

i.e. white and blue collar workers from multicultural and multiethnic backgrounds. Finally I believe that God will reveal things to me that I cannot even begin to imagine."

- The **training programme** is run over three days and includes visits to Peachtree Presbyterian Church and the Church of the Apostles. The training covers worklife methodologies and success factors, church best practices and implementation plans. On Thursday after touring the World of Coke, Mike met with one of the leaders of the fellowship group which meets inside Coca Cola to gain some understanding of how workplace ministry can be pursued within a corporate environment.

#### 8. Education



Graham Davidson and Kathy Balshaw

- At a recent luncheon held for **school principals** on Wednesday, 30 July 2008, hosted by Victoria Park High School, a vision was shared of the possibility of an initiative that could equip our teachers with guidelines, insights and tools to educate using Biblical values



Principals enjoying lunch at V. P. High School

We are delighted to give advanced notice of a **workshop** to be held for schools and teachers, on Friday & Saturday, 13 & 14 March 2009. This workshop will equip teachers (theory to practice) with guidelines, insights and tools to educate using Biblical values supportive of civic values associated with our nation's Constitution.



Principals exchanging ideas on Biblical values in education

- "**Mothers Who Care**" continues to play a supportive role by holding regular prayer meetings in schools in order to encourage principals and teachers. They also played a key role in encouraging principals and teachers to attend the annual Global Leadership Summit.

#### 9. Government

- Yizani Sakhe 217 Prayer Initiative continues to meet in the **Council Executive Room** every Tuesday morning at 07:00.
- Progress is being made in persuading members of the **Metro Religious Unit and Moral Regeneration Committee** to all work together in the FAMSAs "Family Friendly City" project.

#### 10. Media, Arts and Entertainment

- The media, both **radio and print**, have taken an interest in the Men Accountable and FAMSAs Family Projects. Some of the media staff has requested that they be able to participate as members of the Family project working group.



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#### 1. United Prayer Movement

- The UPM focused on promoting the **24/7** prayer movement in local churches and formed a **pastoral support group** to pray for the pastors in our city, encouraging them to pray together.
- Our UPM continues to meet for **breakfast** on a monthly basis. A prayer support base for the SAPS continues to be provided throughout the metro and surrounding districts.

#### 2. HIV & Aids and Poverty

- TCN continues to partner Emmanuel Haven in the fight against **HIV & Aids**, and Poverty. Currently we manage a team of 26 home based caregivers.
- There are now 79 children in the Emmanuel Haven Christian Learning Centre for **orphans and vulnerable children**.
- Over 1300 patients visit the **clinic** on a monthly basis. 400 of these patients receive antiretroviral medication.



Vidah Mayana and staff receiving bus from Boardwalk

- An initial grant to commence with the **family tunnel** project has been received from the Dept. of Agriculture. These tunnels will be used to produce food for families, to support HIV & Aids victims, and put them in a position to sell excess produce to the public.
- Training courses** for young women on "Positive Living" are now offered on a regular basis. So far 150 women have completed the course which focuses on prevention, living positively, treatment and counseling.
- The Emmanuel Haven **Youth Movement**, which shares the same vision of an HIV & Aids free Motherwell, was launched in November 2008.



Pastor Mameese, School Principal, receiving a donation from Lindsay Pearson

- The Motherwell Urban Renewal Plan (MURP) has agreed to fund our Emmanuel Haven **FM Radio Station**. Algoa fm and Kingfisher fm are assisting us in the training of staff and equipping of the studio.
- The renovation of the **Siyalinga Building**, costing in the region of R5 million, will be completed by the end of 2008.

#### 3. Family



Erna Jonker with working group

- TCN is partnering FAMSAs in "The Family Friendly City" initiative launched on 1 October 2008. This is driven by the vision that a healthy functional family life is a national priority.
- The initiative will be driven by two imperatives: Firstly, to raise the level of **awareness** as to the current plight of the family; and secondly, to provide a comprehensive database of essential **information** for those in need.

- Representatives of the following **role players** accepted an invitation to participate and work together in this citywide project: Business; Education; Department of Social Development; Local Government; Faith Based Organizations; NGO Coalition; Welfare Forum; Gender Reconciliation Association; Media; Communications and Arts; Celebration and Entertainment.
- The initiative will be coordinated from the FAMSAs **offices** at 62 Western Road. FAMSAs will also provide a **volunteer**, with all office support needed, to promote the initiative.

#### 4. Men's Ministry



Men's Accountability March

- The Men's Accountability initiative was launched at the Northern Arts **Festival** on 28 September 2008. The initiative, targeted at **men in the workplace**, is built on men's commitment to accept accountability for their own actions and behavior, being worthy husbands and fathers, mentoring the next generation of men, and adding value to their communities. It will be supported and sustained by the signing of a personal pledge and the formation of an accountability group of partners.
- The first all men's interdenominational, multilingual **praise and worship** evening was hosted by Hoogland DRC in Charlo on Thursday, 6 November 2008.

#### 5. Church

- TCN continues to facilitate regular breakfasts for **Senior Church Leaders** to encourage them to build lasting relationships.
- A milestone was recently reached in the metro when a group of fifteen senior church leaders made a **joint public statement** in the press on religious freedom.
- Once again TCN provided marketing support for the **Global Leadership Summit** held in NM Bay on 10 and 11 October 2008.



Bishop Lunga ka Siboto, Bishop Bethlehem Nopce and Pastor Thompson Dikani

- TCN has restructured its **Pastoral Reference Group**. The group is now represented by an equal number of church and workplace leaders.

#### 6. Youth

- For those reading about us for the first time, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as: "A group of youth leaders, united in friendship, to see God transform our city!" This movement has been gaining momentum over the last five years and has left us in a place of complete awe, as we have witnessed God open many impossible doors!
- One of the highlights of this year's activities was a young women's conference called **Worthy**, which saw high school and university aged young ladies from across the city join in two days of personal growth and healing; and opportunities to reach out into communities in need to share the love of God through sincere acts of kindness.



Alison Gooch and a group from Gqebera

- Another new initiative is our high school prayer movement called "**Stand**". In June, we witnessed five hundred young people gathered in their school uniforms, on a Friday night, declaring that they were willing to take a stand for Jesus at their schools. These young people made this sacrifice because they truly believe

that prayer is the most powerful weapon to infect the atmosphere with the tangible presence of God.



Groundswell Youth camping at Lady's Slipper

- Just recently we held a festival at Highbrae under the Lady's Slipper called **Groundswell**. The festival is defined as: "a multi cultural worship event for young people who are passionate to see God transform our city". There were amazing times of worship, teaching and community outreach, and great opportunities for fellowship amongst representatives of the twelve churches, various schools and University societies in attendance.
- Another initiative which has successfully sustained its momentum, is **KICK**, which stands for Kids in Christ's Kingdom. This year saw an extremely diverse group of two thousand young children, from pre-school to grade seven, attending a day of worship and fellowship which many have described as "the best day of my life"! The underlying biblical motivation for such an event is Psalm 78:4: "We will not hide from the next generation, the wonderful deeds of our Lord".



Praise and Worship at KICK

- The common thread which runs through every networking opportunity is a growing and burning passion to connect **youth leaders** to each other, through united vision and love. We believe that if the church is the hope of the world, then the youth leaders in each church are

God's hope for our young people in every school, society and community. If every one of these initiatives builds toward protecting, linking and inspiring these leaders to stay the course and go the distance, then we believe we have succeeded in setting up a biblical transformation strategy. If Jesus could have implemented this same approach with twelve motley men, he can certainly use us to transform this emerging generation!



Anton Hutton, Garneth Jagers and Alison Gooch

#### 7. Business

- The 9.2.5 Workplace Prayer Initiative meets in the **PERCCI** Boardroom every Thursday morning at 07:00.
- At the meeting of the **9.2.5 steering group** on 15 May 2008, Pastor Daan Botha of Harvest indicated that they had embraced a model that an organization called His Church at Work (HCAW) have promulgated. All interested churches were invited to the next meeting on 12 August 2008. Ian Vermooten did a presentation of what that model entailed and indicated their commitment to proceed with the changes that would be required in their church.
- This has culminated in a visit to **Atlanta, Georgia, USA** for both training and observation of the processes at other churches, starting on 20 October 2008. Mike Smith, Coordinator of the 9.2.5 Workplace Ministry, was included in the group in order to increase his understanding of the concept of assisting the local church to "equip the saints" in the workplace, and in so doing continue fulfilling his mandate.
- Asked what his expectations of the visit were before he left, Mike said "I hope to broaden my knowledge base and find additional ways a church can impact the workplace and at the same time, I hope to learn how the whole of the workplace can be channeled into this ministry,