

Mission Partner prayer and update 27 June 2025

From The Garden Route Children's Trust

Catherine Michell, from the GRCT writes...

At our recent trustee meeting, we reviewed update reports from our beneficiaries and it is apparent that there continues to be struggles with significant poverty and related social issues in the areas where our beneficiaries live.

Patrick Fleming recently visited our projects in Hout Bay (Cape Town), St Francis Bay and Port Elizabeth and was again struck by the commitment of our partners and the love they show to the communities in which they work. They make a difference in these difficult environments, helped hugely by the generosity of our donors.

A quote from one of the most recent reports (from Hout Bay) illustrates this:

"We are now feeding about 900 Hout Bay children at eighteen large and small creches situated in our informal settlement Imizamo Yethu and the Hangberg area. And we cannot stress enough how much we value the amazing generosity of the Garden Route Children's Trust in making it possible for the optimal physical and mental development of our preschool children.

Eating a regular bowl of e'Pap with its high nutritive content with all the daily vitamins and minerals intake has done much for children to shake off their lethargy and focus on the story read by the teacher and join in vigorous games with regained energy and much laughter and in good health."

We would be grateful for your continued prayer for our partners on the ground who monitor the projects and who develop relationships with the beneficiaries, for the health of the children during this current South African winter, for the upcoming St Andrew's Breakfast for Breakfasts, for the start of our planning for events to be held in our 20th anniversary year (next year) and lastly for wisdom and sustained energy for the GRCT trustees in their work.

Catherine