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Dear Friends:

We are off to a strong start, the best one so far. Our classes are full and we even had to turn people away and ask them to come back in August. This year we will have two courses for sewing.

The sewing class, held twice a week has 12 students. Thanks to you our beloved partners we now have new machines in the classroom. There are three teachers, Namgamsso, the lead instructor, assisted by Khumi and Paul. It was so special to sit with them and plan our course work. They have shown such enthusiasm and it is because they really feel they are a big part of our Evangeline team here with me. On one recent day, the hum of sewing machines mingled with a baby's cry and I loved it. Her mother had asked if she could bring the babies to class and I said yes!

Recently, we had a time of such thanksgiving for one of the students, Gladys. We have been plagued by huge mountain fires and one raced through her informal settlement, Red Hill. Her house was spared even though the flames came so close and she is back with us and overflowing with thankfulness to God.

COMPUTER CLASSES

We continue to offer computer classes to the sewing students and others at Living Hope who otherwise would never have this opportunity. Siphokazi, our teacher, works with 24 people and if we had more room and computers and teachers could do so much more.

JOB CREATION

I am awed at how God has worked in this whole program. There are eleven graduates from the last two years who sew the African print tote bags we sell. Through Living Way, a job creation program started by John Thomas, founder of Living Hope, other job opportunities are opening up for them. Living Way has also started a Savings club and several women have already joined up. Step by step, their lives are being changed.

OTHER CHALLENGES

I sense in my heart that God has much to do through Evangeline Ministries here in Cape Town. I have just met with another group of HIV positive women in another informal settlement, Sweet Home Farms and they are so eager to start a sewing program as well. We have an opportunity to partner with a great ministry of the Anglican called The Warehouse. The need is huge but step by step as we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, God points us in the direction he chooses for us.

Your support, as organizations and churches and individuals makes all this possible and means the world to me. I loved visiting all of you at home for Christmas and invite you to come visit us here in Cape Town. I continue to need your prayers and financial help.

BAGS!!!!

You can also order the African print tote bags from us! Contact Mrs. Audra Ryan –Jones for more information. Email: umelliott@aol.com