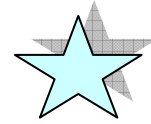




**Season's Greetings
from
South Africa
2010**



Dear friends of Nala – Partners,

Season's greetings to you all from Cape Town. To our friends in Europe and America we send sun rays to brighten your winter days and warm your hearts and homes!

The Nala House

It has been an eventful year for all of us with so many challenging developments the world over. For a moment, join me on a journey of good news and hope. I am pleased to report to you that many of the tasks we formulated early in the year could be fulfilled.

Increasingly, my home has become a small gathering place and sanctuary for intercultural dialogue and for welcoming family and friends; an old dream come true for me. Young people meet here for dialogue with mentors, special guests and visitors; sometimes just to chill out and replenish from hard work and study. The Silulutho Youth Group visited a number of times and some stayed for educational tutoring and life skills practice. Since July, a small group of young teachers meets regularly for dialogue about social transformation and personal growth.



Living dialogue

Developing relationships of mutual respect and encouragement during every day encounters here in South Africa has been my wish for years. I am so pleased to see it bearing fruit. A small network of mutual support is evolving; here are two examples: Two years ago I met Babalwa who worked as cashier in a local super market. She has a BA degree in Social Sciences (Youth Development) but needed immediate income to support

her family. We started talking, exploring career opportunities and planning for that. Today, Babalwa works as Youth Development coordinator on two projects, Silulutho being one of them. Bongile, Nala alumni, who has secured a nice career with the City of Cape Town now advises and motivates two young women, also chance encounters in the shopping mall, with their correspondence studies in marketing.

Self Actualization

When I started Nala – Partners eight years ago, I formulated my vision as follows:

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It takes courage to dream big, passion to pursue this dream and self confidence to overcome the many obstacles along the way. It requires discipline, know-how as well as community support to make it all come true.



In many ways my own path through life unfolded along those lines as well. Today, I want to share little Phumla Bada's story as one of the highlights for this year. Phumla is eighteen years old and lives in Khayelitsha. She is a member of the Silulutho Youth Group. Last week she completed her last exam to hopefully obtain her High School degree. Throughout Phumla faced many obstacles. She lives with her mother and three siblings on

subsistence income in a small community dwelling. Her Mom works part time and life is tight. Phumla's school and especially her Math teacher have an abysmal performance record. Exposure to Main Street life and educational support are minimal. However, Phumla is determined to become an accountant some day. She pursues her dream with utmost courage and determination.

Nala – Partners with your kind donations and care have supported little Phumla by signing her up for professional tutoring in Math and English for four months. Phumla's test results have markedly improved and in spite of many challenges we hope that she will make it to college. She has been provisionally accepted at two, pending final test results. Phumla is beaming with new found confidence and joy, it is quite contagious. Here a photo with her mother.

Sinethemba Community Organization: The Silulutho Youth Group

Phumla's development is inspiring to her young friends in Silulutho. But jealousies have surfaced as well. Babalwa as the group leader and I are addressing the various dynamics at play during group dialogue sessions. We have met with the Silulutho Youth regularly throughout the year, taken trips together and shared many meals. We also received three bursaries from Nala friends for group members to attend better High Schools in Cape Town, enabling the students to develop their capabilities and skills in a diverse and cosmopolitan environment. For other group members we hope to provide educational tutoring next year.



Mid year the Silulutho Youth started a Silulutho Kids program as a way of giving back to the community. Little ones age nine to thirteen receive assistance with school work and life skills. Babalwa and I now care for 25 twice or three times a month.



Sinethemba: Community Uplifting Projects

Nolitha und Mninawe continue their immense efforts to uplift their Community of Harare Khayelitsha. The soup kitchen with produce drawn from the community garden continues to feed HIV & Aids affected families. Additionally, Nolitha started a home care service where patients too ill to travel receive food, basic medical care, grooming and much needed empathetic support.

Twenty volunteers travel daily to many homes in the area. Some of them have been professionally trained based on a grant from the US Consulate in Cape Town. Nala - Partners used some donation funds to cover living expenses of some of the volunteers who are so deeply committed to the care of others in need.



Personal Reflections:

I spent a month in Germany this past summer, visiting family, friends and Nala supporters. It was a lovely time out. I enjoyed the ease of cosmopolitan life in Frankfurt and the generosity of many. It also was a time for reflection, stimulated by a book my niece Isa gave me (*Love Thy Neighbor*).

It takes a strong heart to live without roots, states the author Erich Maria Remarque, an emigrant like me. It was a wonderful realization that actually, I have developed lots of roots. The comparison with Mangrove trees came to mind. Half the tree consists of roots, stretched and tangled across a wide area for solid hold. My roots extend all over the world and especially to my brother and his children; to my lifelong friend Hilde and her family, to special old and new friends in Germany, the USA and Europe.

And now I am deeply rooted within my precious family here in South Africa, with friends here and in Nala - Partners.

Outlook for 2011

And so, the journey continues, seeking to make meaningful contributions to social justice and human dignity. I want to visit Germany again next summer and New York too. Perhaps we can also pave the way for Nolitha and some Silulutho members to travel internationally one day soon and meet friends and supporters as part of fostering intercultural dialogue.

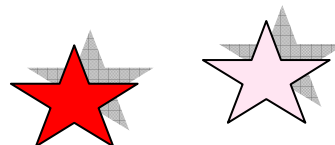
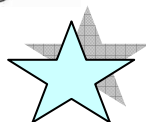
I am grateful for your friendship and support this past year and I hope that you will continue with us so that many more little Phumla's receive a chance for self actualization, which I think is also a fulfillment of the hope we each carry in us.

This is how you can support Nala – Partners:

- A balanced meal for 150 HIV/Aids affected community members: 20 euro / US\$ per day
- Monthly stipend for a home care volunteer: 50 Euro / US\$ per month
- Monthly tutoring in Math and English for five Silulutho Youth who attend the same class at a sub standard school in Khayelitsha: 50 Euro / US\$ per month
- Monthly contribution to a balanced meal for the Silulutho youth and kids, twenty five total during our dialogue meetings; 50 Euro / US\$ per month
- Ein kleiner Beitrag für Nala Operative Kosten; wir arbeiten freiwillig.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and God Bless You

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