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Together Bringing Hope to Children & Families

Our mission 'We seek to reflect God's image as we care for and protect children, empower and preserve families and mobilise our community'

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Message from **The Director**

**Child rescued shortly after birth!**

A month ago a beautiful little baby boy was delivered to Beautiful Gate by the local social worker. Police had found him lying in a bush on the side of the road where he had been abandoned by his mother. To make matters worse - he is one of three newborns we know of to be abandoned in the city this past month and according to Child Welfare, one of almost 500 to experience the same fate this year.

Why? A good question. It's difficult to answer, unless the police can find his mom of course. But experience does tell us that teen pregnancy along with poverty, HIV, lack of food security and alcohol abuse, all contribute to child abandonment. It's a stark reminder that helping children without finding ways to help their parents is a losing battle. Fortunately Beautiful Gate tries to do both because we see preserving families as vital to bring justice for children, but still much more is needed to help preserve families in our city.

*Vaughan Stannard*

**PEDALING ACROSS AMERICA FOR A GREAT CAUSE**

**I RIDE.  
YOU GIVE.  
THEY LIVE.**



FROM: SAN DIEGO, CA  
TO: JACKSONVILLE, FL  
2,400 MILES  
6 WEEKS



Cycling across America for Beautiful Gate! What better friends than ones willing to put their bodies on the line for our children? Two special friends, Jacques van Wyk and Brad Wilkin have spent the last month cycling across the USA to raise support for our children's home. On 4 November they ended their epic 6 week cycle journey having started in San Diego, California, and cycled an average of 80 miles a day! They arrived some 3840 kms (2400 miles) later in Jacksonville, Florida. Jacques, the husband of one of our previous volunteers, Brittany, decided to do the ride to raise awareness and support for BG just 2 months ago while unemployed. Now, he and Brad have not only fulfilled a dream of a life time, but also helped support our kids. If you'd like to congratulate them or just check out the journey, pics and videos, you can see it all at [www.irideyougivetheylive.org](http://www.irideyougivetheylive.org) and follow the blog at <http://bradrides.blogspot.com>

**COMBATING HIV THROUGH AWARENESS Equipping young people!**

The Desmond Tutu Foundation and Beautiful Gate Youth group had a combined Youth Conference that took place at Beautiful Gate premises; during the event we had 150 students/ youth and 50 teachers that attended the conference. The Desmond Tutu Foundation has conducted research which reveals new awareness methods and tools that aim to decrease the transmission of HIV/AIDS in communities.

The event sought to increase awareness among students and youth about these new prevention programmes and tools. The youth have promised to implement what they have learned during the conference and share their learning with other young people.



## BUILDING ON THE LEGACY OF SOCCER

### They eat, drink and dream soccer!



Communities passionate about sport are trying to build on the legacy of the last World Cup. To improve standards coaches have attended soccer coaching clinics in the last three months.

The youngsters keep on playing soccer which is the sport they love most. This photo shows a warm -up match between "Movers" and "Rovers". The league started in the first week of October. The children are dreaming of being the future stars and are working very hard to be in that stage. Most of the teams come from Lower Crossroads, Acacia and Island and use the Beautiful Gate sports facility.

## AMAZING TESTIMONIES AT OUR AGM

### Friends in need are friends indeed.

On 28 October we hosted our Annual Celebration in Crossroads. During the celebration, beneficiaries were able to share their testimony. One testimony was from Vuyo who was without a job after school.



A few months ago he got a job at Fusion after sending his resumé through our centre. Vuyo could not contain his joy for this newfound opportunity and gratitude for Beautiful Gate. Another moving testimony came from a mother whose child we had cared for due to a family crisis. The mother was so overwhelmed with emotion as she narrated her ordeal, and how good friends and the reunification team supported and encouraged her.

## CHILDREN SHOWING THEIR TALENT

### So you think you can paint!



On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 a multi-talented team got busy when the boys, girls and child care workers demonstrated their skills with graffiti and painting of the walls of the Activity Centre.

We had six children who showed their talent and got a chance to beautify the room where they usually do their homework and run after-school activities. Besides some minor setbacks, like too much wall and too little paint, the art was fun and the effect, fantastic. You never know what these kids have to share until you give them an opportunity! We hope to continue nurturing their raw talent and find ways for them to keep on expressing themselves.

## SKILLS EXHIBITION DAY...

### Connecting people!

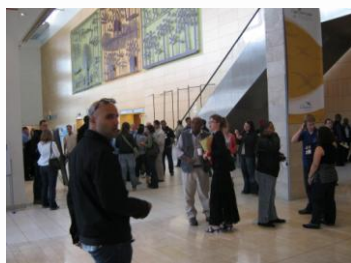
In September we organized a special Skills Exhibition Day; where organizations, schools, students and unemployed youth had opportunity to interact and network.



The unemployed youth had a chance to ask their burning questions on career opportunities. The total number of the attendants was 33 young people and 6 organizations. We have realized that a lot of students from our communities need career guidance. They want information on what companies are looking for in prospective candidates. Through our centre we are aiming to close this gap and create an opportunity for mutual interaction between school leavers and prospective organisations.

**Would you like to help a child? Kindly join our Sponsor A Child programme for a minimum monthly donation of R120/£15/€20/\$25 or more. Contact us on: +27 (0)21 370 2524. Email [sponsorachild@beautifulgate.org](mailto:sponsorachild@beautifulgate.org)**

## LAUSANNE CONFERENCE VISITORS TOUR CROSSROADS...Celebrations of Mercy.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Lausanne Christian conference started on 18 October and was held at the CTICC in Cape Town with 4200 delegates from all continents converging. Focus areas included issues affecting humanity today. Chief among them poverty, HIV/AIDS, war and conflict, the truth and the environment. The weeklong event set a day off for missions on 21 October to tour local projects.

Some 300 delegates participated in the day off for missions and visited projects in Crossroads involved in social welfare and community development under the tour theme '**Celebrations of Mercy**'.

They toured projects at Mfesane, Beautiful Gate, Thembalitsa and local schools and prayed for healing and restoration of the Crossroads communities including giving and volunteering. A number of delegates were also keen to duplicate successful model projects in their home countries. Thank you for your prayers!

**Beautiful Gate is a non-denominational Christian organisation that demonstrates the love of God by helping all those in need, no matter what their background or faith.**

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