



Wishing all our friends a happy Spring, with hopes of new things, exciting opportunities, prosperity and abundance!

We spent Spring day in Sunrise Park

With our CAMP for Change conference around the corner, we stayed in practice and conducted a very interesting CAMP process in the new section of Sunrise Park. The community is brand new, and has only been relocating there during the past seven months. With no services like electricity, sewerage and running water in the extension, the situation seemed pretty desperate for somewhat a thousand households.

On arrival, we were greeted by a barren plot, with a few brand new vacant zozo huts, which has been allocated as a new nursery for the children in the community. This was our training facility for the next four days. Starting off with a handful of people, news quickly spread, and eventually, we had over 60 community members present for the duration of the CAMP process.

What looked like a hopeless situation initially, soon turned into an enlightening experience, when the community realised that they actually have a lot more than what they thought. By the end of the four days, we were making plans, and strategizing real and sustainable projects, that will assist this community in enhancing their lives. In a couple of weeks we will go back, to see what they've been up to and where we can assist. What a wonderful opportunity it was for us, and them, planting seeds in the new season, in order to reap the fruits after the rains.



Clockwise:

Setting up; Breaking the ice; Connie and her capable catering team; Team effort, coming up with plans; Focusing on where the assets in the community are.



CAMP for Change Conference: 10 – 12 October

We are delighted to announce that our CAMP for Change conference is all ready, and set to kick off. This rural development conference will be hosted from 10 – 12 October in Bakgatla, to focus on the trends that community development have been following in recent years, and how we see the road forward. Here's a preview of the program:

Day 1 – Panel Discussions with Key Note speakers featured in last month's newsletter

Day 2 – Simulated CAMP Process, with main focus on Trust and Potential

Field trip to Mokgalwaneng, a community benefiting from GRCF & Government collaboration through CAMP

Day 3 – Community Feedback

Ensuring roots driven rural development: The way forward

From the GRCF's side, we would like to thank UNISA, in particular their Department of Geography, for their continued support, and their huge contribution in making this conference a possibility. We also want to thank SanlamSky Group Benefits for their generous sponsorship towards this conference.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our delegates, speakers, community members, colleagues and friends, and to spend a precious few days together, discussing this crucial topic.

A New arrival



Last week, Bonolo, our Project assistant popped into the office to show us her brand new baby boy. Motheo Katao Mmokele is a month old now, and is very obviously his mother's first, last and only.

Congratulations to Bonolo. May he bring you a lifetime of pride and joy!

Talent Feature

We at the GRCF have been very blessed, and impressed with a local talent discovered in Ledig. Jacob Molefe Monaisa is a 29-year old man, gifted with an incredible talent. We met Joseph a couple of years ago, while he was under the wing of Ms Thembi Khetse, and since then, we have followed, and supported his career with great enthusiasm. Here are some of his paintings, and guests at our conference, will be awed during a surprise revealing!

