handling the zoning procedure. It did not take long to make new friends on Erf 4623! We went down there to see if the signboard has been erected and found a small group of young people on the pile of rubble hammering away.

Erf 4623

Photo: Jimmy and Friends

We had a chat and found out that they want the rubble for a scrap yard in Mountainview. After a while we told them that there will one day be a skills centre on the site for them. They got very pleased and excited. Jimmy, their leader is now paving the way for us to visit the Community Committee in Mountainview so that we form bonds and support for one another before the project starts. More new friends!

The Permaculture garden at Lawley is looking superb and the greenhouse is full of new cuttings and plants. The enthusiasm of the participants knows no bounds. Two workshops on nutrition and medicinal herbs were very well attended. Add a few tender khaki boss leaves to your stew. They are full of Vitamin A...good for the eyes and insight into the future! We recommend you try them!



Overheard from my window:

'The best way to grow mushrooms is on a bed of human hair.' What a hairy story! It's true! More news

about that and snail farming next the edition....We will take a hike!

Yours solely and sincerely

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Bernie Mullen and her Takkies

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