

SIZANANI

ACADEMY OF SEWING AND DESIGN

P O Box 169
Pinetown
3600

Pinetown Methodist Church
7 Church Lane
Pinetown
Tel: 031 7027 357
Cell: 083 338 6900
Fax: 031 7020197

e-mail: Sizanani@ptnmeth.org.za

facebook page: Sizanani Academy of Sewing and Design

website: www.sizanani-academy.org.za



Dear Friends

May 2013

During this month of May, Pinetown Methodist Church has been highlighting its different outreach projects at the 4 worship services that are held each Sunday. It is good to be reminded of what members of this Church community have been led by God to do for the larger community here in Pinetown – John Wesley School (for children from Grade 0 to Grade 7), Phakamisa (through their Educare, childminders and caregivers training), Greenfields retirement home (for the elderly on limited resources) and of course, Sizanani with its sewing skills training.

We would like to interpret ‘mission’ in other ways:

- * **Generosity and ‘gossip’!** You visit the large supermarket near the Church to do your weekly groceries. When you come out of the supermarket, a young man comes over to help you unpack the trolley and you thank him with a tip of +/- R3.00. This young man comes from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and lives in Durban with his wife and 2 children. He hears ‘*gossip*’ about Sizanani from a member of the congregation and from the *tips that he receives from you (generosity)*, he pays for his wife to learn how to sew.
- **Donate your excess:** You are going through your cupboards at home. Maybe you are down-sizing your home and having to clear out excess stuff, or maybe you are just tired of bulging cupboards. You end up with bags of fabric and trimmings that you decide to *donate* to Sizanani rather than throw away. Those scraps have been used to make bags and outfits by the students.
- **Take up the challenge – use your talents:** You are nudged by the spirit during a church service to use your talents to enable mission work to



happen. So you *put together an afternoon of entertainment* for a group of friends and charge everyone to attend and donate the proceeds to Sizanani.

- * **Recycle:** One of your work contacts is a clothing factory, and on one of your visits to this factory, you are asked if you know of somewhere where *off-cuts of fabric and trimmings can be donated*. You know that Sizanani would welcome them, so you fill your van with boxes and rolls and drop them off.

These photographs show what can be made from donations and recycling.



- **Discernment.** You are a funding organisation from another continent, and you receive and read a proposal and *make a decision* to make a financial contribution to a project on the other side of the world. That contribution enables the project to be sustainable for a year.

All these photo's show the beneficiaries of your generosity.



Spread the word, 'gossip' to everyone about Sizanani and the difference the project makes to people's lives. Encourage young (and not so young) people to learn a skill that can sustain them throughout their lives, not only by bringing in an income, but by feeding their creative spirit and growing their God-given talents.

God bless you all

Sharon and Mpume