



Joy is our thing, 'cause Christ is our King!!



With the wonderful message of Easter still fresh on our minds, we love to share with you this little scenario that recently played out during a visit to a crèche in the Nomzamo area:

The shy, IsiXhosa speaking teacher's eyes immediately lit up when asked about the HOEP workbooks her learners used during the term. She opened one of the workbooks at the Bible verse for that week and explained: *"You see these verses, I read them over and over. I read them every day. It is my only Holy Bible...."*

Tears of joy was shed one week later upon receiving a gift: her own, complete IsiXhosa Bible!

The HOEP family expands!!



We welcomed two amazing people to the HOEP-team this term. Left: Likona Watani was appointed as Admin Manager and Data Capturer and Lynne Jacobs (right) was appointed as Quality Co-ordinator for HOEP in Nomzamo and Asanda Village.



Peaceful Land Crèche (below, left) in “Blikkiesdorp”, a township alongside the N2 in Grabouw and Mini-Tweety Educare in Mitchell’s Plain (below, right) are two of the crèches that became part of the extended HOEP-family during the term.



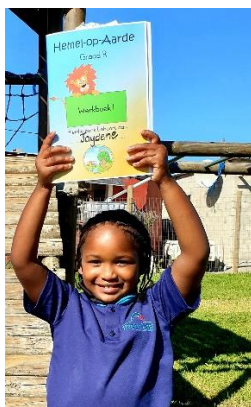
HOEP is currently operating in the following areas: Sir Lowry’s Pass, Strand, Nomzamo, Asanda Village, Grabouw, Botrivier, Kylemore, Franschhoek, Klapmuts, Firgrove, Macassar, Eerste Rivier, Khayelitsha, Delft and Mitchell’s Plain. The number of crèches in these communities, benefitting from our intervention program, grew from 64 to 71 during the term.

HOEP – A High Impact Organisation!

When we look back over many years and start adding the numbers, the real impact of HOEP’s intervention become visible. HOEP was launched in 2010, but for the purposes of this calculation, we will use the number of learners on the program from January 2014, the year in which the HOEP-centre started its operations. 70 More crèches have joined since:

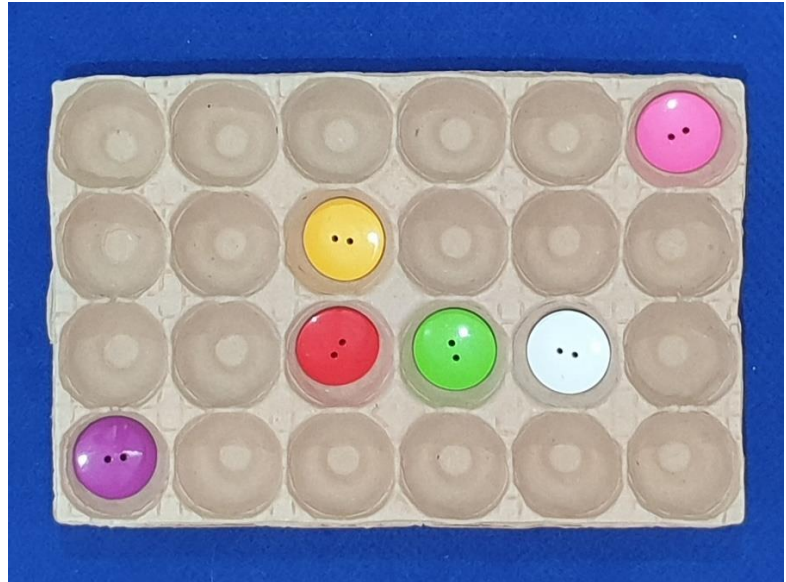
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A total of **9 278** learners benefitted during these years!! Since 2017, every learner received 4 Heaven-on-Earth Workbooks per year, bringing the total to **30 424** workbooks by end of this year! We are grateful!



What does HOEP's early remedial intervention involve?

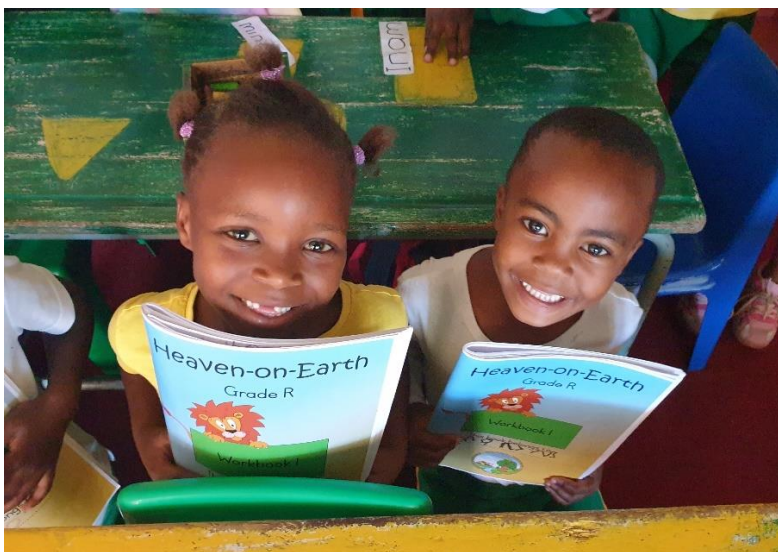
A. Each session includes working on the development of the learners' perceptual skills:



Educators are guided by our quality co-ordinators to work on three to four different levels with the learners on a weekly basis. Above: A typical HOEP-intervention session, where the work on spacial concepts are presented:

Firstly we work on **physical level**: *"I am crawling under my chair, I am standing in the circle, I am standing next to my table...."*.

Secondly we work on **concrete level**. Educators are empowered to create resources needed for these activities, using easily obtainable material from their immediate environment. Here an egg container and buttons were used for learners to follow instructions such as: *"put the yellow button above the red button, put the purple button in the bottom, left-hand corner..."*



Lastly we work on **abstract level**. The little eyes always start twinkling when the learners hear that they are going to work in their workbooks! The skill that was developed on physical and concrete level, is now being reinforced on abstract level.

Approxamately 15 different perceptual skills are developed in this manner during the year.

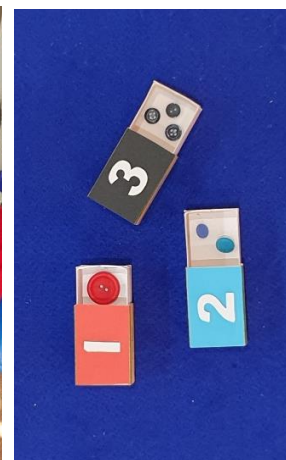
B. We work on Language- and Life Skill development on a weekly basis:



Left can be seen how learners spontaneously participate in a class conversation! Through the weekly themes, learners are equipped with useful skills for their daily lives and their safety within the communities they live. At the same time their vocabulary is broadened and they learn how to verbalise their thoughts.

C. Learners are also given a proper mathematical foundation:

Number concept, number recognition, number forming, counting skills and the mastering of all the basic mathematical concepts is taught in a playful way during our intervention sessions. We believe that the fun-factor and the positive experience of "I CAN do it!" hugely contributes to create love for maths at an early age.



What's new at HOEP??

HOEP's "Crafts for Kingdom Kids" is brand new and exciting!! Sometimes we cut and paste, sometimes we paint and sometimes we enjoy making a big mess!!



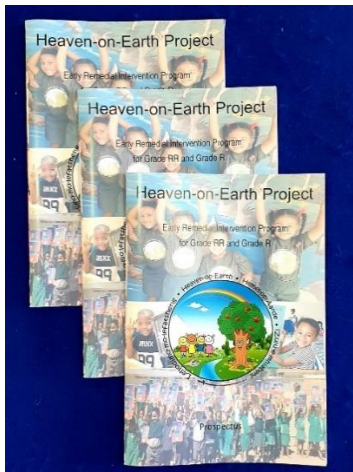
What a delightful way of bringing the Word of God to our young learners! Previously we used to share a Bible verse with the youngsters, but now we've given a step forward by letting them hear, see and feel the message!! Above: The learners made and decorated the coolest sunglasses for the theme "Summer". The message we left with them, was that we see each other in a certain way, but God sees deeper – HE SEES AND KNOWS OUR HEARTS!

Below, left: Footprints were made with paint and we believe that amidst all the fun, the learners will take the message with them that we want to follow Jesus with our little feet!

Below, right: When we learned about "Days of the week" the learners made clocks from paperplates to remember: No matter what day of the week or hour of the day or night it is, GOD IS ALWAYS THERE for us!



Preparing for future opportunities!



As a team we also focused on getting all the required “footwork” ready in preparation of approaching big companies for funding. We also expanded our knowledge on different ECD-relevant subjects to be able to plough back the very best we can in the communities we serve.

Above, left: We compiled a complete HOEP Prospectus for presentations at different faith based companies and organisations

Middle: Robin and Sophia, busy with an online course on Child Protection, presented by Connect Network.

Donations and Visits!!



Above, left: Dr Nico de Klerk, professor at the School of Social Innovation, Huguenote College, on the day he visited HOEP.

Above, right: Elgru Burger collected educational resources, books and toys for the little ones, for which we are truly grateful.

A huge Thank You from our hearts to every supporter of HOEP. Whether it was a small or huge financial contribution, a donation, a prayer or a quick visit, showing interest in our work, YOU ARE THE PEOPLE WHO GIVE US WINGS!! You make it possible for us to make a difference in the lives of 1 958 young learners at risk.



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