

Mission Partner prayer and update 11 May 2025

From the Garden Route Children's Trust

The regular reports we receive from our partners and the many conversations we have on our visits to South Africa consistently emphasise the continued struggles within the poorer communities in which our beneficiaries are based. However, they also highlight that the children benefit hugely from the e'Pap meals and we consistently receive reports such as these (below) from our partners and beneficiaries:

Good day, the e'Pap arrived this morning! Lots and lots of it. Just in time for April. I just want to thank all of you for the instrumental role you play in providing children all over South Africa with this nutritious pap. The GRCT makes all this possible. This is one of the many blessings we receive and because it helps keep our children healthy, it is such an important contribution. You make a huge difference in many children's lives. We appreciate you.

From Alta, the staff and children of Siyabulela Pre-Primary (and the other Kleinmond projects)"

We received the very sad news from one of our other partners, Ma's vir Wellington, that a devastating fire has recently left 200 families in Newrest in Wellington homeless. Ma's vir Wellington, working together with the community and also other organisations, have coordinated an amazing relief effort for all involved, including the continued supply of e'Pap meals to the children.

Fundraising

Thank you to the St Andrew's Oxshott Mission Partnering Committee for inviting the GRCT to host another "Breakfast for Breakfasts" at church on 6 July! An invitation to enjoy a sociable breakfast and, in return, donate towards the cost of e'Pap breakfasts.

Prayer requests

We would be grateful for your continued prayers for our partners on the ground who monitor the projects and who develop relationships with the beneficiaries, for the families affected by the fires and for the relief efforts, for the health of the children during the upcoming South African winter and for wisdom and sustained energy for the GRCT trustees in their work.

We so appreciate your prayers and support. All the best, *Catherine*