

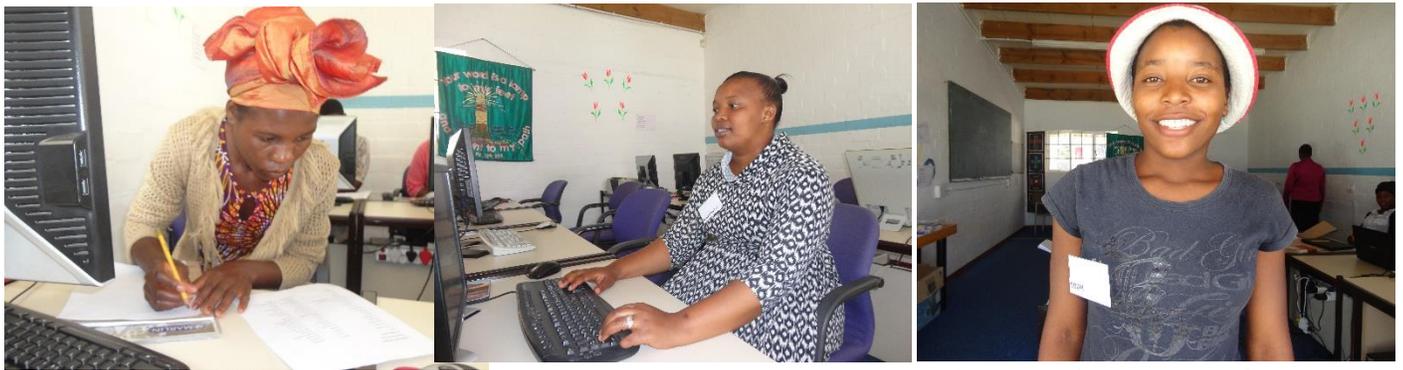


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Cape Town, South Africa

Dear Evangeline Friends:

Warm greetings to each of you from sunny and always beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. While the severe water crisis in Cape Town is world-wide news, at Evangeline Ministries we can report the good news that the first 2018 class is well underway with a capacity of twenty-four students who are doing very well. It is always a joy for us to welcome them, filled as they are with hopes and dreams for their future. They are enjoying their sewing, computer, English and Bible classes and the free lunch we serve.



Among the new students

is Tatenda (*on the left*) who travels more than two hours from the township of Phillipi to arrive at class for 9.00 am. A faithful Christian, she heard about the class from one of my friends, who knew of her unfortunate circumstances and wanted to help her. Unable to finish high school because of poverty, she lives with her family as they struggle to survive. Her earnings as a domestic worker and the child grant she receives from the government, are barely enough to keep them in food. Her husband works only when he can get a day time construction job.

Determined to do better, Tatenda does not let the distance deter her from coming to class on time. Because she is so committed and desperate to learn, Evangeline helps her with her weekly transportation costs. We are delighted to have her! Like Tatenda, almost none of the students have any computer or sewing experience and their educational levels are very low. They are not used to reading and understanding what they read. It is a challenge for them to both ask and answer questions but they slowly warm up to the challenge. They are at Evangeline Ministries because they have heard of a place where they can get some skills and find great hope in Jesus Christ.

Graduation December 2017

As we enjoy teaching another wonderful group of students in 2018 we look back with happy and grateful hearts to our December 2017 Graduation where 23 students received their new Sewing machines, Bibles and Certificates. God bless them!



Water Crisis

Like many, I chafe at the current water restrictions here in Cape Town, yet have found that I can live with the daily required amount of thirteen gallons. For example, I can shower for two minutes twice a week, wash one load of clothes and the same with the dishwasher. I buy all drinking water and find that some restaurants now ask me to pay for drinking water, and other restrictions are in place. What we all dread and are hoping to avoid is the day the taps are turned off and we have to go to a collection point for water. And yet, this is exactly what millions of people have to do daily in townships and other places of poverty in South Africa and the world. The women in our class say they are the ones who must get the water from the drinking places. They must wash their clothes with little and bathe sometimes with less and not frequently. One of our graduates recently shared how she copes also with no electricity! I keep all of this in my heart during this time.

Christ came to bring us “living water that springs up into eternal life!” **He is water of life! We must share His life, light, hope and justice!**

Thank You!

We thank God for you as you partner with us to help disadvantaged women in Cape Town, South Africa. Lives are being changed and we ask you to continue your support of this ministry of life, light, hope and justice that is making such a difference in Cape Town.

Sincerely in Christ

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