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ikhaya Loxolo, a home of peace

for people with special needs

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In our Quarterly Newsletters you always find out in detail about the work and progress that is happening at Ikhaya Loxolo.

My biggest worry, as the author of all these reports, is to bore you and take all your interest for Ikhaya Loxolo away!

Therefore

1. I will try to keep it short and rather remind you of what happened throughout the year instead of telling everything again and
2. I am asking your opinion and feedback regarding my reports as well as the project as a whole!

Let's remember:

All buildings are established now -

The 'Flat'
(Sleeping rooms)



The big Rondavel
(Kitchen/Dining/Living)



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The toilet/bathroom
(Handmade compost toilets)



The chicken house



This new house is excellent for our chicken's safety and breeding

At the same time Alec, a professional carpenter from Zambia, came to volunteer at Ikhaya Loxolo for a little over three months. We were lucky to have received a donation of 3 tons of timber- which Alec made very good use of:

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Not only did he separate the sleeping rooms through wooden walls and created shelves for the kitchen, he also managed to build stairs, tables and benches.



Steps in front of the big Rondavel



Inside the big Rondavel

Our gardens also develop and improve constantly; the variety of vegetables depends on the different seasons; but we are glad to say that the local climate allows us to grow throughout the year. A nursery was also established this year, which is one reason why our gardens become more and more colourful.



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Most of you have heard it already: On the first of November Ikhaya Loxolo was ready to take on the first mentally disabled youth and adults. Everything had been worked out, 6 disabled people were waiting for this day.

To cut a long story short, it didn't work out, the reason being that the grant a mother needed to pay the monthly fees at Ikhaya Loxolo was suddenly refused by the local Department of Social Development. Since this mother has four of these 'planned in' disabled youngsters- we postponed the opening until January.

At this point I would like to thank everybody who helped establish this project:

- **Hans and Marianne Guenther** (who always managed to raise money and keep Ikhaya Loxolo going even in the worst of worst times!)
- **DED** in East London (fence and Drip Irrigation System in 2004; Range Rover in 2005)
- **German Consulate in Cape Town** (Building, Solar panel and Batteries, Freezer, Stove)
- **Breadline Africa** (Running Cost and Tool shed)
- **Software AG Stiftung** (unspecified donation)
- **Fachakademie fuer Sozialpaedagogik** in Aschaffenburg, Germany
- **GEWA Maschinenbau** in Kleinheubach, Germany
- **Pick'n Pay**
- **First National Battery**
- **Langeni Forrest Products** (3 tons of timber)
- **Johann** (transport of the timber for a very special cheap prize)
- **Rotary Club Mthatha** (15 beds and blankets)
- **Every German private household** which donated money to Ikhaya Loxolo Entwicklungshilfe e.V.
- **The nice woman from Amorbach**, who donated some violins
- **Mister Lang** from Aschaffenburg, who estimated the value of these violins and bought some himself (the money going straight into Ikhaya Loxolo Entwicklungshilfe e.V. account and from there straight to Ikhaya Loxolo here in the Eastern Cape).
- **Benne and Christina Vierneisel**, through whom the violins got in possession of I.L. Entwicklungshilfe e.V., and who are able to always make ends meet.
- **Everyone who's involved with Ikhaya Loxolo Entwicklungshilfe e.V.** in Germany, especially Melli and Tobi Hornung.
- **Every volunteer at Ikhaya Loxolo, the headman Patrick Fudumele, and Michael Guenther, who puts in all his energy at all times.**

Welcome and good bye to

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- *Norman, Ulf and Patte* (3 friends from Germany who visited for a week and built the nursery)
- *Verena and Alec*, 2 volunteers from Germany and Zambia- thanks so much for your input and Alec, just remember, there's lots of wood left! We miss you dearly!
- *Dale*, who is going to write an article about Ikhaya Loxolo for the magazine 'sunshine coast living' next year
- *Ferdinand and Zingisa* from Camphill Farm community in Hermanus- it was lovely to have you here!

There's 'someone' I have never really introduced, but think it's about time now:

Our dogs Bob and Karli, who are now three and a half years old and contribute a lot to the well being of Ikhaya Loxolo and its members- they charm us, watch and guard us, entertain us and are the only trained dogs in whole Hobeni village- which made them very famous!



Karli



Bob

Please everyone, don't forget that Ikhaya Loxolo does depend on donations, and with it the well being of the disabled. If you have something to give or know someone who's got something to give or take on a partnership- we will appreciate it greatly! Have a lovely christmas and a good start into the new year!

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