



DON BOSCO EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

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Incorporating Declan Collins Skills Centre, Laura Vicuña Education Centre
& Sancta Maria Crèche

MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY / MARCH 2011

1. Office Administration

- We are quite busy with the ordering and payments of tools, office equipment, office furniture, and didactical materials for the three disciplines that we have commenced with, i.e. building, plumbing and carpentry.
- We visited and purchased the aforementioned from Makro and Builders Warehouse where most of the tools are being sold, materials were also purchased from Timber City and Anchor Plumbing in Lenasia.
- All these items are being stored at the Bosco Youth Centre for security purposes.
- The positions for instructors were advertised, however, the first round of interviews were not so successful as all the applicants expected a market related salary.
- We advertised again and re-phrased our advertisement so that applicants could understand that we are a faith based organisation that wants to up-lift the unemployed youth who for various reasons cannot enter, or have dropped out of mainstream education.
- This round of advertising proved to be favourable as we were able to select three instructors.
- We also advertised the post of a secretary for the skills centre.
- From our interviews we appointed Coleen Max, who is currently running the computer centre, and we appointed Khensani Machaba as the Computer instructor. Miss Machaba was a former student at the computer centre.
- The skills classes are due to start on 11 April 2011.

2. Networking Ekukhanyeni

- At present Ekukhanyeni are busy with 10 day training sessions and various French donor visitors.

3. Funders and Donors

3.1 Mass Cash Holdings

Linda Channell advised that no decision has yet been made regarding the next batch of container kitchens. She will advise us of the outcome as soon as the matter is finalised.

3.2 Bonn

We received our first tranche for this year. The funds requested are for toolboxes and running expenses. Our first Annual- narrative and financial report is due for the end of March 2011.

3.2 Stichting Porticus

Christine Bodewes will pay us a visit on 9 April 2011. We approached Stichting Porticus to assist us with the completion of the Laura Vicuña Education Centre. This request will form the main purpose of Christine's visit.

3.3 Misesan Cara

Misesan Cara advised that they are agreeable to assist us with the purchase of some of the equipment for the Laura Vicuña Education Centre. Whilst the amount granted is less than what we requested from Misesan Cara, we are very grateful for their assistance in this regard.

3.7 2011 Stars Impact Rewards

The above organisation advised that our application was not considered for Stage 2 of the 2011 Impact Awards process.

They further advised that they received a very large response to the invitation with a total of 658 applications, from 44 countries

across Africa-Middle East and 318 applications from 16 countries in Asia.

3.8 Somafco Prize Initiative

- The “Beacon of Excellence” award will be awarded to three of the most impactful initiatives, who will each receive up to R50 000 in cash and services.
- The winners will also benefit from on-going support and training to strengthen their organisations.
- Finalists will be recognised at an event to be held in May, and will also enjoy exposure, and an opportunity to engage with potential supporters and expand networks.

3.9 Somafco will inform us of the successful candidates during the month of April.

3.10 Anglo American Chairman’s Fund

- ❖ We awaited the budget from the bookkeeper to finalise the application.
- ❖ The application was forwarded to Mr Ole Andersen to look at.
- ❖ Mr Andersen is the former fundraiser from the Salvation Army, who has the expertise of the Tsikululu Group of companies, of which Anglo American Chairman’s Fund is a member.
- ❖ Mr Andersen is due to contact us during the second week of April 2011

3.11 The National Lotteries Board (NLB)

We submitted an application for operational expenses for 2011 to the NLB.

To ensure a speedy response and also to ensure receipt of the application, we personally delivered the application to the NLB in Pretoria.

3.12 Don Bosco Mission in Germany

A further application for assistance was forwarded to The Don Bosco Mission in Germany to assist with the completion of the Laura Vicuna Education Centre.

3.13 **Electric AID ELB Ireland**

The above organisation is based in Ireland and assists organisations at home and abroad with electric aid.

Though the contributions by ELB are not substantial, we have forwarded an application for assistance for the electrical connection of our project.

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Alan and the three appointed instructors are busy preparing the workshops for the classes that will commence on 11 April 2011.

Each workshop – carpentry, bricklaying and plumbing has to be prepared with different modules for each, to enable the training to be conducted.

Three labourers and two brick layers were hired to assist the instructors to build the modules.

We placed an extensive advertisement in the Ennerdale Sun, a new local newspaper in the area to inform the community about our centre and the courses being offered.

The lay-out of the advert was exceptional and consequently many were attracted to read its contents.

At present we have had approximately fifty applications from youth around the Ennerdale area to pursue the courses that we will be offering.

The cost of the courses initially will be R100 per week, a total of R900 per course. This may have to be increased to help cover some of the running costs.

As we do not have electricity at present, we will be making use of a generator that was received by the sisters from a benefactor in Italy. A local company that deals with the generator in question was approached to assist with the commissioning of the generator.

We had to once again borrow the TLB from the Bosco Youth Centre to assist the plumber to dig the manhole for the sewerage connection. The plumber will in the meantime lay the pipework for the grey water connections, from the ablution blocks (basins and showers), the cookery room and kitchen. These will be connected up as soon as we are ready for the permaculture gardening.

We are still pursuing further benefactors to assist with the payment of R600 000 for the electricity application.

7. Laura Vicuña Education Centre

- A total of 200 children have enrolled for the school this year, and 158 children with Sancta Maria.
- The Management committee had their first meeting on 15 March.

10. Craft Centre

- The craft project commenced on 1 February and will run until the end of November 2011.
- The course addresses three areas of focus i.e.

1. Sewing

- a. Patternmaking
- b. Traditional dresses
- c. Table runners
- d. Table Mats
- e. Bedding
- f. Ibhayi (with beads) - overcoat
- g. Isicholo (with beads) - hat

2. Beading

- a. Bracelets
- b. Earrings
- c. Necklaces
- d. Belts – Head band

3. Fabric Painting

- Registration fees for the course are R50 together with a monthly fee of R50.

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