



It's only the beginning

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Anniversary

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Hi, Welcome to our February edition....

From Mario's desk.

Over the years I have learnt in community development, if communities are not open for change then no program will work. The more I work on the ground the more I discover how far behind our people are in terms of education. And education plays the major role in redirecting the cycle of crime.

We have identified 9 different groups of gangs on Woodlands Primary alone. The scary part is the age of these kids, they are becoming younger.

Changing the atmosphere of our community is a priority for us. How are we doing you may ask, is our approach working?

I won't bore you with a lot of words this month. As the saying goes a picture tells a thousand words.

Any comments please email me at mario@gcu.org.za

Education/Life skills

Our reading program has been going very well.

Just amazing when we pick the little ones they so excited not because of playing soccer, but because of reading.

We have been privilege to have some helping hands in our tutoring department. Two guys from Germany and two ladies from Sweden.



We have continued our work on Woodlands Primary in beautifying the school. There is a must more positive attitude amongst learners and educators. We are painting educational murals on the walls.

Solar System



Table Mountain



Our Green Fingers project is currently our most exciting project. We have been using school drops to work in the garden. It is not the finish product as yet but it looks beautiful.

Before



Boys at work





Above pictures is how the garden is currently looking and already making a difference. As you can see we using drop outs reason for that it gives them an opportunity to put back in the community. It also gives them a sense of belonging and believes that all is not lost. They where so proud of there hand work and just wanted pictures to be taken.

Sports

Our season is starting on the 2nd of April. Practices has been going very well, all our squads have been finalized.

Our divisions for this year are u/7, 9, 11, 13,15,17,19 and 3 senior teams.

Please see picture, some of boys are in need of soccer boots. Please make contact with me if you in a position to help.



Thank you

I would like to thank you for you're on going support.

Please come out and visit our program if you can. You are touching some many children's lives.

We are in need of any assistance to run our programs-but, as ever, I will leave the ball in your court. If you would like to partner with us please feel free to make contact with me.

Mario Van Niekerk