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Dear friends and supporters.....thank you for your help and support; warm greetings from all of us at Family Mission. After the summer break, we are back at work. We would like to share a brief overview of some of our activities from the past few months. Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you will help them become what they are capable of being. "I am proud of you" are five of the most precious words you can ever use to make another person feel important.



Lesotho, St. Gabriel, Quthing, David giving out posters.

We begin our newsletter with the accounts and reactions of Allegra, Costanza, and Viola, who spent three weeks with us here in South Africa.

Spending these three weeks with Family Mission, we had incredible experiences—often stepping outside our comfort zones—that allowed me to challenge myself in a country completely different from my own, yet one where it didn't take long to feel at home.

Getting involved in the various projects we undertook during these weeks made me realize what a difference even a small gesture can make. We worked, shared, laughed, and faced difficult moments together; above all, we met people who—despite cultural differences and great distances—managed to leave a profound mark on me. South Africa taught me to view things from a different perspective, to appreciate what I often take for granted, and to understand that helping others also means allowing yourself to be helped and learning from them. I am taking home so many memories, smiles, and emotions, and—most importantly—people I will never forget. These three weeks were far more than just a volunteering experience; they were a journey of self-discovery that helped me grow, change, and get to know a side of myself I hadn't known before.

I return home with a full heart and the realization that, even though these three weeks have ended, a part of me will remain here forever. (Allegra, 18-year-old Italian volunteer)

Dear Family Mission,

I arrived here feeling very anxious and full of doubts about what I would be doing and how I would fit in. Now, I don't want to go home!

I learned so much thanks to the various projects we worked on. I handled vision screenings—an activity that was completely new to me. Through the reading program, we were able to give the children individual attention, helping them build self-confidence and self-esteem. But my absolute favorite activity was spending time in the "Play Houses" with the preschool children; I formed a beautiful, truly special bond with all of them, as well as with the teachers.

These three weeks flew by. The experience exceeded all my expectations, enriching me as a person and leaving me with valuable lessons that helped me grow and improve.

A special thank you goes to Romano, the person who made all this possible. He welcomed us and gave us the opportunity to have a wonderful, unforgettable experience. One of the things I loved most was the incredible atmosphere in the house: Romano became like a grandfather to us—a true pillar of support and a safe haven. I am immensely grateful to have had this experience, which I will carry in my heart forever. You have to experience it to believe it!

(Costanza, volontaria italiana 18 anni)

For Family Mission

I would like to share my volunteering experience in South Africa with Family Mission; it was truly magnificent. I felt welcome and "at home" from the very first moment. A special thank you goes to Romano, an exceptional host—always kind, considerate, and attentive. Thanks to him, I felt truly looked after and safe throughout the entire trip.

I loved every single activity I took part in. I particularly enjoyed the time spent in the play areas; being with the children and sharing moments of the day with them gave me incredible energy. Participating in the reading program and helping with preliminary vision screenings was also a fantastic experience; it allowed me to offer tangible help and witness the project's direct impact firsthand.

I sincerely believe that, for an 18-year-old, an experience like this is an extraordinary opportunity. It pushes you out of your comfort zone, helps you grow, and gives you memories and emotions that you will carry with you forever. I highly recommend it to everyone!

A heartfelt thank you to Family Mission and Romano for making this unforgettable trip possible.

Warm regards,

(Viola, 18-year-old Italian volunteer)



This is a project that Viola, Allegra & Costanza have done in one underprivileged School. We

would like to present the **"Suspended Words"** project to the kids. It consists of creating simple sentences that stimulate their creativity and self-reflection. The children will choose words according to their taste and creativity, taking them from books. Each child will copy and write down 10 chosen words themselves, and then cut them out. Afterward, they will use the cut-out words to create and compose simple sentences that say something about themselves or about a topic of their choice (it would be wonderful to bring out their emotions and creativity). Finally, they will glue the words onto sheets of paper, which they can then decorate as they



Allegra.



Costanza



Viola.



Delivery of prescription new glasses to the Little Flower primary school in Kariega.

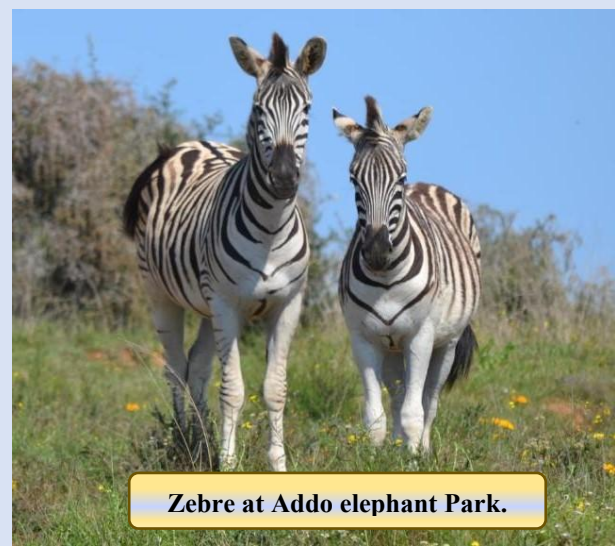


Project with the children of the C.W. Hendricse Primary School in Kariega



like and putting their name on it. For this activity, we will need the following materials: white and colored paper, markers, pencils (school supplies for the decorations), scissors, and glue. If any material is missing, we will buy it ourselves. The "Parole Sospese" (Suspended Words) project for children at the CW Hendricse elementary school involves creating simple sentences that foster creativity and self-reflection. The children select words from books based on their own tastes and creativity. It is a truly wonderful project carried out by Family Mission volunteers Viola, Allegra, and Costanza.

Delivery of the glasses. (see pic. Above)



Zebre at Addo elephant Park.

More activities.....

After completing the project at Little Flower with the delivery of the new glasses (see previous page), we carried out and finished vision screenings at Ilinge Primary School in Mandela Village (Kariega) and Yellow Wood Primary School (Uitenhage Farms). Thanks to the assistance of Viola, Allegra, Costanza, Cindy, and Carmelita, everything went smoothly. Students found to have vision difficulties were taken directly to our optometrist, Tomsett. In all likelihood, around thirty schoolchildren will receive new prescription glasses within the next few weeks. Once again, we extend our thanks to the project sponsor, Giorgio Cangini, and to the Italian eyewear companies Mottas and Dieffe for their long-standing support.



Activities: spending time in our daycares, visiting and cooking at orphanages, grocery shopping, reading program.



We visited the Child Welfare Center orphanage in Grahamstown and the Edu-Goven Boys' Shelter in Makhanda. We spent a wonderful weekend with our friends Francois and Doreen in Makhanda, which gave us the opportunity to visit the town's two orphanages. We prepared a delicious pasta with meat sauce, along with fruit and cookies, for both institutions; the children and young orphans showed so much joy and enthusiasm. Viola, Allegra, and Costanza spent special time playing with the orphans, and at the boys' shelter, the boys put on an impromptu concert with their xylophones—they were truly talented.

Family members in Italy generously funded a large purchase of food and toys for our preschools (Playhouses); our children and teachers send their heartfelt thanks.

Another important activity carried out by Allegra, Viola, and Costanza was the **"Reading program,"** in which the girls conducted English reading exercises with students who have learning difficulties. The initiative was highly appreciated by the school, though unfortunately, there was too little time to continue the project.



Edu Goveni Boys shelter

Chris from Helping Hands—a testimonial from the Lesotho trip, September 2026:

Returning to Lesotho with you was an immense joy and privilege, as well as an experience filled with miracles! Despite forecasts predicting snow and adverse weather conditions for our evangelism activities and soccer tournaments, we prayed and acted in faith; and, as always, the Lord worked in extraordinary ways!

It was wonderful, in every village we visited, to speak with and show affection to the dedicated teachers and students, offering encouragement for the remarkable commitment they bring to their work—and, of course, distributing plenty of Gospel-based materials! It was heartening to see the high educational standards in many of the schools, which are also committed to shaping children into men and women of faith and sound principles. What a blessing it was to support school leaders with educational supplies and to pray that they receive constant strength. And what about the soccer tournaments? Exceptional! Medals, trophies, prizes, and uniforms helped create truly special, professional-quality events; I could clearly see how valued the children and communities felt (next page) participating in



Chris and David, from helping hands



Lesotho: Football tournaments at St. Gabriel in Quthing and St. Francis in Tsoelike. Students from various high schools competed.



such a well-organized tournament. They couldn't take their eyes off the prize table! Every team showed great sportsmanship and friendliness toward the others, and everyone played their hearts out! (The fact that David officiated the matches as an official referee was particularly appreciated and noted by community members: not only did it demonstrate the care and commitment of someone who had traveled there to take part in the tournament, but it also ensured impartiality, avoiding the potential biases that might have arisen had the referee been chosen from among the residents of the participating villages.) It was an event filled with joyful energy and was a tremendous success! (And the weather was perfect, too!) It was truly moving to be able to donate shoes and clothes to so many children in need. They have so little, yet they are kind, respectful, and grateful. It all inspires you to want to do even more! Of course, the most wonderful thing was being able to pray with a total of 564 people and invite them to accept the gift of salvation during the trip! It was fantastic to be able to offer them informational materials in Sesotho to take home. Thank You, Jesus! We stepped out in faith once again and saw that Jesus's promises are true. He provided for us, guided us, and anointed us to bring love into the lives of so many people. And in return, we received so much love from these precious individuals. Lesotho will always hold a special place in our hearts. And we continue to press forward with determination on all fronts! (Chris and David are young full-time missionaries with the "Helping Hands" organization in Cape Town, an association with which Family Mission has enjoyed a strong, long-standing relationship of friendship and cooperation.)



Distribution of clothing, shoes, and school uniforms at St. Gabriel, St. Francis, and Leqooa elementary schools!!





High school athletes from Makoae and St. Francis (Lesotho)

The coaches of our club, (from left to right.) Christo Vissie (under 13), Leonardo Nelson (under 11), Elkadu Malgas (Head of coaches) Antonio Armoed (Under 17), Aubrey George (Under 17).

Latest news from our Philia Football Club: From August 30th to September 5th, our coaches from Malabar United (a Philia development project) took part in a training program in Jeffreys Bay—conducted by the Ambassador Coach Academy from Cape Town—designed to prepare them for their roles as educators for our young players. The club is making great progress, thanks to the new kits and footballs donated by our friends in Italy from the amateur group CCCB. Our team is currently competing in the local NAFA (North Area Football Association) tournament.



Requests, Needs, and Acknowledgments

- Funds for the repair and improvement of the “Banana Ba Supileng” preschool (specifically, repairs to the restrooms and fencing): €2,500.
- Students in need of sponsorship (remote adoption: €300 annually).
- Several students have requested used, functional tablets or laptops for their studies.
- Expansion of the “Ocean View Victory Playhouse” preschool: €2,000.
- Shipping a container from Italy to Lesotho by 2026; thanks to everyone who donated items to fill it. Thank you, Francesco, and all the friends involved in the preparation and shipping process.
- Heartfelt thanks to the volunteers from Italy and South Africa who make our work for the most needy possible.



We wish to pay a special tribute to the dearly loved Valeria Sisto—a friend and supporter of the Family Mission—who sadly passed away on April 18, 2026. "You will always be in our hearts"—a reflection of her sincere desire for the good and the best for others. With the help of her daughter Jenny, as well as her family and friends, we are preparing a small playground in her memory at our "Banana Ba Supileng" preschool in Lesotho.

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