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Institute for Ministry Development

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Blessman Medical Incorporated ministries ...by Koos

Well before the April break we as a school, where I am Spiritual Leader, Carpe Diem, were approached by RAG (Reaching a Generation). They asked if our Senior Learning Center could be involved in an outreach to children in lesser privileged communities. The vision was to give free prescription glasses to each child who had need. Under my supervision the children targeted 23 schools in the Mogalakwena Municipal area. They planned the whole outreach. They found out which school's were in the

communities of Masodi, Thamahanzi and Mahwelereng. They phoned and set up appointments with the headmasters to share the vision of what Blessman Medical Incorporated ministries wanted to do. Give eye glasses to them who struggled to read or see properly and to share the gospel personally with each child who come for the final eyeglass test. We were so proud of Jessica, Shoki, Drew, Esti, Hannah, Erica, Eric, Winnie, Natanja, Ofense and Shaun. They set up the appointments, shared the

vision, did the pre testing, pre screening to see who possibly needed glasses and were present with the Blessman team from the US when the final testing was done. They served and served. What a great opportunity to learn how ministry is set up and done and then be involved in the whole execution of it. Dr Blessman and his team were blessed and impressed by our Carpe Diem Kids' attitude and the way they went about things. Eventually 705 kids were identified as needing glasses and heard the

gospel. Many prayed to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. It was awesome to see the unity and synergy produced by the various ministries working together. We praise the Lord for His goodness.



David and Estie doing eye testing



Blessman team and Erica handing out glasses and sharing the gospel with students

Grace Young Come to visitby David

Grace Young, sister of Paul Young, the chalk art evangelist, went with Paul to Zambia last year. When they passed Mokopane, they stopped to stretch their legs next to Masodi Village and were robbed by two men who ran into the township with a camera and one of Grace's 'outreach' bags. When Paul told me about the

incident I asked him whether she would be willing to come and help the teachers at Maruda Christian School in Masodi Village. In this way God turned an act of evil into an opportunity for the Kingdom of God.

Grace helped the Maruda school staff from 4 – 24 February 2009 to adjust to

the Accelerated Christian Education system. Her father started a Christian school in the USA using the ACE system and the whole family helped in this ministry, Grace therefore has many years of experience in the ACE system. She gave much needed help and guidance to Ester, the grade 2 teacher, and spiritual input to the

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The story of Grace young continued

teachers and the students. The children loved her (she was often 'swamped' by little children) and "Ma'am Grace" will be a permanent memory in the minds of the Maruda school children.

She also enjoyed teaching Bible stories and giving Bible object lessons 18 times at Christian and public schools (including a new school with 800 students, and only 11 teachers), in three Sunday schools, an open air meeting, to orphans, special needs children and elderly people. At the Monument old age home in Mokopane, she shared difficult

personal experiences, illustrating God's highest purpose for each difficulty: "And we know that **all things** work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *His* purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren."

Rom.8:28&29 A lady in the front row exclaimed at the end of the talk, "We all *needed* that!" Pray that God plants His truths deep in many of these hearts. " I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. Please pray for their discipling.

We are thankful to God for making it possible for Grace to be with us for this time, for the help that she gave us and the impact she made in our town. Thank you, Aunt Grace for your sacrifice of love.



Maruda Christian School

On the 26 of January, we sent David Frew on the ACE (Accelerated Christian Education) Administrator's Training in Durban for 10 days. He has agreed to fill the role of Administrator at Maruda Christian School and Pastor Jacobus Ramabu will continue as the Spiritual Leader, as the Mission school is a ministry of Masodi Baptist Church.



David & Tessa—Teacher Training

The training in Durban has benefited him in this new role together with the six years of experience he gained in being involved in an ACE school in Venda. He is excited about this new challenge as the school has great potential but also great need.

Masodi is a low income area and we are trusting God to grow Maruda Christian School into a

place of excellence, that will benefit the poor community.

Pst. Ramabu, Jeni, David and Rossinah, one of the teachers, form the governing body for this Mission school, which focuses on Foundational Phase. (Gr R—Gr 3).

During March, David and the Maruda staff, attended the ACE Educator's Convention in Pretoria. This year's theme was "Agents of Change" . This was an especially memorable convention for ACE South Africa as it celebrated 25 years of ministry.

Graham Yoko, the Ministry Director said: "As we look back over a quarter of a century of ministry in Christian education, we are amazed at the miracles that God has done through the vehicle of the ACE individualized, Bible-based education system. We constantly receive testimonies from learners whose lives have been

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changed by the Word of God and the ACE system and the input of dedicated staff who have impacted their lives for eternity"

Maruda Christian School is experiencing quite a few challenges; the principal who was also the Grade 1 teacher left and we des-

One of our dedicated staff members, Ester, with the Grade 2 class



perately need passionate, dedicated, able staff. We also need partners who will assist us in paying them a decent salary.

We also saddened when one of our Grade 2 students, Muriel passed away on 23 April 2009. She was a joyful, friendly girl loved by all the students and staff.

Please pray for her parents and family and for us to find a teacher.

Muriel....we will always remember you fondly.



The IMD Africa Team