



# Progress Report

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We thank God who has brought us thus far, last year it was a year of activities; the year in which the centre was very busy with its programmes and year of progress especially in the side to educating the community. During the month of February we hosted a successful HIV/AIDS awareness at Troya one of the village where Anna is working at as a home base care, it is our aim to reach all the villages where our home base care workers are situated at, so that their work may be fully visible by the community. Another objective is to encourage our community members to know their status so that they can know how to behave, and the risk of not abstaining from sexual activities in an early stage. We had ladies who continue to disclose in public one of them is staying at that village, Troya. We are not challenging them only but also giving them the solution how they can overcome that bad habit. We agreed at the office during the HIV/AIDS campaign after encouraging people to go for voluntarily testing will set an example will be the first ones to do it in order for them to follow, it was another experience looking at people willing to know their status, most of the people who were gathering went for testing, one of the young men was very excited it was his first time to test after knowing his status he was very excited jumping and thanking the sisters to test him, though it was a widow period but he was very excited. After the testing even the sister of the local clinic were very happy to see what was happening, they thank the centre to initiate something like this in the village.

We had variety of people testing from young ones to elderly ones.



It was not testing only some come with the spiritual need and we were able to pray for them and gave them hope for what they are going through and dedicates them to the Lord

Always when we are doing a campaign we come to understanding of the need of the community spiritually and as an organisation we utilize that opportunity as it comes. Like Troya when we were telling them we coming to for a campaign they ask us to bring pastors to preach and pray for people and is what we did.



### Partnership.

Our partnership is still strong with other stakeholders and it is growing, we had a meeting with Peace Corps they want to bring another volunteer for a period of 2 years, this will be helping in after care programmes and home base care training and other training that they will be offering us for us is another privilege.

The sister in charge at Marapyane clinic is so passionate about the work of the centre and has committed herself in partnering with us through the mobile testing station while conducting HIV/AIDS campaign and awareness.

### Accomplishment

We have volunteers who are HIV+ who are working with us in the campaigns and awareness and we are looking forward to recruit more of them, we want to form a support group of all villages.

Department of Education asked us to be part in educating school children concerning HIV/AIDS and STI's. School kids come to the centre asking information about different kinds of diseases and their treatment.

### After Care programme

We are experiencing a high volume of kids this year coming to the centre every day, the information is relevant to them that's why they are flocking to the centre to hear bible stories, practice writing, drawing, reading and playing with toys.

### Computer Practising

There is a new school that has been open not far from the centre people are registering at that school for computer course, the unfortunate part they graduate without knowing how to use computer most of them, because they don't have enough computer to train them, so they are coming to the centre to practice.

## **Counsellors:**

Leonard Kgomotso Sebola, i am a counsellor in Mmametlhake Family Care Centre. I love my job very much, though there are several challenges, but then I guess every job has its challenges, so I am not complaining. The great thing about this job for me is that it really is a part of the ministry, visiting people, praying for them, knowing their needs, counselling, offering comfort and guidance is what the ministry is all about. My relationship with the clients and the home base care that i am working with is great; we are getting along just fine. What I like the most about this job is that we get to really show people that we love them, though some rejects our love but the majority embraces it.

### ***The challenges I am facing.***

Firstly, I buried a 1year 8 month old baby last month; I wanted to strangle the mother for being so careless and heartless. The baby died because of lack of nutrients, apparently the mother was using the government grand that was intended for taking care of the little one for personal gain, she was playing cards with money, this has become a norm in my village. Please pray with us and for us, most importantly for the children that are suffering because of bad parents.

On the positive note, last month we had a very successful H,I,V, AIDS campaign at Matimpule(Troya), We are doing a great job and God is helping us, and I want to thank people that are financially supporting the centre, may the Lord reward you for your generosity.

## **Daniel Mahlaola**

Recently we had an awareness campaign and it is amazing and challenging at the same time to see how effective this comes out to be. The amazing part of it is the total turn out of it. The people's response and how they take our message so serious. We also on that day had some nurses do volunteer testing and people were not afraid to come forth and have themselves tested. The challenging part of it is that as we arrange and communicate with people during this campaign we have to lift the standard on the next one, but God has been faithful to us as we go out and make people aware that its possible to stay negative as they are.

## **A beautiful girl' story**

It was on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2011 when I received a call from Elias (our Administrator). He told me that there is a lady who wants someone to talk to; it was around 4 in the afternoon, so I told him to let the lady come see me at home that time. She came and sat down and I realized that she has been crying. Then my first question to her was why are you crying young lady? Then she told me her story:

I am 25 years of age; I have been married when I was 19 and divorced in a short time. I found another boyfriend and I became pregnant and after the baby was born he said it's not his baby. Then I found another boyfriend and after we separated I found out that I

was HIV positive. He died quickly because he became full blown. Then I found another boyfriend and for three times I miscarriage for him and now he says he don't want me anymore, can you please help me restore our relationship? I told her how impossible it will be for me to restore their relationship as they are not married. At that time I saw that as an opportunity for me to show her that there is someone who loves her and cannot trade her for anything. I shared with her the love of Jesus Christ and the hope we find in Him. As I was talking to her she was crying the whole time. I did not lose heart, I just felt like going on and on until finally I stopped and said to her, how do you fill and why do you keep on crying. She wiped her tears and said: where was God when I contacted HIV, Where He was when my father was imputed (cut) of his leg. And I realized that she has more problems than I could have imagined. This boyfriend has been helping then with groceries and that's the reason she want him back. But after sometime she said I did not realize that there can be someone who loves me more than I think. She also said I want to put my faith in Jesus and try Him. Then she said something surprising to me because the whole time I talked to her she was crying, but she said to me. "From now on I want to live this life with Christ only, I don't want a boy in my life. I want to take care of my daughter. Then she said: what time is church on Sunday? So probably she will be there on Sunday to hear more about the plans God has for her and her child.

## **France Ngualo**

### Activities Reports

I am working with Mmametlhake Family Care Centre as a counsellor. My job descriptions include grasping any opportunity that I get to go to schools and promote abstinence. By God's grace I had the privileged of going to three school gatherings. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of February I went to Shosanguve were they had Science summit. I motivated the students on the issue of pursuing taking Science as the major subject and also motivated them from the word of God. I was promoting abstinence. Showing students that sex can shutter all their dreams and goals. On the 25<sup>th</sup> I went to Mabothe secondary School were they had STI and Pregnancy summit. I motivated them to abstain by preaching from Genesis 39. Showing them that Joseph had to flee from his master's wife who wanted sex from him. So the best thing for them to do is to flee.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> I went to Manoka High School they had STI summit. I promoted abstinence. I also did multiplication factor from True Love waits presentation. The thing is we had not enough time. Overall I can say this month was a conducive one.

Home-Based Care Worker	# of Clients	# of Visits/Month
<b>Abrinah Moatshe</b>	18	40
<b>Angelina Shadung</b>	16	40
<b>Annah Motsamae</b>	23	40
<b>Elizabeth Lebese</b>	30	40
<b>Evelyn Kgafela</b>	45	40
<b>Martha Matjila</b>	40	40
<b>Mary Tompa</b>	26	40
<b>Peggy Mashiane</b>	30	40
<b>Totals:</b>	228	320

This is our overall work for the month of January and February, thank you for your support and prayers.

Director.

Pastor Bethuel Motau.