



# Carter Family Newsletter

March 2010



## Living Hope

### Mother's Support Group

We have now written the first part of the curriculum and are planning to start training the support group facilitators in delivering it. We have also put together several packs ready for the new mothers. Living Way is the entrepreneurial wing of Living Hope and there are a group of local women at Living Way that have a business producing disposable nappies. They have a government grant for marketing and so have been able to give us samples for the packs as a way to promote their products. It is great to think that we may be able to help market the nappies.



**Ben with  
Mihle at  
Masi  
Club.**

### Masiphumelele After-School Club

It is great to be part of Masi Club as a family. It usually lasts for around 2 hours and alternates between the Baptist Church and a pre-school. Numbers can be up to 100 and the structure is often unstructured welcome time, games, worship and prayers altogether and then we break into separate groups (under 7s, under 12s and teens). The team consists of 6 life skill educators, 2 other international volunteers (Kenny & Carla) and us. Ben & Matthew generally participate along with us as best as we can as the bulk is in Xhosa. Ben in particular is forming some friendships with the children and with one of the local workers, Des. Kevin always goes with Des & Phelisa and the teenage group. The boys will sometimes go with the under 7s depending upon the activity or sometimes stay with Kevin. Dawn is

involved in different ways, such as helping in the under 7 group, handing out snack or generally looking after the children (incl. our boys). The boys have recently begun helping with giving out the snack for the children and collecting and washing up the cups. It is great to see them serving in this way.

We have holiday club coming up for 4 days immediately after Easter. There is a programme for the younger children in the mornings and the teenagers in the afternoons. The theme for the week is Jesus is My Helper with each day focussing on one of Jesus' miracles. Dawn has been busy preparing craft for the younger children – there may well be over 100.

### Upwards Football clinic

Part of Kev's role here is to plan and oversee the sports programme for the extended winter holiday which will cover the 4 weeks of the World Cup. All schools will be off for the duration of the tournament. This will include an Upwards Sports soccer course which will run for one week in each of the areas. Upwards is an US ministry programme and Kev & Amy (an US volunteer & great soccer player) coached at an Upwards course run by a church in Hout Bay last week. It was great to be involved in the programme in action & gives a platform to consider how to deliver it in the more testing environment of the areas in which Living Hope work.



**Kev  
coaching  
in Hout  
Bay**

### **Ambassadors in Sport Coaching Course**

Earlier this month, Kev attended a week's soccer ministry course run by Ambassadors in Sports which he really enjoyed. It was a good networking opportunity and, inevitably, had a particular focus on the World Cup.

### **Other activities**

Kev continues to be involved in the planning of the winter holiday programme to be run by King of Kings Church and also the Ocean View Community Festival which is to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. He is exploring whether other mission organisations can partner Living Hope and King of Kings particularly in providing volunteers for the holiday.

### **Beach Bonanza**

Ben & Matthew's Pre-School had a fantastic fundraising 'Beach Bonanza' on 20<sup>th</sup> March. This involved a Big Walk along the beach, a sandcastle building competition as well as stalls and other games and activities for the children. Kev helped set up and also helped volunteer at one of the stalls. It was a great morning on the beach and we understand financially successful. Matthew's classroom was recently hit by lightning (out of hours) and therefore this will hopefully cover this unexpected cost amongst other things.



The boys with the Vuvuzelas that they made out of dried kelp

### **Friends visit**

It was great to see Colin & Sarah Harding from Hertford who were staying in Fish Hoek as part of their special holiday to mark their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They had a morning's tour of Living Hope's work as well as joining us at afternoon club in Masi. They also very generously brought some sports equipment with them for use by Living Hope and also blessed us with some lovely meals.



### **Cape Argus Cycle Tour**

On 14<sup>th</sup> March was the Cape Argus Cycle Tour. There were 35,000 riders for the 109 km course from central Cape Town around the southern Peninsula. The field included Lance Armstrong in his first appearance (7 times Tour de France winner) and Matt Damon fresh from the release of his Invictus film on the 1995 Springbok World Cup victory. South African's took the major prizes although a Brit, Catherine Williamson, came third.

The course went through Fish Hoek with the leaders passing at around 7am before heading off south towards the edge of the Cape Point Nature Reserve. There was a lovely atmosphere with the main road busy with spectators, shops and cafes opening especially and there was a jazz band also. It was great to have such a major event passing through our neighbourhood and it was lovely to be part of as we watched so many fun-riders go past (including several unicycles).

### **Things to give thanks for:**

- **The opportunities of further training and networking**
- **For time spent getting to know the international volunteers better**
- **For the boys enjoyment of and involvement in club in Masi**

### **Prayer needs:**

- **For Holiday Club in Masi – particularly for energy and that the children are receptive**
- **That plans for the winter/ World Cup holiday will come together**
- **That the plans for the mother's support groups will move forward**
- **For safety as we live, work and travel.**

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