

NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit empowerment of our Youth for the future...

BY LOCAL MOTION TEAM

The month of June, which lies slap-bang in the middle of our term, is the beloved Youth Month, and we love the hype that is created around this public holiday. South Africa pays a lot of attention to the investment of celebrations and outreaches into our communities during this month as an attempt to empower and develop the future leaders of our country. Events get festive and the Youth are encouraged to reach their full potential. Our young people leave these events and outreaches, feeling a sense of purpose and pride, but the reality is, that many of these students only ride this wave of inspiration for a few days. The reality of their home circumstances soon sets in, as many of our students are living in difficult, poverty stricken situations, where hope is dulled and the call into gangsterism becomes more of a consistent beckoning than the once a year rally and hype of Youth day.

This term we did some deep introspection, as an organisation, about the sustainability of our programs and our impact in the lives of our students. The Holy Spirit deeply

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reminded us that without true relationship with Him, we will continue to choose broken pathways that lead away from reaching our full potential.

Therefore, in our effort to truly follow the Holy Spirit's leading, our program, theme and events for this term were centered around introducing our students to the Holy Spirit. We are convinced that our efforts are futile if we are not cultivating solid and sustainable relationship with the Holy Spirit, where the students are tangibly engaging with God on a personal level. Students are questioning their environments, and are challenging themselves to make changes to their lives that will please the Lord. We are so excited to report back on our new initiatives and beautiful stories from this term.

Hold onto your hats, because Local Motion is going places, and we want to take you all with us.



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Baking with Prince of Tarts

What a treat and honour to be invited to Prince of Tarts for a baking lesson! We had the greatest time, and Tyronne and Melissa pulled out all the stops in blessing us. They abundantly poured out in wisdom and provision and allowed our students the space to express their creativity while icing and decorating their cupcakes. We discovered some hidden talents and there were definitely some seeds of inspiration planted in our students to work hard and pursue excellence in their lives. Tyronne shared his own story with us and encouraged everyone that they can make a success out of their lives, no matter where they come from. Prince of Tarts, we are blessed to be partnered with a business that shares our passion of transformation in the lives of the local youth!



Hygiene with Ethnos medical ministry

Taking care of yourself, and following a good hygiene routine can be a vital key in ones success, and therefore. Good hygiene determines the level of health that you maintain, and therefore your ability to perform and work hard, as well as has an effect on your appearance and the way that you are perceived by clients or an employer. There are many opportunities that can be tapped into when you are healthy and well presented. It is therefore important to us, in our holistic approach, to guide our youth in good hygiene practises.

We were blessed to be able to partner with Ethnos and their medical ministry, who visited our centre for a few Wednesday afternoons, and spent time praying over our kids, teaching them good hygiene practice and discipling them in the word of God. Thank you **Nilene Van Holden** and **Alex An Dra**, for your hearts that are dedicated to the community and your time with our kids.



We have started a business!! - 'Local Beats'

We are officially business savvy!! Local Motion has started a sustainable business initiative called '**Local Beats**', where we are producing fashionable beaded sunglass chains. This business is not only a source of revenue for Local Motion, but also an opportunity to practically teach our students about business and entrepreneurship. As we walk this journey of designing our product and perfecting the design, we are able to walk our students through our journey and teach them these vital principles of business. Our designs are dreamed up by our core team, and then the patterns are taught to the kids on a Tuesday afternoon, and then they produce the designs. We have also partnered with different businesses in George, who are displaying our beads in their shops and helping us sell them. Watch this space as we take this business to new levels.



Pentecost and Shofars family meal

Yum, yum, yum! What a feast and great fellowship.

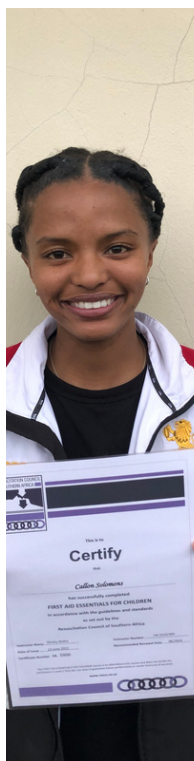
We are proud to be part of the **Shofar George** family, and on Pentecost Sunday we gathered with friends and family to eat together in honour of the gathering of the saints in the upper room. The church was a buzz and we ate like champions. Our lesson for that week taught us that the Holy Spirit creates family, and it was just special that we were able to celebrate in the way, with like minded people who have drawn us, at Local Motion, into their family.



First Aid with Umbono Training

First Aid training is such a valuable skill to have, and **Karl Kohl** from **Umbono Training** came to our center. Umbono Training was also gracious enough to offer to train Local Motion students and staff without cost.

We took this opportunity to send Callon, our new Youth Worker, for Level 1 First Aid Course. We are so grateful, as this skill will benefit us at Local Motion by increasing our level of safety but also benefit Callon as she continues to impact those around her.



Introducing – Locally Employed

We have started a new project that we believe resonates the DNA of Local Motion, we are very proud to announce, 'Locally Employed'. Through this project, we will be partnering with different businesses in the George area to employ our students for the holiday period. This June/July holiday, we partnered with two very successful businesses, **Prince of Tarts** and **Millwick's Cafe**, who trained and employed three of our students.

This project has already proven to be high successful, as these three

students have come out of the process, empowered, skilled and inspired to pursue success going forward. We are confident and hopeful, that in the future we will have more businesses excited to partner with us and invest in skills and employment in the lives of more of our students.



Youth Day outing with Arise Xtra Lessons

This was an exciting outing as we were able to partner with some like minded individuals from Thembaletu who also share a passion for raising up and empowering the youth.

Olwethu Sotshantsha and Xoliswa Bomvana, from **Arise Xtra Lessons**, share a vision for inspiring and equipping young people to reach their potential and one day become powerful leaders who make a difference in this world. These two young ladies organised a well-executed hike and training session at Ebb and Flow SanParks, we hiked up the King Fisher trail, enjoyed a refreshing swim in the icy waters, and then, we're treated to a delicious braai and training session.

The training session tackled topics such as leadership, conflict resolution, emotional intelligence, and financial management. It was a fun filled adventure, and such a privilege to partner with other initiatives.

We look forward to our next adventure with you guys!





Creative activation with 'Fire and Fragrance'

During the school holidays, **Fire and Fragrance**, a worship-led missions team from **YWAM**, came and blessed our centre and helped us to activate our creative ministry. Our dream is to start placing murals all over the township areas, and ultimately spreading a prophetic message of life and purpose over the people and their lives. We started with our centre and invited this team to help us secure a prophetic word over our young group. These words were written underneath the mural and signify that beneath our surface, God has placed life. Giving decrees over our lives that are activated by our relationship with the Holy Spirit and knowing of our true identities in Him.

A big thank you to '**Pick-a-Paint**' here in George, for sponsoring our paint for this wall, your generosity blew us away!



Golf day at Kingswood

We have partnered with some local business people and have started planning a fun-filled golf day at **Kingswood Golf Club, on 9th Sept.** This will be our first golf day and big fundraising event, and we are appealing to George locals who are golf enthusiasts, to make a day of it and come and support us.

We have some great prizes lined up and fun competitions too.



In Conclusion

It has been a great term, with loads of new ideas, initiatives, and most importantly, a new hunger for Jesus that we have never experienced before. We are so hopeful and passionate about the difference that Local Motion is going to make in South Africa, and are full steam ahead to take on the new term. We believe that Local Motion is going to raise up powerhouse young individuals who are going to be catalysts for revival, bring change to the leadership of our country, and better the economy. We believe that what we are doing in the lives of these children is not just a feeding scheme or after-care program, we believe that it will have eternal significance to bring change to what really matters in our world. Therefore, if you believe in our vision and mission both spiritually and physically, partner with us!! Your investment in our kids will see eternal returns, and you will see its fruits in the years to come.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and celebrate our achievements this term.

We look forward to reporting back in the new term!

Much love and encouragement,
The Local Motion ZA Team!

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