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Hi, Welcome to our April edition.

From Mario's desk...

I'm not going to talk too much this month the pictures will tell the story of what we have achieved in April.

April has been a very tough one, we had to deal with a lot of emotional issues. It is really sad what some children has to go through. I decided not to share the negatives with you but the positives.

Remember our approach is holistic! Not only are we striving to redirect the cycle of crime but also striving to bring communities to live and tolerate each other.

The picture above represents boys from a colored and black community. As you see the color of our skin does not matter, it's when we appreciate and understand each other that we can move forward as a country. But it needs to start in our communities, when we build strong communities we will have a strong nation.

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

We have continued to the cleaning of our immediate environment, and the planting of trees.

On their way...



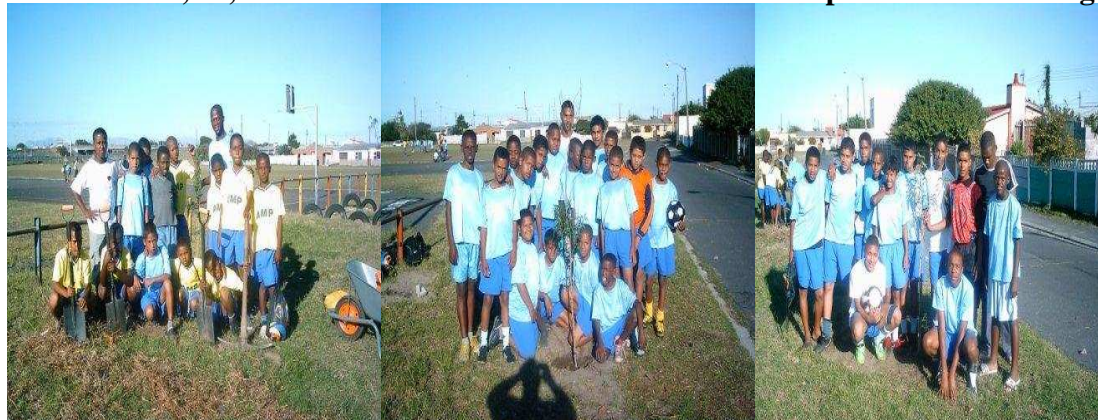
Working as a team...



Coaches leading the way is very important for our program...



Below our U11, 13, 15 with there trees each divisions will be responsible of watering there tree.



After a hard day's work a slice of peanut butter bread, amazing the smile a slice brings.



Below Grace, our librarian, is restructuring the books; just as we thought we were winning the racks gave in. The racks are 42 yrs old and I guess it's time for new ones. It's always the case, when you think you are taking one step forward you need to take two backwards.





In short our program is going very well and that's thanks to your contribution. Our coaches is doing a sterling job, they are growing in stature and are leading the boys very well.

In May our rope skipping girls will be competing in a competition. On the playing field we have done reasonably well, our U/7 and 9 are currently on a winning streak. It is really off the field that stands out for me, the recruitment of new players. Our players are doing the recruitment, remember we are striving to redirect the cycle of crime. I hope you read between the lines in this newsletter and understand GCU.

You are making a lot of kids smile and this is priceless! Thank you for believing in us, your support gives us an opportunity to create a better future for our kids. We really appreciate your help and know this, you are making a huge difference.

We are in need of help to run our programs but I would leave the ball in your court. If you would love to partner with us please feel free to make contact with me.

Once again thank you.

Regards

Mario Van Niekerk