

NEWSLETTER

URBAN VISION IS A PROJECT OF MASIPHANE PROJECTS AND HAVENS, AND AIMS TO IMPACT THE CITY BY REACHING THE POOR



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DEAR URBAN VISION FRIENDS

CORE VALUES

COMPASSION
DRIVEN

COMMITMENT
ANCHORED

CHRIST
MOTIVATED

SERVANT
HEARTED

LEADERSHIP
MINDED

TEAMWORK
ORIENTED

ENTERTAINMENT
CONCIOUS

PRAYER

- Wisdom in Evangelism
- Effective Discipleship
- Solid and Deep Relationships
- Good teachings in our connect groups
- Launch in April

Trust that you are well and that you are as excited about 2012 as I am. Why am I excited???

Well for one thing we are **trusting God to Plant a church in the City centre** . God willing and with us working, it will happen by April.

And Personally, I am also trusting to release an album of my own music. So yes I am excited and if all goes well then this year could be one of the best years of my life. Hope to share every moment with you.. So here's to 2012!!!



**PROJECT DIRECTOR
JULIUS BAKUNZI**

HIS PEOPLE CITY CENTRE

We have been so pleased to be able to journey with God in the Planting of a church in the city Centre.

We began evangelizing Door to Door and on the Streets, in September last year. And already by November I had the privilege of **baptizing 6 men at my house**.

Its sometimes very difficult to reach Men, so we were very happy to see this group of men give their lives to God.

We also started 7 Connect groups in the city, and now our work is to stabilize, grow and ultimately multiply these connect groups.

We also began meeting on Sundays for a Pre-Church meeting. This will allow us to direct all the connect groups to a central meeting place on Sundays, and eventually allow us to Launch the Church in April.. So please Pray Pray Pray, and then after praying, please come visit when you can...



BAPTISM AT MY PLACE



BAPTISING 6 MEN

URBAN VISION IN 2010- FOCUS ON DISCIPLESHIP

2012 will see Urban Vision **concentrating on the discipleship** aspect of its training and development program so that our clients can know and understand that God loves us and wants the best for us.

With Him we can achieve the desires of our hearts, a good job, a home, reconciliation with our loved ones, etc.

There are a number of new people attending our discipleship class on Sunday mornings with the veterans, and they are keen on **changing their thinking patterns** in order to change

their lives through Jesus Christ.

Some of our older people are stubborn, with some finding it difficult to change. But, they are trying, and we are trusting God for a breakthrough in their lives.

We also have a new crop of volunteers this year, and they are **AWESOME**.. A group of fearless young adults, who are more than willing to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ right in the Hillbrow and CBD area. They are a motivation, and i am looking forward to working with them.



GREGORY BEHRENS
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

FOCUS ON PARTNERSHIPS

2012 will also see Urban Vision expanding its partnership base. We hope to partner with other ngo's and churches in the city so that we don't duplicate services that are already being provided by other organizations.

One thing i have learnt is that partnerships work. For example, Urban Visions partnership with the Lutheran church in Hillbrow and "Harambee" (an NGO partnering with established insurance and restaurant companies) resulted in thirteen young adults being placed in entry level jobs, just before the Christmas holidays.

So we have now partnered with a shelter on 3 Kotze (just opposite Constitution Hill) which is owned by the City of jo'burg

We are going to focus all our efforts on the community that lives there. We will focus on discipleship while the social workers focus on the assessment, counselling and hopefully placement of the tenants there

We are trusting that this partnership will be fruitful for the homeless that as each of us does what we are good at, then the Homeless will benefit tremendously. Once again please pray for us



Making Partnerships with the city



Kitchen at 3 Kotze Shelter

“Come visit our Pre-church meetings

SUN	MO	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Service @ 3Kotze & Connect grps	2 Evangelism & Connect grps	3	4
5 Pre-church meeting 9:00–11AM	6	7 Evangelism & Connect grps	8 Service @ 3Kotze & connect Grps	9 Evangelism & Connect grps	10	11
12 Pre-church meeting 9:00–11AM	13	14 Evangelism & Connect grps	15 Service @ 3Kotze & connect Grps	16 Evangelism & Connect grps	17	18
19 Pre-church meeting 9:00–11AM	20	21 Evangelism & Connect grps	22 Service @ 3Kotze & connect Grps	23 Evangelism & Connect grps	24	25 Outreach In the City
26 Pre-church meeting 9:00–11AM	27	28 Evangelism & Connect grps	29 Service @ 3Kotze & connect			

OTHER PARTNERSHIPS THIS YEAR

At the beginning of the new year, the regional manager for **G4 security** services invited us out for lunch in Sandton where we discussed the way forward.

G4 are very interested in us as a vehicle for the training and development of our homeless population.

G4 has up to now trained and employed nineteen young people. The majority of whom are from the city center and live in shelters provided by MES.

Stallion security are also on board as a partner, and have placed almost everybody we have sent to them in work.

Murray and Roberts and **Skills to Furnish** are still willing to help as far as training and placement is concerned

and are waiting on Urban Vision to send our guys. Unfortunately, that can only take place once we have the necessary funding.

Immaculata, an initiative from The Sisters of Mercy from the Rosebank Catholic church help us with the accommodation of clients who are starting work. We look forward to working with them and take this opportunity to thank both brother Selby and brother Jacob, and also sister St John who make up the management team.

NEEDS

- **Old clothing and shoes**
- **Toiletries**
- **Sponsorships (Accommodation and Skills Development)**
- **Mentors and volunteers**
- **Computers/Laptops**
- **Bicycles**
- **Funding for our various training programs.**

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this months newsletter

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