

UZWELO NEWS

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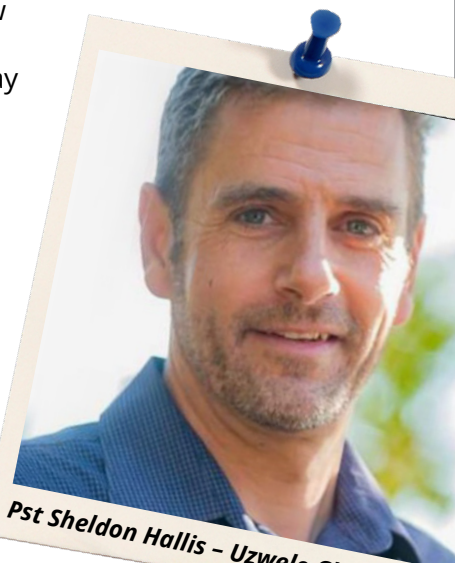
UZWELO HOME CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!

Through the eyes of Sheldon.

I remember the day that Pastor Len took me to these dilapidated buildings to show me where Uzwele Home was going to be. Most of the building was under water. Fast forward 20 years and now when you go there, there is a bustling loving home. Firstly, Thank you Jesus, secondly thank you to the many staff members that have poured into the home over 20 years.

I remember the day our first children arrived, I remember our first 6 children. 20 years later and I am still in contact with 4 of the 6. Christen and I would just go and hang out with these kids most afternoons. Senzo and Njabulo and Sibs and Boetie were fascinated with the church bus and every day they would climb in and play. I remember having “flat tyres”. The boys knew the drill, get the jack, get the wheel spanner and put out the triangle. We did this everyday multiple times. I need to add that our first kiddies only spoke Afrikaans.

The home has said goodbye to many kids, cried with many kids, counselled many kids but all our children have left Uzwele knowing what it is like to be loved. I like to think that we get seeds, nurture seedlings and then get a front row seat to watching these trees grow up and change the world. What a privilege. Lord Jesus please give us another 20 years.



Pst Sheldon Hallis – Uzwele Chairman



James 1 vs 27: Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress”



Serving = Blessings

*We were made to build the global church (Ephesians 4:11-13).
God made each one of us with unique talents, personalities and skill sets.*

1 Corinthians 12 compares the church to a human body. Just like our bodies are made of many parts serving specific functions, the church is made up of people with different skills and abilities. Alone these pieces aren't very useful, but together we create something beautiful.

One of these beautiful events that were created by the community, local churches and businesses of Mkhondo was the Care Box outreach to our frontline workers at local clinics and hospitals while serving COVID patients.





Serving = Blessings...continued

Ladies from all over our town took this initiative to heart and made the most beautiful Care Boxes with much love and compassion. As we received the boxes one by one the Lord reminded me of the verse in Acts 20:35 "In everything I showed you (by example) that by working hard in this way you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed (and brings greater joy) to give than to receive'"

**THIS WAS THE RESULT:
130 BOXES VALUED AT
ABOUT R 30 000.00
AND MANY JOYFILLED HEARTS**

After receiving 130 boxes the joy was unspeakable. On Friday the 12th of February 2021 some representatives from Uzwelo and local churches went out to sow the seeds of blessings in the form of care boxes.

When we honour God in our obedience to serve/give by being a blessing to others, we become blessed.

- Fontana partner-



CARE BOX FOR HEALTH W

Gift wrap the contents with a letter of encouragement and hope:

- Cup-a-soup (6)
- Two minute noodles (6)
- Rusks (500g)
- Cookies
- Cappuccino
- Hand cream

Drop off at Uzwelo Home or your church office by 10 February

Contact: 017 826 1204
082 336 6645

This was the invitation to take care of the care giver:





CHRISTMAS 2020 WAS A TIME OF MANY BLESSINGS

The questions that were on our lips and in our hearts weeks before Christmas during the pandemic were:

- Will we be able to give Uzwelo children Christmas gifts?
- Will we be able to give a Christmas farewell party as has been our tradition for many years?
- Will we be able to provide children with food parcels to take home or to holiday parents after being at Uzwelo Home for a year without visiting due to Covid regulations?

The answers were YES!

Many thanks to all that made this possible.





HUMBLE GIVINGS STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH

The past months have been challenging for all us - individuals and companies.

"We as an institution are highly reliant on the generosity of our community."

During this pandemic we without a doubt have seen the Lord meet our needs in ways we cannot quite articulate.

The two individuals are just among a few givers who moved up in their giving. We have often felt as though our gift are too small to meet the greater need, but it is through gifts such as these that we can touch lives of those who really are in need. With us there's no small or big gifts, all gift make a huge impact in our live.

Thank you Mkhondo community for always lending a hand.



This Gogo of 86 years brought along a clothes donation.



This young man gave from his own vegetable garden.

It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

Uzwelo girls together with staff joined the outdoor bootcamp challenge. They had so much fun in the sun! Thank you, instructor Rochelle Taljaard.





A MATRIC CERTIFICATE IS A GOLDEN KEY TO OPEN DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY AND EDUCATION.

Results of UROC matriculants:



71 %
passed



60 %
will be able to attend university



4 %
can complete a diploma course

Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS!! With a matric certificate in your pocket the world awaits you!
Uzwelo Home is proud of this achievement!!



In loving memory of

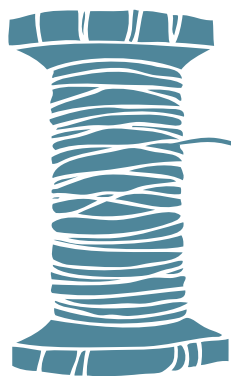
Nomvula Malinga



She was a committed and enthusiastic care giver advocating children's rights during the past 13 years as UROC employee. She leaves a legacy of care and compassion.

Our deepest condolences to her children and family.






Skills development empowers children

At Uzwelo Home the skills development programmes aims at guiding children in a manner that encourages their belief in their own abilities and potential for positive growth.



Our sewing instructor, Heleen Human not only teaches the girls the correct method but also creates a positive environment to share thoughts, feelings and dreams and a love for creating and fabric.

There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children. - Nelson Mandela





Uzwelo Home is now subscribed to Cotland's toy library.

Uzwelo Home offers Cotland space on our premises to accommodate the depot toy library for the region.

By paying a minimum subscription fee Uzwelo children will have controlled access to a range of toys and games.

Their Vision

To see children thrive in their formative years.

Their Mission

To increase access to play-based early learning opportunities.

Children are provided access to toy library and playgroup programmes aimed at improving school readiness. The programmes are designed to ignite potential through play by enhancing children's

social-emotional development, as well as their cognitive skills which includes creativity, critical thinking and problem solving. The goal is to ensure that children have the required skills to excel when entering formal schooling and to develop holistically for their future success.



More good news!



Uzwelo will be having a website soon. Watch this space...

THE MAINTENANCE OF UZWELO HOME IS CONTINUING.

The office building's exterior is under construction

- A new roof and a lick of paint-

THANK YOU TO:

the service provider for quality work and sponsors for the funds.





UZWELO RURAL ORPHAN CARE – STAFF

UROC renders community-based prevention and early intervention services to vulnerable children residing in the Iswepe / Panbult areas. 900 children benefit from these services. We salute the child and youth care workers assisting orphans and vulnerable children daily.

"It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing." — Mother Teresa



From left to right:

Thembi Nkhoma (supervisor), Bakhethile Buthelezi (project manager), Nomusa Vilakazi (social worker) Nester Mahlobo (supervisor), Smangele Nkambule (supervisor)



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From left to right:

Saraphina Malinga, Irene Nkosi, Ncengimpilo Magagula Smangele Nkambule (supervisor), Witness Mahlaba






From left to right:

Nester Mahlobo (supervisor), Cebisile Nhlabathi Zodwa Msibi, Jabhile Motshwa





YOU CAN SHARE YOUR:

 TIME	 TREASURES	 TALENTS
<p>Pray for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • protection of children • healing of children • finances 	<p>UZWELO HOME</p> <p>FNB Current: 6203 277 4699 Piet Retief 270144</p>	<p>Learn Uzwelo children skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To play music instruments, sing or dance • To knit or crochet or bake
<p>Read stories to children during afternoons</p>	<p>UROC</p> <p>FNB Current: 6212 098 7617 Piet Retief</p> <p>FIRNZAJJ335</p>	<p>Arrange a birthday party or sportsday</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toiletries • clothes • school shoes and bags • food • vegetables • stationary • toys • sport equipment • wool 	

