



Message from the New CEO, Craig Bouchier

The past few months have been incredibly exciting. The FIFA 2010 Soccer World Cup, Ayoba! This was an amazing time in our country to see the rainbow nation "Mzansi" unite. As the games were in the afternoon and evening we were still able to continue with our programmes.

Life skills on the North Coast, has begun with great excitement in a rural area which has never been exposed to Life Skills before. S'busiso who is heading up this project rides to the venue by bicycle each day as there is no public transport. If he walked it would take him two hours one way.

Over the past few months I have met a number of former students who discovered I was with World Changers through WCA logo on my shirt. Each one has a positive story to tell since coming into contact with WCA. I was deeply moved by the story of a young lady who had done our life skills programme whom I met working in a fast food outlet. I asked her to record the story on a digital recorder which she did in the toilet while she was at work. This is an extract from her story; "World Changers has really impacted my life Last week I was raped and the first thing I did when I got home was open my student manual and read on Healing of the pastI want to say thank you, thank you, thank you World Changers, you have helped me so much." We have since arranged for her to receive counselling and to attend our leadership programme. Her manager at work said, "She is one of the best workers, I have found those who have done your courses are better workers."

We are so grateful to all our partners for your continued support and prayers, you are certainly making a difference.

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CHANGING THE WORLD – QUOTES AND STATISTICS

All quotes are from students who attended a recent leadership course, unless otherwise noted.

“World changers have taught me how to forgive and understand other people”

“World changers have instilled a culture of learning and studying in me ‘which I lacked’”

“I was taken by surprise astonished to say the least I went through a process of self discovery and a mental transformation and a lot of things were restored”

“I have started to think differently and have become someone who is driven by purpose”

“I was raped and then discovered that I'm HIV positive. WCA has helped me to have forgiveness in my heart. I feel very well now that I can now stand and talk with people about it, I no longer feel offended when people talk about such things as before. I am now strong”- Life skills & Leadership students from Mayville (2009)

“I'm married for four years but I was cheating on my wife. World Changers have helped me realize that my behavior was destroying my family”

“I was a person who held grudges but now I am free as a dove”.

“Healing of the past and forgiveness has freed me to move into the future with my life”

“I am a physically handicapped person but you have given me a chance to improve myself, now I am no longer discriminating myself from other people”

Statistics

Jan-Jun 2010

941 unemployed have been trained in life skills through 57 courses, of which 116 did our leadership programme.

2026 kids are being trained on a weekly basis in 30 classes at 8 schools and 57 have attended our high school leadership programme.

Programmes



Further Development & Training (FDT) Programme

This is a 3 month volunteer experience and training programme designed to help further train and develop leaders. We've recently completed the 2nd round of this new programme with 6 students, of which 4 have joined our staff. This programme creates an opportunity for us to impart the ethos of the organization into potential staff and helps us in assessing which people are ready to join the World Changers family.

Exhibition in Durban



World Changers Academy has taken part in an exhibition organized by Future Leaders at Curries Fountain stadium in Durban, which proved to be a great success. Almost 25 000 young people from all over KZN province attended, and most passed by our stand. The National Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa was blown away by the work done at World Changers and he encouraged support for all our programs as we together change the world. Several of the key leaders in the Future Leaders organization were groomed by World

Changers through our programmes before joining Future Leaders. Well done Team!!



Teams and Volunteers



Laiden Debecker (Belgium)

We have been honored to host a Belgian volunteer, Laiden Debecker, a student doing a social work degree in Belgium. She stayed and worked with us for three months, serving with our Follow Up programme. She has been part of the team during restructuring of the program to work more effectively. Her involvement also included doing one on ones with the students, gathering feedback, finding opportunities and organising a graduation for the students. She has been a very dedicated student who broke the boundaries of her culture but willingly served under the department and the organisation as a whole.

British and Finnish volunteers

Dan and Alex Drew, from the UK, volunteered for a month in December 2009 through Soul Action, helping us with staff training and doing a staff survey, which was all very beneficial. Building on this, a trio from Finland, Tapio Siren, Tuija Kettunen and Hanna Kuusela, came in July this year for a week and did one on ones with staff, and compiled an additional report for us, along with assisting with our leadership and life skills programmes.

Belfast YWAM team

We had the privilege of hosting a young and vibrant YWAM DTS group from Northern Ireland, Belfast. We spent a wonderful two weeks with them as they got involved in various activities that took place during their time with us, including road cleanup with high schools leadership students. One of the team members, Spha Gcwensa, also happens to be our staff member. He took an extended leave to do this 6 month programme, and has recently come back to rejoin our staff.

Soul Action youth team



Also in July, we were blessed with another team from the UK – this time through the organization called Soul Action. A team of 8 young volunteers went to various schools with our high schools team facilitating life skills and they also helped in painting our walls. Most of the team members were high school students themselves. It's been a great experience for all of us.

Student Profile - S'thembiso Shibe



Sthembiso is from the South Coast, he joined World Changers in 2010. He was born in KwaMadlala area and is a father to a 9 year old girl Nomandla, who is doing grade 4. This purpose driven young man has completed the Life Skills, Leadership and now the FDT programmes. He still cannot believe how he got to

the life skills in his local community in KwaMadlala, near Port Shepstone. "I was involved in smoking dagga and enjoyed being problematic in my community." Things became worse when I had to drop off from college after not being able to afford my fees". He believed that doing his life skills program has saved his life.

He has now become a responsible man of honor and respect both in his community and at World Changers. "I've now volunteered my services at the local clinic and the staff are happy with me there. This is an experience of my life. I love adding value to people lives." He has just completed the FDT program and has joined the staff of WCA. He is looking forward to giving back to his community by continuing to empower others through WCA programs in his region – the KZN South Coast. Congratulations Sthembiso and welcome to World Changers!

Staff Profile - Mondli Msomi



A Day in the Life of Mondli
Mondli Msomi, is a 27 year old fun loving guy. He joined World Changers Academy in 2009. He is an avid soccer supporter, player and he had the time of his life during the 2010 World Cup held in South Africa.

We thought we'll spend a day in Mondli's life giving you an idea of what he is up to. Mondli's day starts at 5:30am, even though he is not a morning person. After spending much time on his appearance he gets to the office usually at 08:30. He starts his morning with a cup of coffee. Mondli is active in the Follow Up department as a hands on facilitator. But today he has two Follow Up meetings to facilitate in two

different townships, so he is out of the office at 07:30am. He boards the taxi to Durban and from there takes another to Umlazi. He has a meeting at 09:00 and concludes at 12:00pm. In this meeting he interviews approximately 20 students and receives feedback on progress of programmes.

He boards another taxi to Durban and from there to KwaDabeka, arriving at 13:15, where the same interviews are conducted until 15:00. He gets back to base at 16:30 to update his records and prepare for the following day.

Expansion Partners

Our partners are going strong in Madagascar, Uganda, Mpumalanga Province, Northern Zululand and Pietermaritzburg. In addition, we have a new partner in London (World Changers Foundation), one soon to come in Cape Town (Bridges for Hope), and several organizations using our materials (Equip Skills in Joburg and YMCA in Durban).



Gori Olusina Daniel of World Changers Foundation (London)

Mr. Price partnership and Student Placements

Of the 640 students trained in the first 4 life skills outreaches for the unemployed in Durban this year, about 270 of them completed the 1 month requirement of being productive after the course through volunteering and studying, and thus were placed in the Mr. Price work experience programme (5-6 days). Of these, nearly 50% were asked to fill forms by the store managers, indicating that the managers' wanted to employ them for casual work. It takes a 1-2 months normally for their forms to be processed, so only a small percentage have actually started working already as casual workers. Also, during the processing stage, some don't qualify due to bad credit histories and other problems.

An additional 84 people were sent for the Mr. Price work experience, many of them are students from last year and from the KZN South Coast. About 40% of them were asked to fill the forms by managers.

We also have been sending our students to many other employment and training opportunities throughout the year.

Partner/Donor Profile – Loving South Africa



“Loving South Africa (LSA) is our largest donor and also a greatly cherished friend, partner and supporter. Without them, much of what we do would not be possible. Other NGOs complain about their donor “horror stories,” where donors prescribe what to do, control, nitpick, etc. However, we have been so blessed with great partners and supporters, and LSA is leading the way. Rather than dictate, they encourage and allow us to prioritise the greatest needs of the moment. They build everything on a foundation of trust and relationship, and choose their partners very carefully, so that they don’t have to put their energy into insuring delivery, but rather they put their energy in enabling us to blossom further and make even greater impact.

They send teams twice a year of highly capable, hand-picked people, who are as eager to help as they are as eager to listen and learn in an attitude of deep humility (the latter being a rare quality). They have put no deadline on their giving, but rather commit to giving on constant basis. Not only this, but the giving has increased significantly over the years. We have also had 6 of our ambassadors visit their people in Indianapolis, including WCA’s two co-founders, Sizwe and Joe, and also two of WCA’s staff who did an internship with them for 2 months (the other two were Noel, a board member, and Vusi, a product of WCA who is a great ambassador for the organisation). Loving SA, thank you. We look forward to continuing and deepening our partnership!

Note: In the next newsletter, we plan to highlight our partnership with the Belgian supporter, Broederlijk Delen.

Recent Community Partnerships for Life Skills Courses

- Seed of Hope (Bhekulwandle)
- Vukukhanye (Chesterville)
- Ubuntu Abande (Near Harding)
- Smart Exchange/The Development House (Durban)
- Children of Destiny (Hammarisdale)
- Sukuma Poverty Alleviation (Ohlange)
- Greater Molweni Resource Centre (Molweni)

Priority Needs

- Monthly financial support
- Equipment for our leadership centre
- Leadership centre renovation and expansion
- Volunteers
- Prayers

Special Thanks

Robin Hamilton Trust – R50k donation for renovation of our roof and facilities

Dynamic Fibre Mouldings – Many recent significant “surprise” donations

WAYN.com – Profiling our organization, recruiting volunteers, designing web banner – see www.wayn.com/profiles/WorldChangersI

Warren Camp – Completely revamping our website (and bearing with us in all our changes)

National Lotteries Board – For a significant once-off donation for our programmes

Foothill Community Church – For supporting us for so many years

Ross Norton – For faithful contributions for many years

Spar Group – For supporting our Rehab programmes in the courts