

# **Wendy Ryan - International World Missions Unlimited(sm) Consultant**

**Helping women with HIV and Aids in South Africa find hope in Jesus Christ.**

## **August 2008 Newsletter**

Dear Wonderful friends:

I borrow the words of the Psalmist when he wrote: "My heart overflows with a good theme; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer."

**New Classes Start** - On Tuesday August 5, our second set of sewing and computer classes for 2008 began. I cannot begin to describe my joy for two reasons. First we have a delightful group of young women who are ready to learn new skills. This is why I am here and every new class is a fulfillment of God's call on my life to serve Him here. Second, my original plans to begin class seemed to be thwarted by the new building program at Living Hope where these training sessions are held. I had been told we could not use the building until September and struggled with that timing. As usual, after I gave it over completely to the Lord, it turned out we could begin after all and my heart could rest.

### **Welcome Back Margaret!**

From time to time, God sends those extra special moments that fill your heart with bursting praise. One such moment happened this week with the return of one of our young women. I will call her Margaret. She was one of our earliest students but it soon became clear that the traumatic events in her life that led to her living with the HIV virus had affected her mentally. The sewing class provided her with something to do and a new group of friends. However it was difficult to persuade her to take her medication daily and last Christmas I left her so sick in the hospital. She slowly recovered first in the Eastern Cape and then back here in Masiphumelele. Khumi continued to visit her and shower her with love and kept me updated. We prayed for Margaret and helped as we could. When Margaret walked into sewing class with Khumi last week, it was a moment of wonderful joy and overflowing praise. "God saved me," Margaret said. While she may never be able to sew perfectly, she understands the love of the Lord and the love we share in our classes.

### **Bags Update**

Khumi Morare now heads up her own small business group with women from the 2006 class to manage the bags from the purchasing of the cloth to every decision that leads to a sale. This is a tremendous accomplishment and challenge. Already four people have fully paid off their initial loans and are making upwards of seven bags a week.

### **Thank You**

Every day, even when the challenges are huge, I thank God for the privilege of being here and serving Him in what is a most fulfilling ministry. We have seen good and life-changing things happen and I will write more about that. I also thank God for each of you, for your love and support and encouragement and I continue to need every bit of it.