

SUCCESS STORIES

Andries - from Orphan to Chef and business owner

Andries came to Vastfontein in 2013 as head of a child headed household. Because of his role as head of the household, his schooling was far behind. He only completed grade 7 successfully when I did career pathing with him.

Andries' dream was to become a chef, I knew that was not possible as he did not have matric.

Attending a conference where GG Alcock spoke about the informal economy in the townships and explaining the role food business play, I realised that Andries could most definitely do that.

We gave him an internship under our hostel cook, who taught him to make magwinja's and kota's which he now sells to parents, students staff and passersby.

Andries is growing to become a very successful business entrepreneur.

Rust de Winter - Chilli Business

Every now and then, as we give unemployed youth opportunities to become micro-farmers we are pleasantly surprised by some of them who rise up with innovation and tenacity. Tshepo Makube a young man from Rust de Winter is one of them. Having received the first phase micro farmer training he immediately went to work cultivating chilli's in his yard on less than 1ha of land. Very soon he returned for the farming together training with 6 friends (all ladies), and together they started a very successful chilli farming business getting 50ha of land from the tribal leaders. From being unemployed they now produce in excess of R15k per month to support their families and to continue expanding their business and creating work for other unemployed youth from their community.

FINANCIAL REPORT

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2017	2016 R	2017 R
ASSETS	16,156,294	15,042,809
Non-Current Asset: (Property, plant and equipment)	14,848,459	14,665,920
Current Assets:	194,370	1,490,374
Cash and cash equivalents	178,199	1,484,730
Trade and other receivables	16,171	5,644
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	15,042,829	16,156,294
Capital and reserves	14,796,608	16,079,608
Accumulated profit	7,302,254	8,584,754
Revaluation of property surplus	7,494,354	7,494,354
Current liabilities	246,221	77,186
Trade and other payables		77,186
Bank overdraft	246,221	
INCOME	7,581,385	8,489,941
FUNDING RECEIVED		
Donations Received: Section 18A	2,538,870	5,331,572
Donations Received: other	5,042,515	3,158,369
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Received	8,767	3,591
EXPENDITURE	(8,223,415)	(7,211,033)
NET TRADING LOSS / PROFIT	312,893	1,282,500

Vastfontein Community Transformation is a registered Section 21 Company
 Reg No. 2003/003122/08 . PBO Reg No: 9300 08 399 . NPO Reg no: 037-765 . Section 18A Reg no: RG/0048/02/05.
 Directors: JMG Grobler (Chair); J du Plessis; D Engelbrecht; A van der Merwe; M Fourie (CEO); F Pitso; R Menkveld
 Web site: www.vastfontein.co.za Office contact: 071-933-6234 CEO mobile contact: 082-903-2894

Funders

We would like to thank our funders for their continued support.



2016 – 2017 Annual Report

Raise a Leader

Education – Grade RRR to 7 supported by a well-equipped Wellness Centre



Release Potential

Skills Development in Agriculture, Food production, ICT and handcrafts accompanied by life skills and business training



Realise a Dream

Creating Sustainable Business Opportunities or Gainful Employment for the Unemployed



Raise a leader - Release Potential - Realise a dream

CEO's Report

Looking Back

Looking Forward

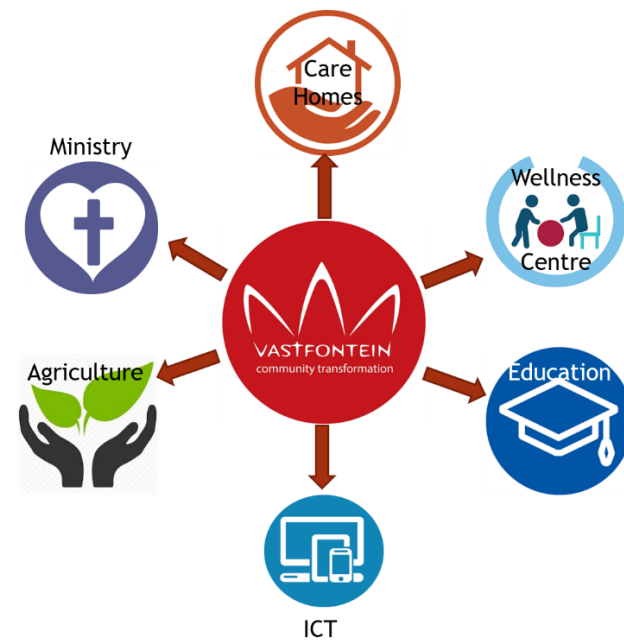
Looking Back into 2016, we stand in awe at God's amazing grace and provision. We see how the Lord Jesus has renewed and refreshed our team, spiritual, emotionally and even physically. We said goodbye to Suzanne Grove, our primary school principle of 9 years and a huge part of the formation of Vastfontein, as well as to Albert our Secondary School principle and his wife Cecile, who though not at Vastfontein for that long, also made a huge contribution bringing strong values and educational principles. We said goodbye to Jakoo de Villiers and his wife Renita who for many years trained our orphans in music and playing violin, piano and other string and percussion instruments.

Sadly, we had to say eternal goodbye to one of our housemothers Patience who left behind her two children, Samuel and Salom. And little Lesego lost her fight against AIDS but left a wonderful legacy of a life renewed by the grace of God, touching many others around her.

Our weekly values and spiritual transformation staff sessions has created unity and exposed issues which we can speak about and together find solutions for. Small staff prayer groups keep our focus and dependence on the Lord and carry us through difficult and challenging times.

Using the transforming kids program we are busy training our school children up in becoming disciplinarians, trusting God to use them to bring the message of Christ into their homes and being part of transforming our community.

Adding Afrikaans church services has brought us closer to our Afrikaans speaking community members in need. It is such a privilege to see them embrace the Word of God and their hunger to learn more and eagerness to start living accordingly.



Agriculture: more than 200 unemployed people were trained in micro-farming, giving many of them a sustainable food source as well as an income which they previously did not have. Our farm-together program has established 5 Agri-Hubs with co-op farmers selling in excess of R5000 per month.

Our mentorship team go to extreme lengths to support the students and through their love and dedicated support, our fall out rate remains small. The integration of sharing the gospel with these students while training them also brings many students to salvation and others into a deeper walk with Christ.

Through the establishment of food gardens communities are transformed and dignity restored.

Ministry: 16 people were trained for ministry through our school of Church planting, implementing a mentorship follow-up program has proven to be very valuable to encourage and support these students and also to pick-up failures.

Re-focussing on prayer and the truth of the Word and leadership development of our ministry team has brought about a new depth and dedication in the Tswana services.

4 Cell groups were established in the community and new members are being added continuously.

Care Homes: Andries, our first orphan to turn 18 has started his own business, making and selling township food. Each teenager has a plotted career path, which we are facilitating to ensure each one of them gets the opportunity to become economically self-sustainable.

Wellness Centre: A redesign of the wellness centre is focussed on reducing the focus on social welfare and expanding our physical, healthcare, emotional and psychological support services. The clinic and doctor continue to serve members of our community who do not have medical aid, well.

Education: The registration with the Department of Education is in progress. Alignment with the CAPS curriculum has improved our level of education. The implementation of the Multiple Intelligence methodology of teaching is helping us reach children who do not cope with traditional methods of learning. We have started with the introduction of technology to enhance and supplement lessons. We have implemented a new integrated school management system which gives us a single view of each learner, including behavioural issues and payment of school fees.

ICT: We registered as an ICDL and COMPTIA training centre and trained 20 unemployed youth in our ICT skills development program through which at least a third have found gainful employment.

All our staff who are not computer literate, we also trained in computer literacy.

We were blessed with the installation of fibre optic infrastructure giving us the fastest internet service in the community.

Major projects planned include:

Building the High school:



Developing Hammanskraal Community Transformation:



Transition House for orphans



Establishing an ICT training and support Centre



Isabel - From unemployed youth through IT Training into full time IT Career

Isabel a 25 year unemployed young mother from Hammanskraal enrolled for our ICT skills development program in 2016.

We kicked off the program with an ICT career day attended by approximately 150 potential students. We received a total of 300 applications of which we could only accommodate 20 for the first program.

During the event Isabel came up to me, introduced herself and said she hoped that she would be on our first program, she immediately made an exceptional impression on me.

However, by the time it came to interviewing candidates I could no longer remember her name only the impression I made. As I started calling candidates for interviews I was delighted when I immediately recognised her voice over the phone.

Isabel turned out to be our top student; we gave her a six month internship and have now employed her full time.