

NEWS & VIEWS

2019 2nd EDITION

YOUNG WOMEN

You are of eternal value and significance because God doesn't make junk. Regardless of who mistreated you, what lies you've been told, or how bad your past has been - you have a future and God has good plans for you. Life can be bad, but God's heart is always good! And only He can turn the bad into good. (Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, said the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.")

You have an amazing contribution to make to the lives of others. God created you for the purpose of serving Him in the lives of others. This will be your family, your friends, your community, your co-workers, and your future family. People you've never met are counting on having your good influence someday. Don't mess it up! (Proverbs 27:17, "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.")

You have great skills and abilities to develop for God's glory. Don't compare yourself to others. Let God help you become who He designed you to be. You have gifts and abilities that you have yet to discover and develop, so don't lose hope! (1 Timothy 4:14, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee...")

Your only hope for real happiness is a real, private, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It starts at salvation, but that's just the beginning! Walking with Him, knowing Him, and learning of Him on a daily basis is where life is really at its BEST! (Proverbs 18:24, "...there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.")

You will live by faith, whether you do your will or God's will - be smart - place faith in the One who is in control. Life is not a sight/faith proposition. It's a faith/faith proposition. Either you place faith in yourself - blind faith since you are neither in control nor all knowing. Or you place faith in God - intelligent faith since He is all powerful and all knowing! Be smart - go with God! (Romans 1:17, "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.")

Your only hope for the fulfilment of your deepest dreams is to passionately pursue God. If you chase dreams, you will come up disappointed, even if they get fulfilled. Dreams are the product of the design of God - He knows how to fulfil them. Loving Him is your job! Fulfilling your heart is His job! Don't get the roles reversed! (Psalm 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.")

Your pathway to godly success is littered with traps and pitfalls - so follow the Guide. God's Word is the ultimate guide. When you know God and know His principles, you are safeguarding your steps. Unless you want to step into a lot of pain, stay close to the Guide! (Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.")

Your greatest enemy is impatience. Waiting is hard - ok. But look at it differently! You aren't merely waiting! You are preparing! Don't rush what God is doing in your life right now. Let Him have His way in His time, and don't always wish you were three years down the road. Impatience destroys more people than anything else I know! Be willing to wait for God's best! Illustration: Would you rather have a rand today or a million rand next week? The best is worth waiting for! (Hebrews 10:36, "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.")

Your greatest assignment is preparation. Most big mistakes in young adult lives somehow involve trading preparation for pretence. In other words, rather than really preparing for God's best in His time, let's just rush forward and pretend we're there already. Bad decision. Stick with the preparation of youth! You'll be WAY ahead of the rest of the planet when life demands the most of you. (Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.")

Your greatest asset is godly authorities, advisors, and counsellors. God has given every life some good authority - even if some authorities have let you down. Somebody in your life will help you make right choices, avoid wrong, and see clearly through the fog of youth. One of the best decisions you could make is to trust godly authorities. Question them - fine - then listen to the answers they give and follow their advice! Godly authorities have no desire to control you, but they do want to protect you! (Exodus 20:12, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.")

Please - live life God's way! While everything will try to drag you off track, I promise, you will never regret it! God has a good life in store for you - so go get it by His grace!

Acknowledgement: Ps Carey Schmidt, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Newington, CT, USA

National Office



Our office is separate to that building. The rent we pay provides for: a generator facility for when the power goes off (!); each Suite is cleaned and serviced each week; 24/7 security; air-conditioning, and there is parking available for tenants and their visitors.

Office hours are:-

Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:00pm

Friday 8:30am to 3pm

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The YW Website

Megan Lofthouse (CT YW Manager) offered to design a fresh new website for The YW.

This took a few months to complete and have everyone happy with the layout, information, colour, etc. Finally in early September the new website was uploaded and operational.

We trust that this will encourage more young ladies to consider staying at our Houses whilst studying at the universities and colleges in these areas.

The YW website: www.theyw.co.za

Blessings to you all

Noreen Hallam - National Administrator

Our office faces north so is lovely and warm - something I will really appreciate during the cooler months. There are four parts to the new office: (1) the office area and the table/chairs for our Executive and Trustee meetings, occupy the main room; (2) an inner room where all the filing and storage cabinets are housed as well as the kitchen area; (3) a smaller room for washing up, and finally (4) a toilet with a hand basin. It is so lovely to be somewhere warm and completely self-sufficient.

NATIONAL OFFICE'S NEW LOCATION

"The LORD is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped." Psalm 28:7.

The YW National Office relocated its office earlier this year due to the expiry of our lease and changes being made at Baptist Union House which had been our home for the past seven years. Where would we go? Where would God provide a place for us? We have been amazed at His perfect provision!

We are now situated at:

Madison Square Office Suites - No. 15

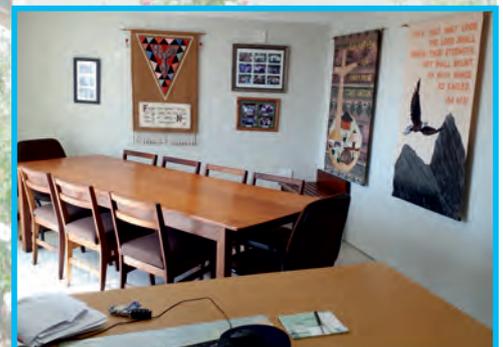
1 Fifth Road

Northwold

Gauteng 2188

This address also serves as our new postal address.

Madison Square Office Suites is an office park consisting of 14 other offices housed within a large house-like structure.



BLOEMFONTEIN NEWS & VIEWS

How time flies...the dreaded cold Winter has made way for Spring with Summer following, and at times Summer has overtaken Spring.

We have been very busy upgrading our House here in Bloemfontein. All our bar fridges, beds and cooking tops were replaced with a bigger fridge, a good quality base and mattress set and a mini-oven. During the June/July holidays all the original shower doors, taps and shower heads were replaced with new ones. This is such an improvement and joy to use as the old ones were beyond repair.

Our garden irrigation system, with water being supplied by our borehole, was also up-graded and our garden is starting to look lovely due to being watered for short periods regularly at pre-set times. This is really such a blessing.

Work was also done to our roof: replacing of broken roof tiles, fixing and painting the fascia boards before waterproofing; treating all gutters, down-pipes and the rusted hand railings on our first floor outside passages, and giving it all a fresh coat of paint.

Projects that still need to be done, are the replacement of all wooden windows and doors with aluminium ones, the painting of the office and all the Residents' rooms, as well as replacing the old carpets with new carpets.

This upgrade was long overdue but because of financial restraints it could not be done on the scale which we are doing it now. Our House is really starting to look good and it is with pride and joy that the ladies can show their families and friends where they stay.

The Committee and I, our staff and ladies want to thank The YW Trust for giving us the money to upgrade our YW House.

Almarie Gouws
Manager



Our courtyard - Braai area view



Our courtyard - Entrance view



The entrance to the YW Bloemfontein



The painting needed to be done



The painting completed



Beatrice

My name is Beatrice.

I am a Nigerian, but I have been living in South Africa for a long time. I schooled in the Eastern Cape and only recently moved to Bloemfontein to enrol for my PhD in Environmental Management at the University of the Free State. Although this is only my second month at The YW, it feels like home to me already. I enjoy the good facilities and the pleasant people at this accommodation. Almarie, the Manager is wonderful, always looking out for all the ladies like we are her own children.

Knowing that The YW is a home away from home makes me happy and at peace always. I grew up in a Christian home and I have grown to know God on a personal level. Having the assurance that Christ died to set me free in all aspects of my life keeps me going when it gets tough. I am working on ways to contribute to teaching children about Christ at an early age so that they are grounded in God as they grow up in this dark world.



Devonay

I'm Devonay.

I'm 23 years old and from Upington, Northern Cape. I'm an introvert/extrovert and I was born and raised in Upington and I attended school there. After school I came to Bloemfontein to study further. I'm currently studying tourism at Damelin and this is my 2nd year. I'm a Christian and I am living by the scripture Psalm 37:23 – "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him." up of girls who look out for each other and share teachable moments with. I love this place and I will cherish it forever.

My name is Jessica.

Almarie has also taken good care of each and every one of us here. The YW is like a home in a sense that I feel safe even during the crisis where women were violated; I always felt like I could sleep easy, especially with the security systems that are in place to protect us. And I especially love living at the YW because Tannie cares about us as if we are her kids and just not tenants which for me gives me a sense of peace and I Thank God each day to have an opportunity to call The YW my second home.

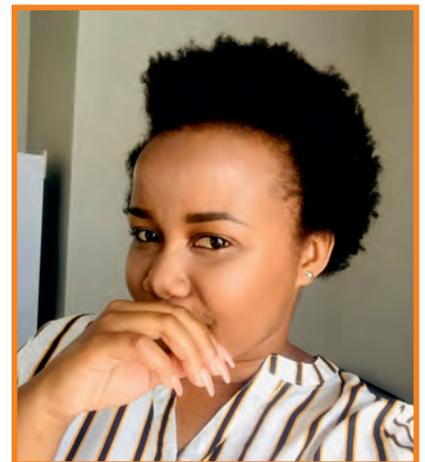
Hi, I'm Prudence.

Being a full time student far away from home can be the biggest challenge one faces in life. There is so much that is expected of you and you have so much you expect of yourself but meeting the expectations and the chances of attaining the expectations can be minimal. You have so many challenges to face in between that you need to triumph that you're not ready for or that you did not even know they'll be there.

Knowing God and accepting him in my life has made life so much easier in many ways possible. Reading the bible and meditating on it has made all things possible. Knowing and dwelling on the promises of God took down my anxiety levels about this life and where I'll end up in it. Knowing what God is capable of doing gave me peace of mind concerning a lot of things because I have assurance that Jesus has the wheel. The struggles that I faced taught me to develop a thick skin about myself, they made me appreciate where I come from (being a pastor's kid), my struggles drew me closer to God because in my struggle that's where I knew I needed Him more and in conquering my problems that's when I experienced His favour, grace and mercy, and that's where I got affirmation that God loves me. What I can say to those who are still coming is that, know who you are and never forget who you are, have pride in who you are, stick to your morals and principles about this life because they are the bridge between your dreams and reality. "Trust in God and lean not on your own understanding." (See Proverbs 3:5)



Jessica



Prudence

My name is Mmabatho.

Living in a Christian girl's home has been good for me. My mental state, spirituality, and well-being as a whole. Being away from home as a girl is hard but now living in a Christian home for girls has given me a sense of a second family, being around people who are like-minded, share the same values and who have given me a sense of family away from my actual family. I am able to concentrate on my studies without any outside distractions. With what has been happening in our country lately living here has given my family and myself peace of mind coz of the safety that is provided for us 24/7 on the premises.



Mmabatho

Sarel

Family means everything to me – whether it be blood relatives or friends – it's people you can count on when you need their help and comfort. I believe The YW Christian Residence is a place I can call home because you feel safe and loved. When life gets hard I turn to my friend who is my roommate and always ask God to strengthen me through tough times. I'm a third year student at Central University of Technology studying Diploma in Marketing.

My name is Khanyisa Mbina.

I am originally from the Eastern Cape, East London. When I first decided that I was going to study in Bloemfontein I had no idea where I was going to live, but alas I moved to Bloemfontein with confidence that I would find the right place for me.

When I thought I had found the right place a friend of mine told me about the YW. She invited me over and convinced me to stay here instead. I am so happy I made that choice. I am happy and safe here. I am a part of a wonderful group of girls who look out for each other and share teachable moments with. I love this place and I will cherish it forever.



Khanyisa



Sarel

Nashipi. Faith and courage in life - by Angie.

In life there are people that will hurt us and cause us pain, but we must learn to forgive and forget and not hold grudges.

In life there are mistakes we will make, but we must learn from our wrongs and grow from them.

In life there are regrets we will have to live with, but we must learn to leave the past behind and realize it is something we can't change.

In life there are people we will lose forever and can't have back, but we must learn to let go and move on.

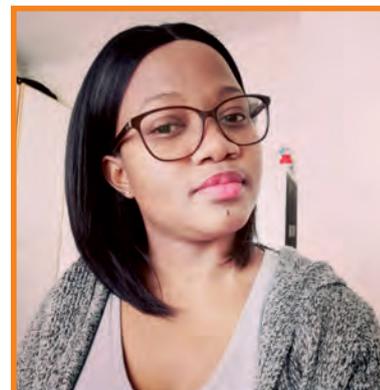
In life there are going to be obstacles that will cause interference, but we must learn to overcome these challenges and grow stronger.

In life there are fears that will hold us back from what we want, but we must learn to fight them with the courage from within.

God holds our lives in His hands. He holds the key to our future. Only He knows our fate.

He sees everything and knows everything.

Everything in life really does happen for a reason: "God's Reason"



Nashipi

CAPE TOWN NEWS & VIEWS

Since our last communication in the first edition of News & Views 2019 we have had quite a variety of events and are now delighted to be able to tell you more about them.

During March and early April we tried to motivate reading amongst our residents by starting a Pyjama Party Book Club. This we named The Wise Owls (do you get it - Y's Owls) Book Club. The ladies were invited to gather in the lounge in their pyjamas and the book chosen to be read on these Sunday evenings was Stormie Omartian's life story, *Out of Darkness*. Hot chocolate, flavoured cold tea, coffee, biscuits, marshmallows, chocolates – all had their turn at being offered during the weeks that this took place. The ladies were invited to read to the others in the room from the book. While one lady was reading we encouraged the others to knit squares. Many had to be taught to knit. Wool and knitting needles were given to each of the attendees to motivate them to learn and take part. These evenings were lovely, relaxing and enjoyable times ending with chatting and prayer. The ladies indicated that they didn't want this to be a long-term event and so it was stopped at the end of the semester. It doesn't seem to have had the desired effect of motivating the ladies to make use of our collection of books in The YW library, but it was a good time of connecting with the residents.

As most of our ladies were going home for the Easter long weekend, we had a celebratory braai on the Tuesday before Easter to coincide with the meeting our Life Coach holds each week with the ladies. During the evening we served dessert, which was a chocolate fountain with fruit and sweet items for dipping. This turned out to be great fun. We had hand-made pom-pom bunnies and crosses on the tables for decoration. Easter morning we served hot cross buns and marshmallow Easter eggs.

In the lead-up to Easter a scripture verse per day was put onto the noticeboard. As the next verse was put up so the previous one was moved to the dining area. We hoped that these verses would help remind the ladies of the true meaning of Easter. On Easter Sunday this culminated with "Jesus is Alive". The verses remained on the noticeboard for a while after Easter.

Our AGM was held in May. All the reports and financials were printed into booklet form and given to the attendees as they arrived. Dawn Marais, our President, welcomed everyone and facilitated the meeting and Juliet gave a super address to all those present. Juliet is a young lady from Kenya who is a medical doctor and studying further to become a specialist oncologist. Her talk was very inspirational. Tea, coffee and eats were served before and after the meeting.



Bookmarks made for attendees



Aylah reading to the group



Enjoying the feast



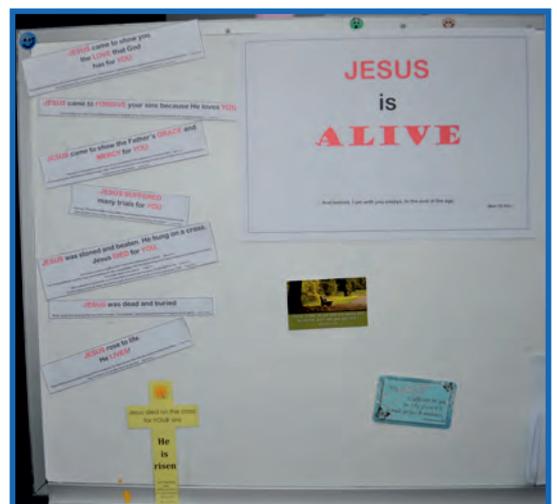
The chocolate fountain waiting to be enjoyed



Visitors reading the AGM booklet



Dawn Marais opening the meeting



Easter verses on the noticeboard



Paul, Luzelle and Tumi having fun

After a period of about two months, during which we were not able to arrange any function due to residents coming and going for the staggered college breaks, we hosted a Games Night on the 1st of August. This started after dinner and the ladies who arrived ended up playing games such as Yatzee, 30 Seconds, Balderdash and Rummikub. Cake and hot chocolate was offered during the evening, which went down a treat. Participation was initially slow, but the evening evolved into an evening of noisy conversation and laughter. Our younger committee member, Luzelle, and her husband, Paul, joined us for the evening and later moved into the lounge and spent time with a group of the ladies chatting over very pertinent and in-depth life questions. We are so grateful to have a young and involved committee member.



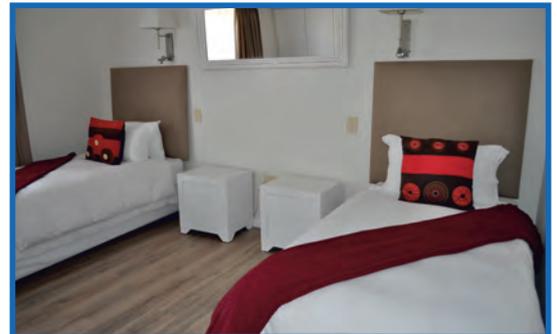
L to R: Rebecca, Vicky, Ashley, Thabile and Lindo

Following our invitation to Juliet to return to speak to the ladies in the house, she joined the Connect Group on the first Tuesday in August to commemorate Women's Day. Only a small number of ladies attended the evening, but Juliet was able to share with them in an intimate way and we were told that some life experiences were discussed in further depth. Juliet's feedback to us was that it had been a meaningful and beneficial time.

Our guest accommodation was in dire need to an upgrade. We spent from May to July, our quieter guest time, replacing the carpets with wooden flooring, painting the walls and replacing the furniture. New beds, a new wall mounted flat screen television and upholstered chairs were bought to replace

what was there. We bought curtaining fabric and Alice and Heathia, our housekeeping staff, made new curtains for all the guest rooms. With the balance of the fabric we covered two single headboards for one of the rooms. The final result is very pleasing and we have had some positive feedback from guests.

We are excited with the progress of our building plans. We have had the approvals, from the various departments who needed to have input into the new building, so all we now need is sign-off of the plans from Council. In the meantime our Quantity Surveyor and Architect can move forward with the tender process. We hope that building will be able to start in February 2020 for completion towards the end of 2020. Once this project is completed we will have a further 18 self-catering studio apartments making a total of 27 studios on our property. Our vision is to have these studios occupied by mature students or ladies starting their careers in the professional world.



Morton Wing Room 1

As summer is approaching we are getting more and more enquiries for our guest accommodation during the holidays. With the bookings we now have our guest accommodation should be full from the beginning of November to the end of February. This will bring in some very welcome income over the months when most of our students leave us to spend time with their families.

We are also getting a significant number of enquiries from families who wish to send their daughters to stay at The YW next year. It is encouraging that our accommodation seems to be on various listings of local colleges and universities.

On 24 September, Heritage Day, we are planning a visit to the local SA Children's Home. Our ladies are being encouraged to go and connect and play with the children living at the Home. We plan to send cupcakes and juice for the children and Danny, our Life Coach, is preparing some games which can be played during the afternoon. The day will end with a braai for all our ladies here at The YW.

In next to no time we will need to be hosting our end of year/farewell function. We are already preparing small gifts to give the ladies as they leave for their holidays. There always seems to be something for which to plan and prepare!

In ending, we would ask that you pray for our residents and staff, for good health, protection, guidance and stamina as this year draws to a close.

"Now then, stand still and see this great thing the LORD is about to do before your eyes!"

1 Samuel 12:16

THE YW PIETERMARITZBURG NEWS AND VIEWS SEPTEMBER 2019

Our journey to the current renovations of The YW Pietermaritzburg.

After a road of heartache where we lost our eldest daughter to cancer, God called us from Cape Town to Pietermaritzburg in March of 2011. We soon settled into a wild journey of managing the 42 young ladies who were residents at the time. Getting to know the ladies when they kept changing their hair styles was a real challenge. The office often became a hive of activity with the ladies popping in and out on their way to class and back. We heard many stories that amused us, many that interested us, many that saddened us and many that taught us. We have also learnt about different cultures which has been amazing. The experience has stretched our 'tent pegs'. It has been a confirmation of God's call and we (mostly) love our lives here. The young people we meet give us such hope for the future and our country – ethical, hard-working people, many with a great love for the Lord. We see The YW as a lighthouse and refuge in a very uncertain environment and we would like to accommodate as many young ladies as possible. We have some very precious 'daughters' who we keep in touch with and it is joy to watch them grow and impact those they come into contact with.

It didn't take us too long to see the huge potential for growth. We are perfectly situated on a large piece of land literally across the road from the university, so we began to dream. Our first step was to change the garage that is connected to the two bedroom cottage into a sharing room. This was done in December of 2011 and gave us two extra residents. Our dream of moving out of the spacious three bedroom Manager's House and turning it into accommodation for seven young ladies took a bit longer. Finally, in January of 2016, we moved into the cottage - the sharing room (originally the garage) becoming our lounge. With a few tweaks and a new shower the 'Managers' house was fit for occupation by seven young ladies in February 2016, from the start of the academic year. At the same time, with a gift from The YW National Office, we revamped the kitchens of the five town houses and the Main house. They had been the original kitchens when the townhouses were built in 2000.

Thanks to the support of The YW Trust, and the assistance of Dave Temple, our plans to change the very dilapidated old outbuildings of The Main House into a cottage for Managers were put into action in 2017. It turned out to be a frustrating experience as the plans stalled at the Municipality for 18 months. Finally in May of 2018 the building got under way. In August 2018 we moved into the "cottage" which had morphed into a really lovely two bedroom house, and we were able to accommodate an additional four young ladies who moved into the cottage which we had been using, for the second semester.



The ugly old outbuildings



Turned into the beautiful new Manager's House

The next thing on our hearts was the lounge and office which desperately needed to be changed. It had however, been 19 years since any major renovations had been done on the property. Things were certainly looking a bit shabby and not the God glorifying accommodation we need. Thanks again to The YW Trust which generously gave us the finances to renovate the town houses and Main house. While each townhouse is being renovated, the six occupants of that house will be temporarily accommodated in a spacious, three bedroomed fibre-cement cottage currently receiving its final touches. Once all the townhouses are complete this cottage will become home to three residents, and (we think) it will suit our Masters students perfectly.



The Fibre-Tech Cottage nearing completion



The exteriors of the townhouses have been painted but there is still some waterproofing to be done. The lovely old “Main House”, a Victorian beauty, has a lovely new roof and is ready for the next 100 years. The bay window facing the large lawn has been replaced with a new wooden window so as to keep her old charm intact. The exterior has been painted and new tiles for the wrap around veranda have been purchased. I must add that the residents are excited to have a new bathroom (so far, three more still to be renovated) and a nice fresh feeling to some parts of the house, other parts still waiting to be done.



A renovated bathroom in the Main House



A sneak peek at the Grand Old Lady... not quite ready, but getting there

From a maintenance point of view, the main part of the project is the storm-water drainage system. The soil is a mixture of clay and shale and holds on to water. There are indications that the water table is high and the Architect is keen to get rainwater away from the buildings and off the property as quickly as possible. To this end drainage ditches have been dug around all buildings and pipes laid, making sure that the 'fall' is sufficient to allow water to run-off easily. All down-pipes will be attached to the underground drainage systems and sumps have also been situated in various places.

Because of the high water table the plumber has also put in pipes with slots in them. These pipes are covered over with a special cloth (bidem, I think) to stop the soil getting in them. Excess water in the soil seeps into the pipe and then runs down and joins the storm-water pipes and is led off the property.



Getting ready for the abundant rains which will fall this year



.... the start of the storm-water drain

The renovations, maintenance work and the storm-water system will ensure that The YW Pietermaritzburg is available to accommodate young ladies in a homely, Christian environment for at least the next 120 years or so. This is a journey in progress and we will keep you posted.

SOME OF THE “OLD” GIRLS WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH :

A mystery phone call one Sunday evening and these young ladies arrived at our door, having left us at the end of 2013.



Gwennie (Zimbabwe), Nokwe (Durban) Fred, Penny & Kim (Eswatini)



Minke with a friend



Shamila

How good was it to catch up with these ladies! Awesome!

Minke is happily married, living in Plett and busy with her PhD. Good to hear from you Minx! Minke used to tear around Pietermaritzburg in the dead of winter on the back of a bakkie, chasing after bats which she had previously tagged. Actually, come to think of it, she was once bitten by a bat and had to have anti-rabies treatment! She now chases after sea-birds and whales! Talk about living the dream!

Shamila stretches her wings and heads for Oxford in the UK shortly. She is the recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship and will be based at Jesus College for the next couple of years while she gathers another couple of degrees. Whilst there she will catch up with Nonku, also one of our daughters, who is a Chartered Accountant working in London. Shamila took time to speak to our young ladies about her journey so far and encouraged them to grab opportunities with both hands when they arose, and to purposefully seek them when they did not! Bon Voyage Shamila, we know you will do us proud.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS CONFERENCE :

The conference took place on the evening of the 23rd and the day of the 24th September, 2019. During the Conference delegates were given a choice of ten electives and could select two in their specific areas of interest. They returned hyped and ready to share their new-found knowledge at the next Monday Night Meeting.



The girls are ready to go! (from left) Mbali, Sine K, Kwandiwe, Thando and Penny.

RECENT GRADUATIONS :

Amanda Jwara graduated with a BA (PPL). She is now busy with her LLB, Nontando Mbatha graduated with a BComm (Economics). She is busy with her Honours at the Westville Campus as Pietermaritzburg does not offer it. She is keen for us to open a YW in Westville! Nontokoza Mdluli Graduated with her BA (Media Studies) and is currently busy with her Honours.

STREET FEEDING MINISTRY :

The truth behind the Street Feeding Ministry – some work.....and others don't! Despite that, the feeding ministry continues twice per week.



Thando, Sine M (front) and Kabelo



Thami and Thando hone their karate skills (behind Ma's back).



Amanda



Nontando



Nontokoza

Congratulations ladies!

A TRIBUTE TO VAL NOWLAN



*Valerie Nowlan
6 December 1935
- 21 May 2019*

Val graduated from the Kalk Bay Bible Institute and then worked as a member of Staff in the Jeppe Street, Johannesburg YWCA for three years. In the 1980's, the family moved to Pretoria where Val became an active member on the Pretoria YWCA Committee, the National Executive and the National Council. The mission and work of The YW lay close to her heart and she served on these Committees with vigour and faithfulness for many years.

Val had a passion for writing. The YWCA did not have a comprehensive historical account of its work in South Africa since its inception in 1886, so in 1998 Val embarked on the task of

researching Documents and Minutes spanning a period of 112 years. She resigned from the Committees in order to do the necessary research in order to write the history. Thankfully much had been archived at UNISA but it turned out to be a far larger task than Val had anticipated. It took her three years of consistent, exacting work and in 2001 her book, "The Romance of the Blue Triangles" was published. The two blue triangles formed the South African logo of the YWCA originally.

Val also published two smaller books for the YWCA, "Cameos 1" and "Cameos 2". These two books provided short biographical glimpses of many of the dedicated Staff

members who gave their lives in service for the Lord in the various Local Associations within South Africa and Zimbabwe (Rhodesia).

Her publications are of great significance and value to The YW organisation as reference books, also informing and reminding those involved - as well as newcomers, of their heritage in the work of The YW which is the oldest Women's Organisation in South Africa.

She has truly left us a valuable legacy.

*Margrit Temple
NATIONAL PRESIDENT*

Harare

HARARE

BROMLEY HOUSE CHRISTIAN RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION

Located in the heart of Harare, Bromley House offers a haven to women and girls needing accommodation - more than just a room and bed. The facility offers a touch of God's love to any girl needing assistance and encouragement as Zimbabwe goes through its pains.

Our outstanding team managing and running the hostel comprises our "Jack of all Trades" Chairman Mr. B Timveani who has made a positive impact at Bromley House with his world class knowledge of running a hostel as he was a hotelier, as well as being a designer by profession, and our very thorough and principled Administrator, Ms M Squair who has been handling Bromley accounts, and dealing with the girls and the staff who have been hard working and loyal through it all.

Recently we have opened our own website: www.bromleyhousecra.com

We presently have residents from Zimbabwe, Congo, and Botswana staying here, one of whom shares something of her experience at Bromley:

Rutendo: Chef, Culinary Arts Student

I am enjoying my stay at Bromley House, being so grateful for the opportunity to practice my cookery skills. This home has been a home away from home and my family is truly grateful for the comfort and friendliness of the staff and above all the encouragement in my spiritual walk. I plan to use my skills acquired at college to the betterment of Bromley House as I always cook when we have our House functions. Recently we had a Luncheon Social and we had a good time with our Chairman and Administrator. We hope to have more and to be able to host them as well.

Skha Kutibiwa, PR/liaison



Marjorie Squair, Administrator,

Bob Timveani,

Chairman of the Management Committee



Outside Bromley House's front door

Annette Nyilenda, Nyarai Chihota & Wayne Nyamayaro

Please note the new contact details for National Office:

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The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped - Psalm 28:7