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CEO MESSAGE



Education can play a vital role in lowering infections of HIV/AIDS and to help reverse the spread of the disease. At DeafNET we believe that education is a key factor in developing people. Although we are faced with enormous challenges as a Deaf Community, I believe that jointly we will be able to make a difference in the interest of Deaf adults and children. DeafNET HIV/AIDS Toolkit gives us an opportunity to assist stakeholders on the Africa continent and the Indian Ocean Islands to inform our Deaf community about the reality of HIV/AIDS, but also to educate them on the prevention and managing of this phenomenon.

As we aim to disseminate knowledge relating to the health and well-being of Deaf people, we hope that through this initiative a sense of responsibility and care amongst the Deaf will be encouraged.

The toolkit is informative and educational with a clear and understandable message. Specifically compiled to be accessible for the Deaf and can be utilised for the education of the Deaf at all levels of communication. With the assistance of the African Contact Group for Mental Health and Deafness and other partners, we desire to spread this message in a practical and most effective way. The flip-side of HIV/AIDS is that it is giving us impetus and room to change. As a community of Deaf, we can change, if we work as a collective to educate and ultimately prevent the spread of the disease.

Picture (Right) : Mr Van Zyl Naude from DeafNET handing over HIV/AIDS Toolkit to Mr Joseph Mbulamwana from Uganda National Association for the Deaf.



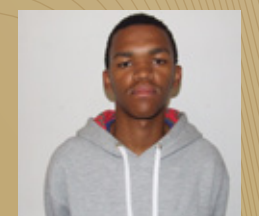
New DeafNET Staff

Quenie Bothi (Deaf) joined DeafNET as the Cleaning Expert in our office. We are delighted to have her with us and are looking forward to our joint growth experience.

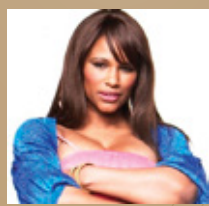


DeafNET is hosting two volunteers, Tafweeq Kafaar and Jolin Jafta (Deaf), from WESSA for this year.

The Youth Environmental Services (YES) Programme is a Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Environmental Protection and Infrastructure Programme initiative managed by the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA). We hope they will also be able to walk away after a year with a new found confidence received through their work-experience here.



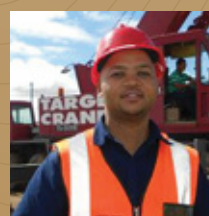
New Goodwill Ambassadors



Tina Jaxa
Actress



Victor Sitali
Deaf Artist



Isak Andrews
Entrepreneur

DeafNET/Centre for Rehabilitation Studies (Univ of Stellenbosch) Partnership

More details and the registration form can be found on www.sun.ac.za/afrinead



Video Training Workshop

DeafNET attended a two day Video training workshop from 27-28 March 2014 in Cape Town, SA. The workshop was facilitated by The Jetty in a Sea of Stories, a Durban-based film company.

Attendants were: Magdel Burger, Solizma Benson, Louis le Grange, Tawfeeq Kafaar and Jolin Jafta.

The training consisted of two basic modules: Filming and Editing. Day one we attended to film guidelines and the second day was dedicated to post production processes and editing. We are looking forward to expand the knowledge gain to the Deaf in Africa.



Ido Couple wins Family weekend to Mountain Inn Hotel in Swaziland!



Ido Couple Award winners, Past Anthony and Nonhlanha Langwenya were sponsored a weekend away for the whole family to Mountain Inn Resort in Swaziland. The Langwenya-family expresses their appreciation towards DeafNET and Mountain Inn Resort.

The Mountain Inn Resort sponsored the weekend to show their appreciation to the work that Pastor Langwenya and his wife are doing in the Deaf community.

For more information about Mountain Inn Resort, see website: <http://www.mountaininn.sz/>

Congratulations!

New babies for the DeafNET Family.

We are happy with you and praying for God's favour to rest on your family.



DeafNET's Financial Officer, Minette Huisamen and her baby boy, Johan.



DeafNET's friend and Music Artist, Zanne Stapelberg and her baby girl, Katinka

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Uganda Beekeeping Project

Mrs Suzette Willemse, Mr Sanjay Beepat and Mr Van Zyl Naude from DeafNET, together with Mr Paul Draper from Care.Co Rodrigues (an expert in bee-farming with the Deaf) will update the progress of the Beekeeping project in Uganda from 7-10 April 2014. This project is in partnership with Uganda National Association for the Deaf, ApiTrade Africa, Ministry of Agriculture, The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organisation (TUNADO) and other stakeholders in Uganda.

Red Star Training

Three (3) educators from Mozambique and two (2) from Cameroon will be attending the Red Star Training from 11 May to 7 June 2014. The Red Star training method assists educators to equip and empower Deaf learners with numeracy and literacy skills. The Red Star Training is a partnership programme between DeafNET and the De la Bat School for the Deaf, Worcester. The training will be facilitated by Mrs Ina Senekal. Escola de Educação Especial n.º 1 (Ensino de Surdos) Mozambique (School for the Deaf) was awarded the Red Star training as part of the DeafNET/DeafTV Zwakala project-Partnership.

Click on links for more information:

- * *DeafNET Scholarship Programme*
- * *Social Media Communication Academy*

"To design is much more than simply to assemble, to order, or even to edit; it is to add value and meaning, to illuminate, to simplify, to clarify, to modify, to dignify, to dramatize, to persuade and perhaps even to amuse."
- Paul Rand