

AfriSam employees raise funds for Mants'ase Children's Home

Thursday, 16 May 2013 - Leading black-controlled construction materials group, AfriSam, has raised funds for Mants'ase Children's Home in Mphahlele, Lesotho, through its Mbeu initiative. The funds were handed over to the home at a celebratory gathering this morning.

Mbeu is AfriSam's ongoing employee involvement programme, through which employees can become active participants in the quest to give back to the community. "Mbeu" is a TshiVenda word meaning seed.

"As part of this initiative five employees of AfriSam took part in the legendary Moshoeshe Walk in March this year," says Thato Tsuene, Country Manager, AfriSam Lesotho. "For each employee who completed the walk an amount of M2 500 was donated from the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) budget. In this way the employees contributed their personal time and efforts towards raising funds for the home," Tsuene says.

Mbeu aims to further AfriSam's mission of building strong foundations in the communities within which the company operates. The initiative involves staff participation programmes in which employees raise funds for various causes and in some instances, get down to physical labour to assist charity organisations.

Mants'ase Children's Home will use the funds to further their mission of providing a sanctuary for orphaned and vulnerable children. The home houses about 50 children between the ages of two and eighteen and aims to prepare and equip these children to be responsible adults and significant contributors to their communities.

Past contributions from AfriSam include the provision of school shoes for the children at the home.

ABOUT MANTS'ASE CHILDREN'S HOME

Mants'ase Children's Home/Mophato oa Mants'ase was founded by an Anglican priest, Father Patrick Maekane, in 1979. The home is a charitable organization set-up essentially to provide a sanctuary for orphans and vulnerable children who might be victims of abuse, negligence, discrimination and with special needs. The home's mission is to prepare and equip the children to be responsible adults and significant contributors to their communities through the provision of:

- ❖ A stable home environment
- ❖ Quality education
- ❖ Quality medical care
- ❖ Spiritual development and ongoing counselling
- ❖ Life skills and community development