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Flying for Life



I have been privileged enough to see a bit of the world, but I can honestly say that no country comes close to South Africa, a beautiful land with beautiful people but a country that still has a way to go.

The growth and development of the Flying for Life has allowed me to see areas of our country that I never really knew existed, especially the Vhembe District of Limpopo where we work. There is a need for sustainable development in these rural communities and it is crucial to the change we want to see in our country.

Our vision is to bring help, hope and healing to this community.

- Maxine Holman, Managing Director



A 1982 Mini with a Mission

What do a 32 year old car, a 33 year old aircraft engineer, a 54 year old pilot, 4 international borders, an 8800km return trip and a 4 year old child in the rural Vhembe District of Limpopo have in common?

This unlikely team of car, engineer and pilot are embarking on a 4400km journey from Johannesburg - Kenya to raise funds and awareness for the many preschool children in the rural Vhembe

District of Limpopo who have minimal, if any, chance at a decent preschool education. How are you going to get behind these two as they make this road trip? Sponsorship per km, or per border, or assist in some other way?

There are various places on the vehicle to advertise your company, either one way or the entire trip (see available spots under our Upcoming Attractions section)

There will be a few organised challenges for these two as they travel; these challenges will be auctioned off to the highest bidder (Eg. To get Mark and Christo to Bungee jumping at Victoria falls will cost R20 000 and you/your company will be thanked via all our social media platforms).

** Flying for Life is a Section 18A registered organisation and all sponsors will receive a TAX exemption certificate and all corporate sponsors will receive BBBEE points towards their scorecard.



Making a Difference on Mandela Day

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

Last year South Africa mourned the death of one of its greatest leaders, Nelson Mandela, and this is the first year we have celebrated Nelson Mandela Day without him.

In an attempt to live out his statement, Flying for Life sent a group of volunteers to Gondeni, Limpopo on Mandela Day to continue the work at the crèche we built recently.

Last Mandela Day Standard Bank's Transformation Team raised funds towards the building of the Gondeni crèche, which was completed just in time for this year's Mandela Day. Five Standard Bank staff members and a new volunteer joined the MAF team as they flew into Limpopo to paint the crèche and see the fruits of their donations. Pastor Francois Strydom from Shammah Ministries in Louis Trichardt, his wife and two members of his church also assisted us on the day

"For me the experience was an eye opener more than anything else. It reminded me of the social responsibility that each and every one of us still has in trying to reach out to the most marginalised and desperate communities in our country." Sydney Maduna Standard Bank Transformation Team



We were also able to send four medical staff to Donald Fraser Hospital, as part of Mandela Day, on Saturday 19 July to preform 17 cataract surgeries. Bringing the total number of eye surgeries done through our Eye Clinic project to 127.