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It was just two weeks ago that we sent out our October newsletter. We are so loaded with news that we just had to send out a November edition ...

Hot News

The last two weeks has really been tough on Woodlands Primary. We have had to deal with four different gangs in the grade six class.

A grade 8 (15 years old) learner acknowledged that he has been using drugs since he was 11 years old.

One of the girls at Woodlands gave birth to a baby. She and the father are both only 14 yrs old. Sadly the baby past away at birth.



It still amazes me how our government cannot seem to get a grip on crime. They are looking for the most sophisticated program yet the answer is right in front of them.

We need more recreation facilities, our play parks are under develop or have not been maintained for the last ten years.

A Little Story

People always ask me how I stay motivated. Well I believe God gives me the strength but also when I meet young boys like the one in the picture (above) really gives me the will and strength to carry on.

He was looking for work and was prepared to work for a R2. I had a look at and immediately was full with compassion.

I gave him a meal to eat and we chatted about his life. He has been in and out of rehab and is really trying to keep clean. He told me that his father does not want to acknowledge he is his son. I could see the pain in his eyes. All he really wants is to be acknowledged by his father.

What was really sad for me was how he valued himself. He was prepared to work for just R2!

This is a typical example of our kids when they fall by the wayside and end up believing that they are insignificant. I can say with all honesty that GCU gives a glimmer of hope to these kinds of boys.

Enjoy! Any comments feel free to email me at mario@gcu.org.za.



Life Skills

The biggest problem at Woodlands Primary is that some of the kids are breaking the school down.

They have jumped on the fence and knocked it down. We thought it was time to teach them a lesson. Together with our coaches, we all fixed the fence.

We had fun but the most importantly all involved learnt a good lesson. They understood what had been done was wrong. It is challenging and one must have a die-hard attitude to keep them motivated.



Our boys cleaning our practice ground before practicing.

We are battling with a littering problem in our community. Again, our people have no pride for their own community. We believe by setting an example perhaps the rest will follow.





Sports

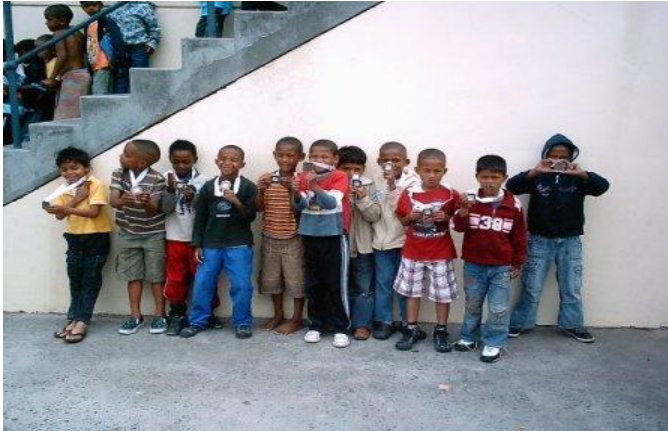
In last month's edition, we mentioned that we won six soccer related trophies. In fact we have won eight!

The GCU boys had a great time at the association end of year party.



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The boy in the middle is Mickyle Jackson has been dominating individual awards at GCU for several years.

He was named the most promising player out of +- 2000 kids. It was a really proud moment for all of us.

Watch out! Who knows he may be part of the future of Bafana Bafana...

