



World Changers Academy

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING CEO



A new season is coming. For the seven years of World Changers existence, the focus has been on laying the foundations and refining the model. Now is a season for this model to multiply and expand throughout KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, Africa and the World. This process of expansion has already started to take off and new developments, such as a strategic partnership with Mr. Price stores, are likely to give this process a significant boost. With expansion and growth comes significant change – of people, strategies, structures and resources. I would like to thank all those who have invested in laying the

foundations of this organization – through their time, resources and prayers. In the process, many thousands of lives have been transformed. I hope that many of you will continue your support of the organization as it moves into these new frontiers. I pray that World Changers will continue to shine and be a beacon of hope for many.





TESTIMONIES

An excerpt from a speech given by a magistrate, referring to an assessment performed by a social worker in the court of various criminal offenders that the magistrate had referred to our programme.

1. He has got rid of his friends who had a negative influence on him.
2. He is thinking beyond the present what he wants to do with his life.
3. He has a purpose, a vision in his life now.
4. "I am going back to school to finish my matric."
5. "Before, I just went to school because my mother told me, now I have a passion to continue learning."
6. "I want to be a somebody in life."
7. "I now have a goal in life."
8. "I appreciate life and realise that you must respect the earth and the people in it."
9. "Don't take life for granted."
10. "I have learnt to forgive, not only others but myself."
11. "Everything starts with you, namely respect, forgiveness, relationships. If you cannot respect yourself, you cannot respect others."
12. "If you don't have a vision, you can only live in the now and have no vision for tomorrow."
13. "I now help my neighbours if they need help."



Staff members having fun.



Msizi and the Prime Minister of Australia



STATISTICS

CATEGORY	# Students	# Courses	# New Communities or Schools
2009 KZN			
Life Skills for Unemployed	1487	48	11
Leadership for Out-of-school Youth	74	5	
Leadership for High Schools	83	4	
Life Skills for HS students (1 hour, weekly)	1478	26	7
TOTAL 2008	3122	83	18

In total, we have trained 17,520 people through these various programmes since we started 7 years ago.

Partnership with employers - WCA placed 1023 people in 35 different Mr. Price stores in KwaZulu Natal over a 10 week period for 6-day work experience programmes. A rough estimate is that about 1/4 - 1/3 were taken on as casuals in the stores where they did their work experience. WCA has also been placing 100s of people into other companies over the last several years.

Expansion to the KZN South Coast – WCA started working in the KZN south coast in September 2008, working in partnership with the district and local municipalities. We now have continual programmes running in all six local municipalities in this region, funded by the Ugu District municipality and Broederlijk Delen, a Belgian funder.

Expansion throughout KZN and beyond - In addition to WCAs existing expansion in partnership with Tholulwazi (Manguzi), WCA's model has also been adopted in many more areas, including Pietermaritzburg and surrounds (in partnership with SLOT, lead by Dave Lunderstedt), Northwest Province (in partnership with Wits University's Rural Health Department, overseen by Dr. Colin Pfaff), Uganda (in partnership with Beacon of Hope, lead by Jeremiah Lwebuga) and Madagascar (in partnership with the Mission House, lead by Niritsoa Mamitiana). All of these partners use the WCA material and basic model, but they operate under different umbrellas and carry the name of the partner organization.

WCA ambassadors spreading the message overseas

Msizi Gumede sharing podium with Australian Prime Minister at event in Australia

Sizwe Mthembu preaching at Grace Church in Indianapolis (church of 6000 members)





Teams and volunteers – We have been blessed with the following teams:

YWAM teams (Belfast and Worcester)
Soul Action (UK)
Escalon Covenant (California, USA)
Ecoserve and Y-IT employees (Durban)
Mr. Price employees (Durban)

...and volunteers:

Amber Bennett (Indiana, USA)
Cate Fredrickson (Australia)
Christy Reed (Canada)
Jeremiah Lwebuga (Uganda)
Nirintsoa and Toky Mamitiana (Madagascar)
Olivia Cheung (Australia)
Sien Smits (Belgium)
Tawanda Njerere (Zimbabwe)
Thomas Munghono (Uganda)

A special mention goes to our former volunteer Adney Cross (Tennessee, USA), who retired back to the USA after many years serving with the Southern Baptist Mission Board. He served with us for about 5 years, particularly with training students, staff and material development. He wrote all of our life skills participants and facilitators manuals, among numerous other materials.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost: Mazda Midge – stolen, Opel Corsa – totaled

Found (Donated): Ford Bantam (Robin Hamilton Trust) and VW Microbus (SLOT)

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Hillcrest Christian Fellowship (Embo)
Kingdom Life Centre (Umlazi and KwaXimba)
Lungisani Indlela (Amaoti, Inanda)
Lily of the Valley (Mophela, Inkanyezini)
Ubuntu Abande (near Harding)
Smart Exchange and The Development House (Durban central)
House of Prayer (Hammarisdale)
Sukuma Poverty Alleviation (Ohlange)
Greater Molweni Resource Centre (Molweni)
Living HopeCentre (Manguzi)

Current Needs – We currently have many needs, but to highlight just a few...

1. Monthly support
2. Renovation and centre expansion projects
3. Volunteers
4. Equipment for our centre
5. Prayers



Sizwe speaking to leaders in Indianapolis, USA.

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