



GCU NEWS



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From Mario's Desk...

I will say it over and over again:

"Your support means so much to us!"

We are growing in every department and that is thanks to you who have opened up your hearts to us.

Please enjoy our news; we could not have done it without you!

In the picture on the right is a young man who was gunned down in the early morning by two gunmen. He was shot six times in the back of his head. The guys that shot him did not even run - they walked away from the scene.



We said goodbye to Jenny and Udo who spend several weeks volunteering with us. They made a huge impact and surely will be missed.

Standing among the people one could sense the fear, people crying out when it will stop. How many kids do we still need to lose to crime? It makes me very frustrated. I asked myself: "Are we doing enough as a program?"

It also made me realize how important our program is in our community. Crime has no price tag; we really need to work hard at making sure our kids get opportunities to better their lives.



There are no words that can explain the excitement of the girls! Last year we had 4 going to Nationals, this year we have 19! Now we wait for the medals. Or who knows, perhaps even SA colors?!

An opportunity was granted to them and they took it with both hands. I believe they deserve a round of applause!



What you are seeing in the picture below was only a dream years ago. I still believe it is only when a community takes responsibility for themselves that you will see true change. Seeing our coaches take responsibility has been the highlight of this year. The pic below is Micheal and Shafiek welcoming two staff from the backpack who came out to assist with the reading program.



Rope skipping girls assisting the boys with reading



Leaders of today,



Teaching leaders of tomorrow...



Get the picture? We hope that one day they will teach their 'younger generation' about the beauty of gardening. We use this as part of our life skills training and teambuilding.

A big thank you again from all at GCU for your ongoing support.

Please feel free to come and visit our project.

Any comments? Please feel free to drop me an email on mario@gcu.org.za or contact me on 073 474 7769.

Lekka fun...

