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## FBCS Cape Town, South Africa Update Thank you donors!

### The "Scrapyard School" Story

The Fellowship Bible Christian School, started in 2006, is located in the vegetable farming area of Phillipi, Cape Town, South Africa. It came to Class-



rooms for Africa's attention in April 2009 when a team of educators from Western Canada visited the school. It is not a candidate for the normal Classrooms for Africa building project because the school is has no land and runs out of an **abandoned auto-scrapyard** consist-



ing of temporary make-shift walls under a large roof structure. The school was teetering on the **brink of survival** with no funds and several volunteer teachers who were becoming burned out in spite of their vision and dedication.

The "Scrapyard" school offers education and a hope to **trau-**

matized and abused children of alcohol-addicted parents. The Fellowship Bible Church saw the need to reach out to these children and started a Christian school for them. With no source of funding, the school struggles to survive but offers the children a way out of their desperate situation and hope for the future. Often starving, the children receive a meal on school days from donation from local businesses. Educational resources and minimal funding



also comes from donations of local people and schools.

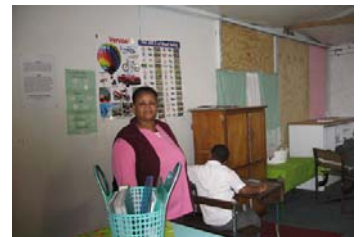
The **visiting team** was inspired to help and Canadian donors have provided funds to pay a minimal monthly stipend to the teachers and to provide much needed supplies. Funds are disbursed on a monthly basis through the ACSI South Africa office, but run out at the end of the December 2009.

**Currently** we are seeking donors to support the school through the 2010 school year while long-term plans are being developed.

November 2009



*Scenes from the Scrapyard School April 10, 2009*



## Developments Since April 2009

The "Scrapyard" school has kept us informed on a regular basis on developments at the school this year.

**Principal Jacky Samuels Writes:** "Dear Fellows in Christ:



Thank you for bringing a smile to our staff this year. You are such a blessing to us. It is not just because you contribute towards a stipend for our staff, but also because we know that we are in your prayers. I only saw you once, but feel like a special bond has been formed. Exciting news this week . . . SAP delivered a jungle gym to our school today. By Monday our learners will be able to PLAY! I can't wait to see the expression on their faces. Beautiful murals are being painted on the walls! We are grateful for the doors God is opening. Most of

our learners are FAS and we need God's guidance when we are discouraged by their learning barriers.

Our amazing God has opened the door for our staff to receive training on how to deal with their problems. The children sing a chorus: "Our God is so Big, so Strong and so Mighty, there's nothing our God cannot do!"

Love Jacky (November 2009)



*Classroom: before/after*



**Pastor Danny's Reports:** Thanks for you have done for our learners and teachers to date. We are highly appreciative of your (Canadian) efforts. The school has grown from our Grade R (Kindergarten) and One classes in 2006 to Grade R—4 with 60 learners . We praise God for the ministry opportunities the school provides . . . and for God's faithful provision of 7 volunteer teachers who share the love of Christ with the students on a daily basis. Please pray for their emotional and spiritual strength. We have been offered the services of an educational psychologist who will assist with the serious behavioural problems. Many of our children suffer the trauma after molestation not only by strangers but their own family members. One 8 year old boy is already under the influence of alcohol.



In Christ alone, Danny (November 2009)

**Praise God :**

- for working in the hearts of the staff at SAP (software company) who have committed themselves to refurbish two of our classrooms. Their families have come to brighten the surroundings as well. The project should be done by 14th November, 09.
- the steady recovery of our grade R teacher—Mauricia. She is recovering from a stroke. The school children have been taken to her for prayer and singing.
- for faithful volunteer staff (FBC missionaries)



*Volunteer Teachers with Class*

**Petition God For:**

- two volunteer teachers for 2010 (Grade 4/5).
- that the Governing Body guides the school with Godly wisdom
- a breakthrough in the lives of the parents.

## How Canada Can Continue to Help

We thank Glenmore Academy in Calgary and Lamont Alliance Church in Alberta for their support of FBCS this year.

We would like to continue supplying the volunteer teachers with a small stipend for the 2010 school year (January—December).

A lump sum will be sent to ACSI South Africa for disbursement monthly. We are aiming for a total of \$10,000 for the year. Perhaps your school/organization would be prepared to raise a portion of that amount?

Want to be involved? Please email: [crisis@dunamiseducation.org](mailto:crisis@dunamiseducation.org)

More details: [www.classrooms4a.org/c4a\\_special\\_scrapyard.html](http://www.classrooms4a.org/c4a_special_scrapyard.html)



*Outdoor Class in Good Weather*