



Outreach: Transoranje

The 30th of October marked MC Experience's first outreach under the new leadership of Rickert Marais. The team of ten executive members and five society members visited Transoranje, which is one of two schools in South Africa for the deaf community. The team decided to target Transoranje's Pre-primary division which accommodates children between the ages of 3 and 6.



The day began with a presentation by Mrs Martie Swanepoel explaining to the team how the children are referred to them, the causes of deafness and the specialised technology they use to help the children hear and recognise sounds. She expressed the schools goal to connect each learner to an FM system which the educators use to communicate

with learners in class as well as at maximum of 800m.

Thereafter, the team was taken to the playground where the children painted their hands on to the MC Experience banner. An obstacle course was created which the children had to complete before receiving

their gift packs, which were filled with loads of sweets, chips, juice and of course the most enjoyed gift, the 'X-khalibah' bubble bottles.

These bubble bottles were a hit with the children especially because of the fact it is imperative that they learn how to blow in order to use their mouths to their maximum potential without talking. The

children were so taken by the bubbles that they forgot about the sweets and juice, confirming to MC members that they fulfilled a great need.

Some team members then took some time to play and take pictures with the children, while the others were conversing with the educators. The smiles on the children's faces were priceless and although they could not express in words how they felt, the expressions on their faces gave it all away. Then it was that time that everyone loathes, the time to say

goodbye. It was filled with high fives, long emotional hugs and a short motivation

from Mrs Swanepoel.

She inspired the team to take life as it comes, "Don't look at the whole bush,



she said, take down one tree at a time and in the end the bush will be all gone.” The team left donations which included toiletries, stationery and two black plastic scooters.



The outreach to Transoranje was a motivating and wonderful experience. It showed us that above all else these children are learners before they are considered deaf and we should treat them as such. We learnt that being deaf doesn't make one unintelligent but it makes one unique and special. It is easy for well abled people to take their lives for granted but having met these children and their educators, who believe that working there is more a calling than a job, made each member more grateful for the life they have been given.

-Matshepo Tladi

Teambuilding event

As MC Experience's new executive committee we decided to have a team building day to get to know each other and learn how to work together.

At first we didn't know what to do as a team building event although we knew we wanted something that would unite us and make us work well together. Eventually we come up with a brilliant idea to go rock climbing and abseiling.



We all met up at the Big Wall at the LC Devilliers Sports campus. We looked at this wall and assumed that climbing it will be a piece of red velvet cake but boy were we wrong! We all managed to at least give the rock climbing a try, either climbing all the way to the top or stopping half way. The cheering of our fellow members was enough to make anyone feel like the hero of the day. The next activity was abseiling from the top of the Big Wall which too proved to be a somewhat scary but exciting experience.

After abseiling we went to the LC braai area for a sizzling braai and a game of volleyball. The ladies prepared some salads and the young men took over the braai stand. This 'social' proved to be a great way of getting to know each other in a more relaxed and social setting, cementing the fact that we have ourselves a unique and awesome executive committee!

-Francios Marais

Valentine's day!

[M]arvellous [C]upids



As the campus was somewhat shy about Valentine's Day, the MC Experience team decided to be the stand-outs of the big One-Four and take this opportunity to raise funds for our society. What better a day such as Valentines when generosity is meddled

with secret crushes and confessions of undying love that leave people doing whatever it takes and however much it takes to get that special someone's attention?





The team went full out with a variety of scrumptious muffins, decadent fudge and game of Cupid Balloons. Also included was a raffle whereby people could guess how many gumballs were in a container, many thought those were for sale too, not knowing

that they are way too old to hold in their stomachs. Finally, we captured memories with quick-to-process photos. We had our own Camera Lady who took beautiful photos of people holding a custom-made frame and props to add a little sugar to the moment. Those that celebrated or detested Valentine's Day were very much satisfied customers.

The team was proud to see after a long, busy and scorching day that we made a profit close to R1000. All the marketing techniques and prolonged communication was worth it. We truly appreciate all that came to support us and had fun with us. Truly the memories lie in the laughs we made, the love we shared, and the happiness we captured.



-Taffy Muzuwa