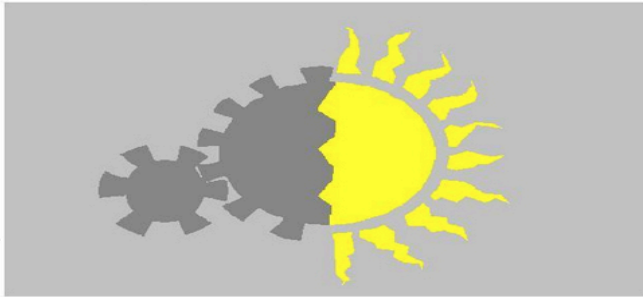


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“Siyanibingelela nonke.” (We greet you all.)

News Flash: Light Providers is no longer simply an emerging organisation. Today, it's become a guiding light for the entire Valley of a Thousand Hills. In 2011, LP incredibly doubled the effect it had had with local people over the previous year. As a result, it's LP leadership's opinion about itself that, if it were no longer an active, successful, community-outreach organisation, "Our Valley would succumb to darkness." LP's goal is to eliminate social and financial dependence in the community by training, inspiring, and building up leaders to improve society here, day by day.

Light Providers' Choir Makes a Name for Itself

What a year 2011 has been for Light Providers Choir! It's a joy to see it grow to become a world-class performer. The LP Choir's new CD — "Every Nation Bows Down" (see photo below) — was recorded live. Internationally, people love the music and CDs are selling well. LP is quick to thank Pinetown's Highway Community Church's youth



Back and front of "Every Nation Bows Down"; Light Provider Choir's first CD



LP Choir, entertaining local fans on 20 October

pastor, James Preston, for his consistent belief in and support of this group of talented young people.

Although the choir's scheduled November performances in Germany had to be cancelled, LP is delighted with the choir's resolve to develop itself as a renowned choir. Please contact [Nosipho Ntuli](#) for information about ordering one or more CDs. Thank you very much for your support.

School Debate and Drama

A newly formed Light Providers' programme — School Debate and Drama (SDD) — designed to reach out to high schools in and around KwaNyuswa, celebrated its first debate and drama presentation in 2011. On October 21, students from Thabela and Maqhutshana High Schools engaged in head-to-head competition presentation. Sixty students from both schools participated passionately with two teachers, all of whom had appreciated the fruitfulness of the SDD debates and drama presentations covering critical topics: Leadership, Human Trafficking, HIV's Impact, and Rape.

Trained Leaders Welcomed

Light Providers is known for its unique perspective on the development of youth in South Africa, especially those living in and around KwaNyuswa. Besides Nosipho Zuma joining LP as a human resources (HR) intern this year, Zanele Bhengu joined LP as a life skills trainee. After taking and completing her life skills course, Zanele decided to further her studies by enrolling in PC College, the training college at which she studied HR and Administration Management. The LP family gratefully welcomed her into practice and is very proud of her progress. Zanele is an outstanding example of how young people who have successfully completed life skills empowerment training have immediately taken full responsibility for future living. Congratulations, Zanele!

Born Again Women

Today, Light Providers is pleased to continue helping additional KwaNyuswa family members. Mrs. Cwengi Myeni (center, standing), a citizen of KwaNyuswa from Hillcrest AIDS Centre, remains a driving force in the community with the assistance she offers as a powerful catalyst. Focussing on family development, Mrs. Myeni empowers, encourages, and supports women; those who head most Valley of a Thousand Hills families. Such are the women who stand up to challenging issues as they change the world; the world in and around them.

Light Providers continues to walk alongside this group of dedicated women who number more than a thousand across the Valley. Ending the year 2011 on an encouraging note, LP conducted an additional leadership training programme in Nov 2011. Beginning with LP's initial involvement last year with this woman's support group, it's reassuring to see women strive to become strong leaders with a revived vision and a rejuvenated life. One trained woman affirmed the positive effect the training had had on her life by saying, "...*We've truly been born again.*"



Mrs. Myeni starts the leadership training course by introducing herself and the training program to many eager-to-learn gogos.

Sports News

“Is the History Makers soccer team ‘kicking butt’ or what?” The answer is yes. History Makers has become a most-respected soccer team in and around KwaNyuswa. In the last couple of months, History Makers participated in and won a few tournaments in Kwa- Nyuswa, more outside the city. Light Providers is very proud of its team’s achievements. Comprised of four teams — U13/, U/15/, U/17, and Open (the senior team) — History Makers symbolizes the incredible development of kids, especially those under the age of 15, who are at a vulnerable age due to the lack of activities available for early high school students to do after school days end in South African. Thankfully, kids’ confidence arose in 2011 based on how their skills, abilities, and gifts had been harnessed and made to flourish.



The coach’s half-time chat to his boys

Also in 2011, History Makers adopted Nyuswa Senior Primary School in its development of soccer and netball for boys and girls. Tseko Mokgeseng, LP’s sports manager, says, “*Working with kids has encouraged me a lot because they are the most willing and humble bunch who are hungry for development and change.*” Tseko’s vision for 2012 is to take the entire sports programme, not only LP’s but those in and around KwaNyuswa, to a higher level. That way, more and more schools would dedicate their focus and efforts toward children’s development while offering worthwhile opportunities for existing players as they introduce and promote new sports codes that will benefit everybody.

With Thanks

Light Providers does not look at 2011’s fruitfulness as something to enjoy by itself. Rather, LP understands that, without the generous and dedicated support of great organizations such as Loving South Africa, it could never have successfully had the positive effect it has had on so many deserving people.

As Light Providers’ director, I was honored to have been invited of Loving South Africa to visit Indianapolis (USA) for two weeks. Taking that journey was a wonderful way to end the year 2011. Seeing LSA there in action impressed me as I witnessed from the ground up all that LSA does to support its partner organizations in South Africa as everyone fights HIV/AIDS’ pandemic here in the world’s epicenter. Since the signing of LSA’s official partnership with Light Providers in 2009, we at LP are thankful for the many blessings and provisions that LSA has given us.

Because LSA is currently the source of 90 percent of LP’s income, all of us at LP honor and thank Loving South Africa for continuing to enable Light Providers to do all we do to train and empower community leaders to help alleviate the burdens imposed by HIV/AIDS. We thank you for serving us so well and so faithfully. Together we’ll battle that giant without ceasing.

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On behalf of Light Providers, I'd like to thank every one of you: our supporters. Your help and encouragement spur us on to improve many more lives. Representing Light Providers' leadership, I thank you.

Siyanda Chonco . . . and the Light Providers team

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