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THE CURRENCY OF GIVING

In today's economic climate, where people are strapped for cash and feeling the need to hold onto everything, we at Spoudazo are witnessing true examples of people overcoming these realities.

Beudene Daycare for Disabled:

At Beudene Day-care for Disabled, catering for every day needs can be overwhelming – especially with such a huge and vulnerable community to be accountable for. Their approach is yet always one of giving rather than receiving. Their kindness, unconditional service, readiness to give and altruistic attitude, are some of the secrets of overcoming economic challenges.

In Bloemfontein, the heart of South Africa, the life at Beudene Day-care has not gone unnoticed by international communities. Belgium annually sends representatives to help out at the day-care. Their most recent visit was during the second term when Vivato Academy sent a team of their passionate and hardworking students to Beudene. These students, aged 18 to 21 years, are all interns at the institution of Vivato, known for their practise and service orientated learning programmes.

They came to Beudene on a mission to build a sensory environment for the Autistic learners. The swimming pool (that was not utilized for a number of years now) was transformed into a "Snoezle" that serves as an escape room, so to speak.

It provides a safe environment to our more sensory sensitive learners who often feel the need to have some "me-time". Many sensory stimulating toys and creative arts have been strategically placed in the new pay-area.

One of the Belgium students that form part of this team, has a hearing disability herself. The Belgian authorities donated 400 pounds towards a translator that was to travel with her to assist with communication during her time at Beudene.

The student, Phebe Verstraeten, decided that she would cope without the services of a translator and made her donation available as a contribution towards the completion of the "snoezle".



We read and hear about all the economic and social challenges in our beautiful country. Yes, there are many wise political-, economic- and social strategies that provide answers. What we should remember is that some solutions can be found in the example of the naïve, innocent and pure hearted individuals that often gets counted amongst those as seen as the least. Let us follow the example to be givers and supporters and pay our way out of our own challenges and disadvantages.

It is with gratitude that we honour ALL our sponsors who understand the influence of the currency of giving.

We bless you with these words:

"And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity."

Phebe demonstrated the example of giving and placing the needs of others before her own in a perfect way. Her act of love once again demonstrated that giving is an international language (or should we rather call it an international currency?).

Raubex: Vegetable Tunnels:

During the past term Raubex Pty Ltd once again showed their support to local communities by providing five more vegetable tunnels to individuals in the Wepener area. The structures were set-up, whilst planting and training took place during April.

The crops are looking good and the families are already harvesting vegetables. The crops in all the sponsored tunnel structures in the communities of Mangaung, as well, are looking good. It is such a blessing to the beneficiaries.



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