

Heaven-on-Earth Project

Report to our sponsors and friends



Highlights and impact of the past three months



Goodbye
2023,
welcome
2024!



Ten years of remedial intervention!

At the end of each year, our HOEP team, with the educators and parents, stand in absolute gratitude when we see how the children have grown on every level... how ready and confident they are to enter their Grade 1 year. Our hearts also beat warmly in the wonderful knowing that each one of these young learners had the opportunity to hear the Word of God.

10 Years have passed since HOEP first launched its early remedial intervention in 2014, and **more than 14 000 learners have meanwhile completed the program!** HOEP's footprint has grown from where we started at one school in Sir Lowry's Pass to where we now serve 108 crèches. From Sir Lowry's Pass, HOEP's intervention expanded to Strand, Firgrove, Grabouw, Franschhoek, Macassar, Raithby, Khayelitsha, Harare, Mitchell's Plain, Delft, Kuilsrivier, Mfuleni, Eersterivier, Lwandle, Asanda Village, Klapmuts and Botrivier. Since printing of our remedial workbooks first started in 2017, **53 276 workbooks have already been printed and distributed!**

To our Heavenly Father the glory for 10 golden years!

2024 Figures

Number of crèches	Number of learners receiving weekly remedial intervention	Number of educators being trained to implement the program in their own grade RR and R classes
108	2 596	168

Preparing for "big school!"



Above and below (From left to right): This year we have again started at full speed with the development of perceptual skills. The learners did threading activities, their finger muscles were strengthened in various ways, they practised to sort, to cut, to copy, they learned about shapes and colours and much, much more!



Below: Also regarding mathematical development, hard work was done! Number formation and number recognition at HOEP is much more than just the forming and naming of a 0, a 1 or a 2... the learners feel the numbers on sandpaper, they build the numbers with clay, they paint them with water on a wall, they count the numbers with blocks, they sing it, they rhyme it, they enjoy it! Learning about mathematical concepts such as full and empty, more and less etc., is also transformed into practical discovery sessions.



Below: The last step is working in the workbooks! The skills have already been practised so thoroughly on concrete level that the learners easily move on to completing similar assignments in their workbooks.



Crafts for Kingdom Kids



Left: Our trial books are already in our hands! The last round of proofreading is now ahead, before HOEP will officially have a book with a very special purpose on the shelves!

"Crafts for Kingdom Kids" will be available in English and in Afrikaans (Kuns vir Koningskleuters) and was written with the aim of stimulating creativity, awakening the scientist inside every young learner, and laying solid foundations. Learning becomes a real adventure through this book!



The content of "Crafts for Kingdom Kids" is already being shared with the educators by the HOEP team. Above it can be seen how the learners made mirrors and decorated them with their fingerprints. Learners also studied their fingerprints under a magnifying glass. After this lesson, every child realised how special God made him or her.

Left: Sunglasses with a special message: "God looks at me with eyes full of grace and love!".

Below: We did marble painting to make the most beautiful hearts. The artworks were sent home with the precious message: "God knows my heart".



Educators grow



Above: left and middle: Educators who present the program in their classes are guided weekly by our team of quality co-ordinators. The educators not only learn new perceptual skills themselves, they also learn WHY those particular skills are important for the learners in their classes and how they can improvise if they do not have certain resources at their disposal for developing the skills.

Above, right: Quality control is of great importance to us. Our operations manager visits the crèches throughout the year to make sure that the program is implemented correctly. Each educator receives a motivating, uplifting report after such a class visit.

Below: We experience how, year after year, the educators become more and more skilled in presenting our remedial program and how they integrate it more and more effectively with the base programs they use. They dramatise, incorporate technology where possible and they really make learning an unforgettable experience for the learners! We also regularly experience the educators' gratitude for HOEP's guidance:

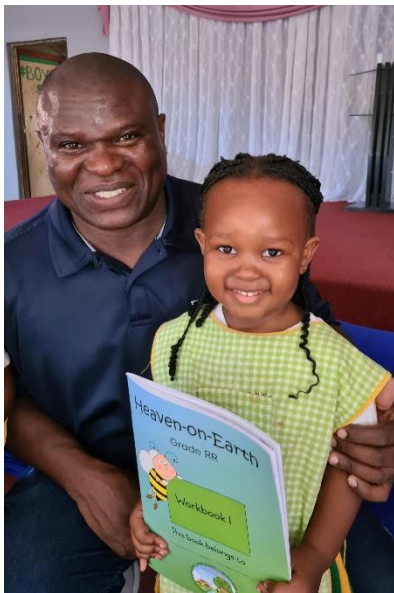


Visitors from America



Above: What a great joy it was, being able to have our friend and sponsor Bill Reichard (Barney II Foundation) all the way from California with us again! This year he also brought along Dr Scotty May, emeritus associate professor at Wheaton College in Illinois. It was wonderful to be able to share with her what we do at HOEP and experience her passion for ministry and evangelism.

CS Property's hands-on involvement in HOEP



Above: Every term CS Property Group sends representatives to hand out the HOEP workbooks at the crèches under their sponsorship. However, much more happens during such visits, as we experienced again this term with Stefan and Andrew's visit. CSP's employees always have wonderful interaction with the learners, and they **really look with eyes that see the need**. Stefan made a difference this term regarding the terrible heat in the classrooms of one of the crèches by purchasing a fan for each of the four classes.

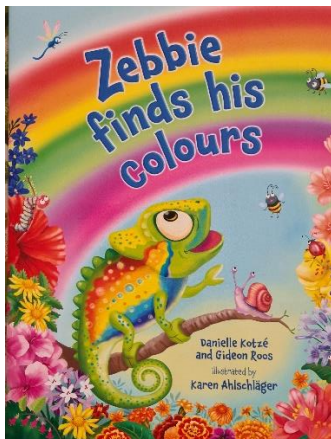
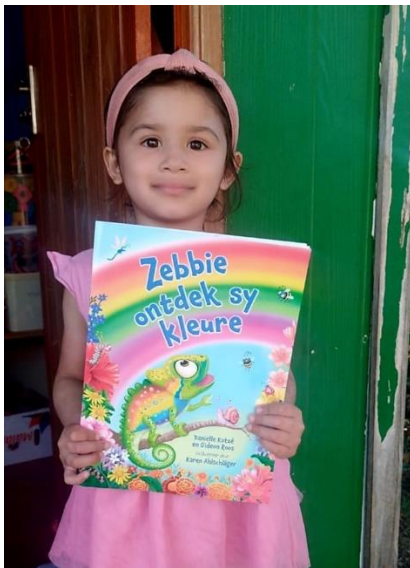
HOEP and VenSel



Left: We are grateful to be able to join hands as a team again this year with the VenSel Project of Helderberg Outreach. Under the leadership of Roelof Louw, tremendous support is given to the VenSel crèche in Lwandle.

Since 2023, HOEP has also contributed by bringing our remedial program to VenSel.

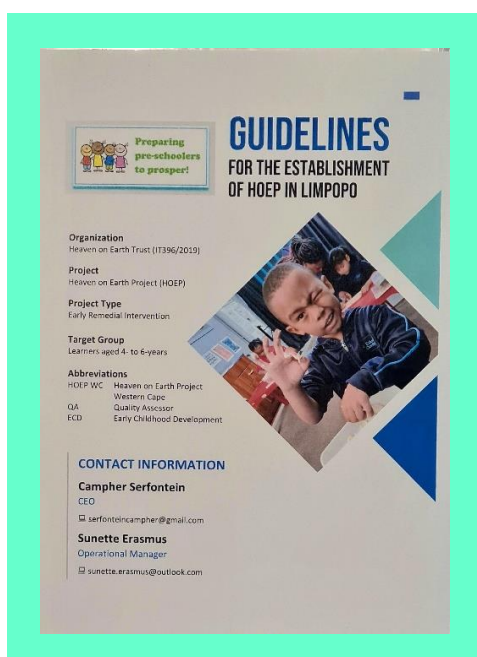
Zebbie in the Cape Flats!



Above, left and below: Gideon Roos and Daniëlle Kotze, the authors of "Zebbie discovers his colours", visit us at some of the crèches. All 108 crèches on the HOEP program were blessed with a precious Zebbie book this term. The story of Zebbie brings the Gospel to the children in a wonderful way using colours. It was fantastic to experience how the children listened to the reading and how they realised that they, like Zebbie, have a very important task, and that is to tell their parents and their friends about Jesus.



HOEP's plans regarding sustainability

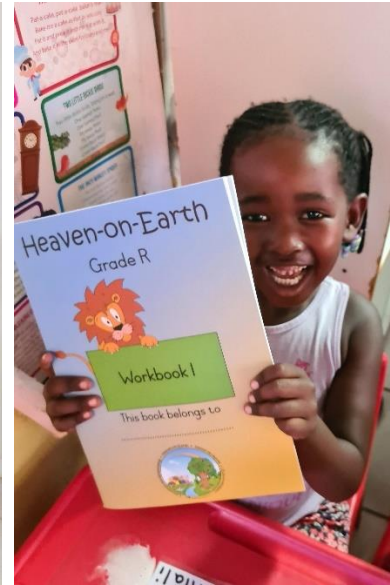


Left: We are excited to share with you that this term we were able to put together a complete manual to take HOEP to areas beyond our current reach. Our vision is to earn royalties for HOEP through our IP (Intellectual Property) when our learning material is being used elsewhere (e.g. in Limpopo).

We also trust that our book "Crafts for Kingdom Kids", of which the publication and initial distribution is made possible by the Frans Dreyer Trust, can become an additional income stream, through which we will be able to support even more crèches in the Western Cape.

Thank You from our hearts to our sponsors

By being good stewards and gatekeepers of the money you as our sponsors entrust to HOEP and by thorough, transparent and regular reporting to you, it is our hope that we can remain long-term "partners". We couldn't do what we do without everyone's special support. Thank you for sharing our dream of a better future for the children of our country with us. We appreciate every company, every business, every family trust and every individual's contribution and prayers so much. Together we make a difference where it matters most.



We wish you all a blessed Easter!

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