



# George Newsletter

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*For many, Psalm 91 became a reality and I will be the first to say it is ONLY His shelter that is keeping us:*

*He who dwells in the shelter of Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

*He will cover you with His wings.....*

*His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.. You will not fear the terror .....*

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**I**SIPHO (job creation and sustainability during Covid-19) Sally

As COVID-19 hit our nation, one of our immediate challenges was to have a plan to sustain the LIFE to keep our doors open and to provide employment for as many of our staff as possible. God is faithful. Luke 16:10 says “Faithful with little, faithful with much”.

As we prayed for a miracle the demand for fabric masks escalated and we were prepared for this increase. God poured out orders, and we were able to increase our team from 4 to 6 plus 10 volunteers overnight. We have worked nights, weekends and in two teams to meet this demand. God is faithful and we have turned over +- 10,000 masks during this time. Perhaps the most exciting part for me is that people have employment during this difficult time. TO God be the glory! Thank you

to those who have purchased masks and supported us with this project. We are deeply grateful.



**W**e approach a time when we literally “start coming out of our cocoon”, after the severe lock down on the 26th of March 2020. Many were affected, not so much directly contracting the virus, but with the devastation of fear it brought into the lives of people as well as the economic melt-down because of the lock down. The Lord graciously, miraculously sustained us as we DAILY experience His Intervention in the ministry.

Psalm 90:17 “May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands”. The Lord established the work of our hands and we are reporting to you because you have all had a part in this journey, which is NOT over by any means but the Lord is teaching us to ‘number our days that we may gain a HEART OF WISDOM.’ Psalm 90:12. This is our heart’s cry—A heart of Wisdom

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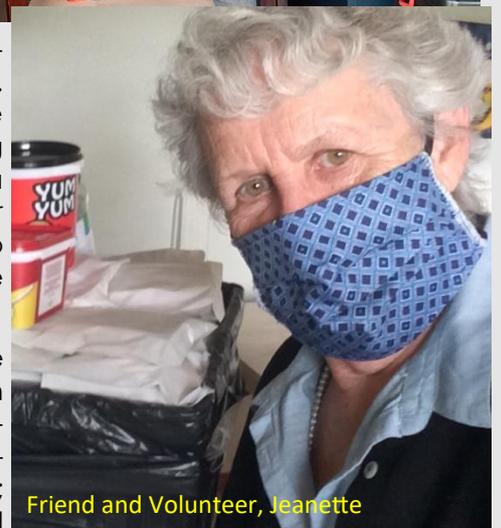
**L**ockdown ... a new way, a new challenge, a new reality, a new silence, no control.

Working under lockdown made me realise how much you miss your colleagues, how much you depend on each other every day, a smile, a hug, a word of encouragement, a prayer. Working from home made way for finding new inspiration and a constant ping on your phone to connect to the outside “workplace”.

Most time spent was on admin, assisted with cutting masks; connected with staff to keep them updated and motivated them. Personally I appreciated the things more I was taking for granted, fresh air and sunlight, taking time to listen to the sounds around me.



New spreader friend



Friend and Volunteer, Jeanette

**JESUS + FAMILY + STAFF + FRIENDS + CHURCHES + VOLUNTEERS = LOVE**

Going into lockdown for Covid-19 was unexpected and never experienced before. It felt like the majority of the people in the world were living with fear and anxiety.

However, through fundraising for Life Community, showed me a completely different picture.

We had started a Crowdfunding campaign online called 'Stand in the Gap' to raise awareness and money for the Food and Nutrition Projects (Ezekiel 22:30).

Different churches, family members, friends, staff, Love George, Lions Club, businesses and complete strangers started uniting to make a difference and add value to the community.

It is always powerful to see local and international communities coming together to build God's Kingdom, through donations, sharing a link or liking a picture on FB etc. All this actioned by the Life team and others, allowed Life to continue sharing food and the love of Jesus with the children. Let us continue to be a world full of people who Stand in the Gap! David May (Marketing Manager)

Be a part of this unty by clicking on [www.givengain.com/cc/stand-in-the-gap-the-fight-against-covid19/](http://www.givengain.com/cc/stand-in-the-gap-the-fight-against-covid19/)



**W**e continued our Holistic Approach as we exercised Isaiah 58 :

From the time our government told us to stay home till the final lock-down on 26th March, many emotions were experienced. Fear, anger, the unknown, etc.

As we prayed the Lord gave us a clear plan of action.

**Nutrition:** We Immediately launched a sandwich and "food raising" campaign. Sandwiches, fruit and eggs went out to 500 kids and by the second week in April we were over 1000 kids—to date we are serving +1,500 children.

It took us 5 weeks of struggling to gain a permit to re-open our kitchen. We are now functioning full time. The kitchen prepares soups, stews and rice dishes three days and will be sending sandwiches two days per week.

**Education:** The teachers and staff tirelessly prepared packs and made sure the children received instruction via Whatsapp and other means. Parents/guardians had to collect work packs on their way to the stores and to distribute we gained special permission.

**The Word:** A volunteer graces us with Bible Verses delivered for every children at the food stations throughout the George Area. The children receives a verse per day with their daily bread.

**Food:** A very dear friend sponsors bread at approximately R4000 per week (depending on the need) since the lock-down. The generosity of people have

moved our hearts. Churches support us (Shofar, Bikers Church, Hope Church and Love George, (an NGO) Lions club. Friends (local and overseas) ,family and businesses support with donations. Farmers support us with fruit like we have never seen before. This is how the Lord takes care of the children and staff. The Spreaders tirelessly spread 1500 sandwiches. Badger Holdings sponsors a large amount of spreads .

A USA friend who gave toward staff salaries and blessings, enabled us to keep staff going. You have made this a worthwhile journey and we say THANK YOU. We cannot repay you but the Lord is the Rewarder. The children have not gone hungry. Staff, parents and friends who have not had an income, received food parcels of which we have distributed close to 300 over this time period. A MASSIVE THANK YOU and BLESS YOU



*Thank you for blessing us with your contributions.*

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Hand washing is high on the priority list. At every feeding station we supply basins, soap, and excitement.....

The children had to find "creative ways" to keep busy. When we had snow on the mountain these two friends built snowmen out of mud! CREATIVITY at it's best!



**SCRUBS @R400**

Order scrubs from LIFE Community services and support our feeding programme. We feed 1400 children daily in George CONTACT: Sally Versfeld @ 0722415442



It starts in George with our Spreading friends, lands up at our home (driveway); Get's packed and handed to the children.

Sustainability is the name of the game. We sell mask and Scrubs!

Still our passion—FOOD GARDENS Even during lock-down!



Food Parcel handover and clothing handover

Family Homes in lockdown. We are so impressed with our Foster Moms and thankful to Melissa for the meaningful way they have dealt with lockdown. Weekly there are lesson plans, school 9-12, dramas, 7.30am walks, creativity, games and more. They have all been angels! We bought supplies with TJE ADDITIONAL FOSTER GRANT MONIES to enhance their education! These children are worthy, much loved, love Jesus, prayer warriors, finding their purpose and gifts! Thank you God for family and Melissa and Arno.

