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Pastor Isaac Maleke



**Clarice
van den Berg**



Koos Truter



Esther Kruger



Dr Arthur Miskin

New Board Members appointed

MCDC is glad and grateful to announce that the Board of Directors unanimously has elected and appointed **Pastor Isaac Maleke** (BTh and BA (Honn.) as new chairperson of the Board and **Mrs Clarice van den Berg** (B Com Accounting Hons CTA) as vice chairperson.

Isaac is a graduate and now vice principal of Mukhanyo Theological College and an experienced pastor and respected community leader in the KwaMhlanga area.

Clarice is an experienced personnel and financial manager, chartered accountant and has a passion for assistance to orphans and vulnerable children.

The Board of Directors also appointed **Koos Truter** (Masters Degree in Engineering Management), **Esther Kruger** (MA Industrial Psychology) and **Dr Arthur Miskin** as new Directors.

Esther has lots of international experience in management training and conflict management facilitation and Koos previously had his own consulting company doing business strategy review, formulation and implementation, before he started full time theological studies.

Dr Miskin is a registered physician and gynecologist, also has a degree in Theology and is an ordained pastor. We pray that these directors with their skills will experience their work with MCDC as rewarding kingdom ministry and assist us all to constantly improve our service to our beneficiaries and partners to make a difference in immense grief, suffering and desperate poverty.

The other members of the Board stays the same.

Dr Flip Buys as CEO of MCDC, **Mrs Anna Kaura** as OVC Manager, **Mr Carl Dietzsch** as secretary and then the members **Dr Brian DeVries**, **Mrs Magriet Muller** and **Past Amos Masanaba**.



Dr Flip Buys



Anna Kaura



Carl Dietzsch



Dr Brian DeVries



Magriet Muller



**Past Amos
Masanaba.**

Our CEO on the Move

Dr Flip Buys will be visiting several overseas donors in October and November. He explains:

In the Netherlands I'll be meeting with three of MCDC's largest donors, preach in 5 supporting churches, have presentations to serve other churches whose deacons are going to support the mobile clinic project and meet with OM who will be sending out a missionary couple for 2 years to run the clinic and head up a counseling training ministry.

In North America I'll be preaching and doing presentations and have meetings in Chapel Hill (main supporters of the School project) in Grand Rapids (preaching and marketing Mukhanyo Ministries and talking to the parents of a possible missionary music teacher, Katie Hoogerheide) in Ontario Canada (meeting with Bernie Pennings from Word and Deed sponsoring Nakekela) in Houston (preaching in a large church and market Mukhanyo Ministries) and in Oklahoma (doing presentations to possible new supporters).

From a Shack to a Home

Volunteer Rose Finkbeiner from America started the Sponsor-a-home and Sponsor-a-family project in 2005. They started building houses in 2006.

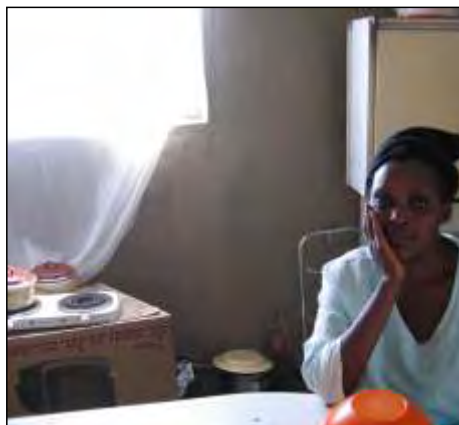
"We came upon families with homes in such a state that they were constantly sick due to exposure. We just felt something had to be done about their circumstances and started finding donors to build decent homes. Since we started, 14 homes have been built – some for child-headed families. The houses range from one to 6 rooms. We also help the families with food, uniforms for the children, furniture and getting small businesses running.

Here Rose tells the stories of two families:

Johanna Mahlangu (47) and her four young sons were battling to make ends meet. Esther Maseko, our FDP worker found them - hungry and without hope in their two little shacks. At the time Johanna had a piece job for two days a week, doing laundry.

"In May 2009, Paul and Ginah Butler and the St. James Church in America offered to build this family a 3-roomed cement-brick house and a pit toilet. They also donated money to buy the family some needed furniture, such as wardrobes for their clothes, and a fridge," says Rose.

When Johanna's employer heard she was getting a house, she let her go. Now she is trying her best to find ways to bring in a little income. Since summer is coming, she wants to start selling flavoured ice, cold drinks and sugar beans. With the remaining money from the St. James team, she can buy stock to start selling. They also received a TV to keep the boys off the street and found a good way of making money by having neighbours coming



Johanna pondering about ways to make a living, "but we have hope now in this lovely clean and strong home and food on the table"



Jack showing the advertisement for their new venture, selling time to watch TV and videos.



A new home for the Mahlangu family

Elizabeth Mhlongo and her family came from Mozambique in 2000, thinking they could have a better life in South Africa. But then her husband died in 2008 and left her with 7 children, living in a one-roomed zinc shack.

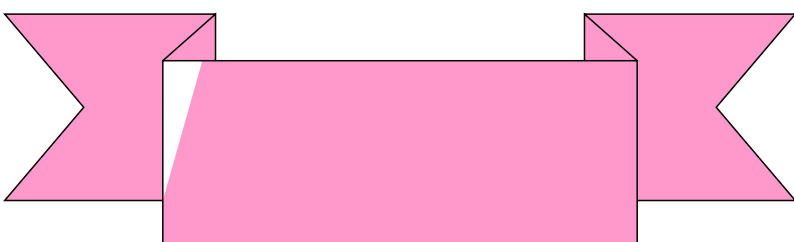
Elizabeth tries to feed her family buy selling peanuts and Simba chips in a makeshift stand in the front of her shack.

A couple from the U.S., Steve and Jettieve Plaskett, helps the Mhlongo family with food each month. They are also helping to build them a three-roomed cement-brick house, which the family will use as bedrooms. Elizabeth will continue to use the shack to cook food.

"Last year we were told that her children were turned away from school because they did not have the proper school uniforms. We bought school uniforms and shoes for the four school-aged kids, and now they all attend school without the fear of being turned away," Rose says.



Doing laundry for her family of 8 is a full time job for Elizabeth



The face of hope: A better life might come from that pile of cement bricks in the background

