



## LTPT 10 Year Anniversary Nomonde Project

### A visit to plan the final stage – reconstruction of the playground

In October 2015 Gordon visited the township of Masiphemalini to speak to representatives of Masicorp, a USA inspired and funded charity known to be doing great things for the people and the children in this township. “I was particularly interested in their provision for pre-school children and was taken to see a facility close to completion. There I met Clarence Petersen who was employed to build the pre-school”.

Since that introduction Clarence has undertaken a lot of work for LTPT in Langa.

Conscious that it would be good for the Nomonde Committee and Principal to be involved in the planning of the new playground, and as a bench-marking exercise, we arranged a Masicorp visit for a team of six led by Clarence and Nadia Petersen to see the Masi Pre-School and to have lunch together at the Beachcomber Bistro on the Fish Hoek beach. A very encouraging report followed the visit as shown by some quotes that follow:

LTPT Representative Nadia, *‘our day was full with so much laughter, acceptance and love at Masicorp’*

Chairman Mr Mahamba, *‘love the commitment of the vision and the implementation’*

Principal Ruth, *‘Masi is all I hope for Nomonde, ... if able to achieve for her community it will be a dream come true’*

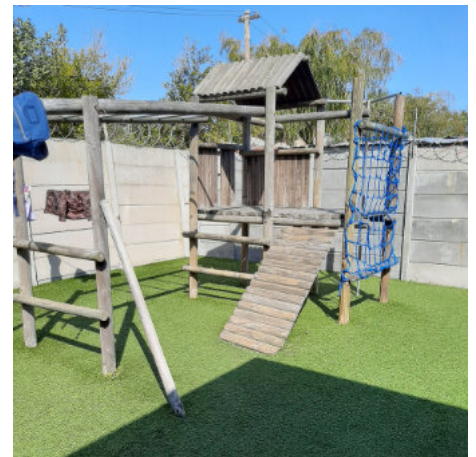
Administrator Yolisa, *‘I thank LTPT for making this possible’*

From around the Bistro table, *‘Today I’m not eating bread’, ‘God is good to us’*

Nadia, *‘Langa team enjoyed their visit, which broadened their perspective of a learning environment’*

There were many appreciative comments about what they saw and **Clarence Petersen will take these into account in planning with Nomonde how their playground can be improved.**

There will also be links with the Vusa Academy, which intends to develop the garden area at Nomonde pre-school.



# Nomonde Makeover

We reported in Issue 31, July 2019, on the major external painting financed by Cheltenham College. This was important for the preservation of the building. In recent weeks the outside has been given a makeover organised and undertaken by the Bishop's College Vusa Rugby and Learning Academy. Photos show the child-friendly and happy designs and also the Langa artist, Lwando Batala, at work.

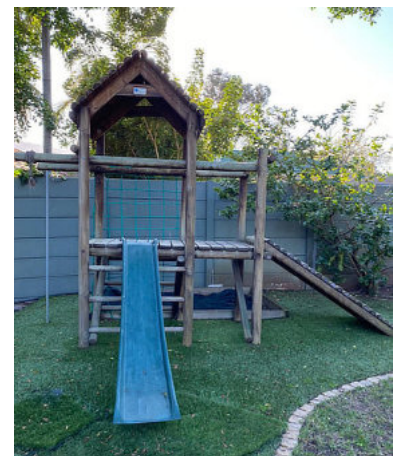
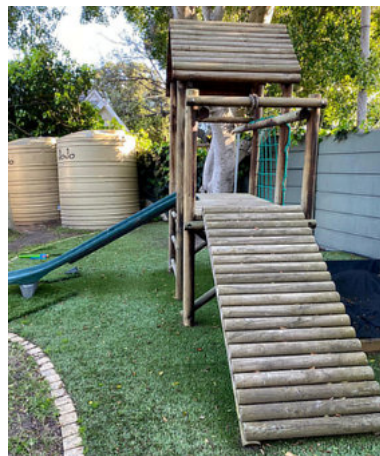


VUSA staff at work in July



Makeover organised by Bishop's College VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy

## Donation of 'Jungle Gym' to Nomonde



To develop the Nomonde playground, the layout of the area needs to be replanned, with soft and hard play areas, and a schedule of new equipment needs to be prepared. Happily Jungle Gym has already been donated by Brendan Fogarty of the VUSA Academy.



# Langa Early Child Development Forum

In August we received a request for support from the Langa Early Child Development Forum, which has 35 crèches and pre-schools covering 8,000 children. We invited the Forum to meet our team at Nomonde, because any help we might give would be directed and controlled through the Nomonde Educare account.

The ECD team met Clarence Mahamba in August and, following his recommendation, LTPT made two grants totalling ZAR 25,000 (approximately £1,250) to support the Forum. This was spent on food, masks, wipes and sanitisers. This extension of LTPT support in Langa meets the objectives of the Trust, 'to support pre-school initiatives in the township through assistance such as materials, equipment and furnishing and direct financial assistance, the provision of professional advice and such initiatives as deemed appropriate'.

It is hoped to make another contribution to the Forum in January.

*(L to R) Nolubabalo Tshamlambo - ECD Deputy Chairperson; Jean Mpati - ECD Chairperson; Clarence Mahamba - Nomonde Pre-School Chairperson; Nozibele Mjezu - ECD Treasurer*



## Warm clothing for Winter

The annual Nomonde delivery of tracksuits, fleeces and blankets was completed in August.



## The Pandemic

Clarence Mahamba's report, as Chairman, was featured in Newsletter 35. The townships are still at risk, masks are being worn. Pre-schools which had been sanitised, including Nomonde, re-opened on 7th September.

With 27% unemployment in normal times and paid work now affected these are dire times in the township'

## Events

At its ZOOM Board meeting on 19 October the Trustees decided to explore the possibility of some virtual events and we will be in touch if we find this to be feasible.

Later we very much hope to restart the main events programme with 'Gin and Jazz at The Gatsby' in April or May.

## Finance

At the Board meeting the Treasurer, James Keeling, presented the Report and Accounts for 2019/20, were approved, and following minor modifications they will be passed on to the independent examiner. He commented on the continuing stability of LTPT finances, despite the pandemic influences, due to recent, successful fund-raising appeals.

## Christmas Card

LTPT ordered 1,000 of these cards featuring the Ilitha Educare Pre-School. The cover is illustrated in Newsletter Issue 35. We are heading for a sell-out with only 200 left! Given this success, the Trustees are exploring the possibility of an Easter card design competition involving the six Langa pre-schools and a Hemel Hempstead Pre-School. This will be organised by our trustee, Emily Lynskey.



ILITHA EDUCARE PRE-SCHOOL, LANGA TOWNSHIP, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

This is school for the children pictured on the front of this card. It is one of six Langa Township pre-schools we are supporting.



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- Merry Christmas
- Geseenda Kersfees
- Ndiningwenelela ikrisimesi

- Happy New Year
- En Gelukkige
- Nonyaka oyokozela amathamsanga



Season's greetings to  
all our LTPT Friends

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