

25 June 2025

PHAKAMISA NEWSLETTER

1. Introduction

Phakamisa is one of the Ministry of the Pinetown Methodist Church of Southern Africa. It serves 42 areas in the surroundings of Pinetown. These areas are comprised of rural, semi-rural and urban areas. Phakamisa therefore provides training in different skills to the care givers and also provide training of teachers in Early Childhood Development. This report aims to give the highlight of the activities done during the year.

2. Care Givers Programme:

We have a high volume of people this year in these projects. They are eager to learn different skills and the attendance is very good. Trainers are happy with the numbers of people coming in.

• Sewing

This group have 69 new members this year. They are trained in threading the machine, front aprons, girls school skirts, boys' shorts, graduation gowns, cushions and cushion cover, bags, pencil and peg bags. This term they've done girls schools skirts and cushions.



- **Beadwork**

The beadwork group have 45 members. They are taught on how to make ring earrings, necklaces ankle bands, book marks and a lot more.



- **Cooking and Baking**

Different skills are taught in this group more especially in a way of healthy cooking, because that is what we promote to our gogo's and youth. The group have been taught on safety and hygiene, then trained on how to make different kinds of healthy food and bake as well.



3. Early Childhood Development:

We have good numbers in both Childminder and Edu-care and so far, everything is going well with the training.



4. Block Training

Supervisor course block training in Hammarsdale went well and this group will be graduating along with Childminder on the 19th of June 2025.

5. Wandering Schools

Everything is going well in all 3 three wandering schools (Village, Clermont and Inanda). However, with the winds we had in the past week, left the roof broken at Village wandering school- thankfully, we have managed to fix it.

Thanks to John Wesley school for Easter Egg donations.



6. Success stories

With the Level 4 group that graduated this year in March, we are pleased to share with you that 6 students on that group has found employment.

7. Pinetown Methodist Church

The donations of mealie meal have been absolutely flocking in, and we are incredibly grateful. This makes a significant difference to our wandering school kids, providing essential nourishment and comfort as the colder weather sets in.

Furthermore, they donated blankets that have brought immense warmth and relief to some of our grannies, their unwavering support and compassion make a huge difference in the lives of so many, and we are continually humbled by their kindness.



5 June 2025 - we held a successful supervisor's workshop @ Phakamisa



19 June 2025- we held a child minder and supervisor course graduation



8. Announcements.

27 June 2025- Office closes. We will open the office on the 14th of July 2025 (a week early) to accommodate our US donors that will be coming in on the 15th - 18th July of 2025. We will then close for the week after departure of our visitors. Arrangements have been made and the office will be running as usual.