



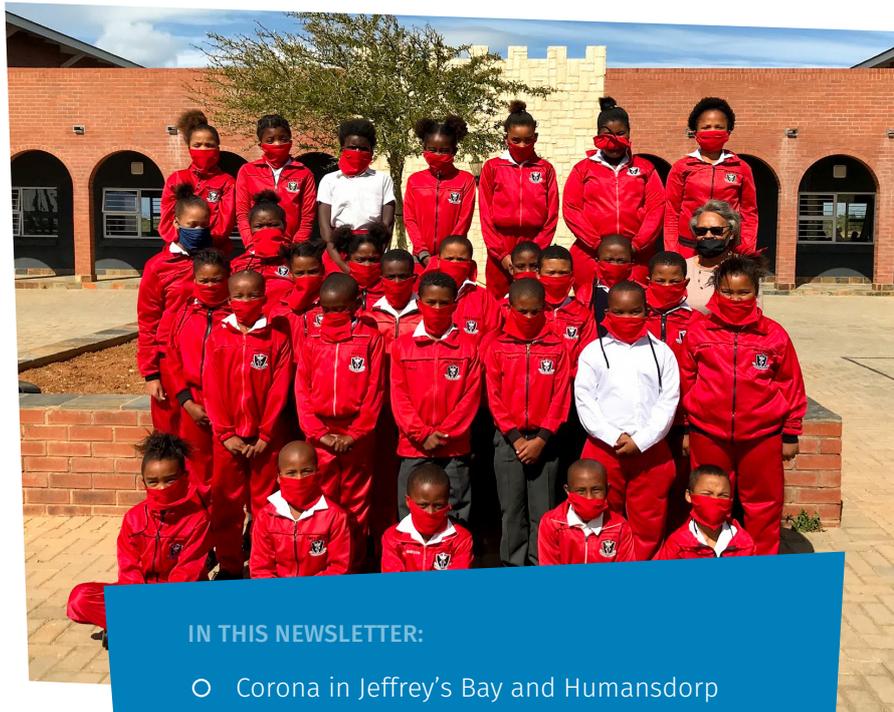
# Covid19 in Jeffrey's Bay and Humansdorp



Covid19 has a global impact and has made 2020 quite an eventful year for many people. This of course includes the people in Jeffrey's Bay and Humansdorp. There was a total lockdown there and our schools and programs were closed for more than 2 months. This was very intense for the children. The situation in the townships was grim. Because (most) people could no longer go to their job anymore, they suddenly had no income. Many people already existed on the brink of poverty due to the low incomes, but these rigorous measures caused pure misery. Fortunately, Victory4All has been able to do a lot in the form of handing out food parcels. More information to follow in this newsletter.

In terms of infections, it still isn't too bad, compared to elsewhere in the world. This is remarkable but we're very grateful for it. At the moment the country is also experiencing a "second wave" and we especially pray that it won't become worse than it was before. The economy has already taken such a huge hit here and we are sometimes afraid to imagine what the long-term consequences of this pandemic will be. Please continue to pray with us for "our children" and their families.

We are so happy though that the schools are open again. There are many government regulations regarding the facial masks and disinfecting hands and premises. We are extremely proud of all our employees who work extremely hard. Making all the extra adjustments while ensuring that the children can catch up requires a lot of energy and creativity from them.



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## Festive opening

Fortunately, we had organised the official grand opening of King's College before the lockdown. On the 29th of February. It was a huge success! Many parents and others connected to the school, came to celebrate with us. The kids had been practicing really hard and put on a great show. While dancing in a parade, the children acted out what the school stands for. All the students and teachers proudly showed that you can achieve a lot with hard work.

Of course a ribbon was cut and balloons were released. It was a very festive afternoon, in which gratitude was central.



About 40 Dutch people had come to South Africa especially for this. The day before the opening we took a tour through the different schools and projects. The children showed their best behaviour and were pleased that so many people had come to visit them. Of course a lot of 'shows' were rehearsed and each visitor received a souvenir from each department on departure. Afterwards they received a delicious lunch that was prepared and neatly served by the children of the Skills Center.



## Food Parcels

As soon as the lockdown started, we shared a very simple video on social media, triggering many people to give generously. With this money, we were able to distribute more than 7000 food packages! These parcels contained basic groceries for a family of four for two weeks. They were supplemented with vegetables from the Victory4All vegetable gardens.

With a special permit to enter the townships, our employees and volunteers visited the families of the children who attend one of our schools and other families, especially those who had lost their source of income. With this we could more or less keep an eye on the situation there and possibly offer more help. The soup kitchen at Rainbow was also working overtime.

We were amazed at the great collaboration with the municipality, companies and churches. It is so great to experience how people really join forces in emergency situations like these. We know for sure that these food parcels have literally been a lifesaver for many people. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this.

**Every Euro, Rand or Dollar has made a huge impact.**



Many children from [Rainbow school](#) have also returned. There is a big fear of infection among the parents of these children and youngsters, which is why some are still kept at home. The rest is working hard again and in the meantime they are quite used to wearing face masks. This target group in particular was hit hard by the lockdown. It is difficult for them to understand what happened and how to obey the rules. They perfectly well sensed the fear in the people around them, which made them very restless.



## Sponsor walk

It's almost impossible that a single person missed the special campaign that Johan set up for his 55th birthday! It received a lot of attention on social media, which was great fun. He and about 20 others with him, collected €34,360 by walking 5 x 5555 steps on the 27th of June. An amazing amount that was desperately needed for in example the salaries for our 85 employees. We have a fixed monthly income through the sponsor-a-class program, amongst other things, but it is still too low. Thankfully, the shortages are often filled by one-off large donations or campaigns such as these. A big thank-you to everyone that contributed towards this.



### At [Noah's Ark, de peuter-/kleuterschool](#),

we've decided to let the little ones stay home for another while. Wearing a face mask, as the government prescribes, is simply impossible for them. The bigger children, however, enjoy their daily routine and everything they get to learn. Of course it is strange for them that they only have to play in a marked off square, but they adapt well.



The [Rainbow Angels](#) classes are also open again. For practical reasons, it was only possible for about half of the group to return to their beloved school. Eva is still in the Netherlands because she is not allowed to travel back yet, but the other teachers pour their hearts and love into spending time with these children with multiple disabilities.



We're happy that the youngsters are back at baking [stroopwafels](#) again. There was a great demand from the usual buyers. Moreover, doing nothing is not good for these young people at all. The photo shows the youngsters hard at work while the Dutch visitors watched them do their magic.



The corona period has also brought a lot of uncertainty and insecurity for the group of young people at the **Skills Centre**. Jaap and Wies, the only Dutch volunteers who have stayed in South Africa, are the wonderful people who talk with them and by means of creativity help them process their fears. te verwerken.



The new computer class at **King's College** is in full use. The children love learning a lot of new things. Reading programs are also used. It is simply much more fun to work with language via the computer!

We salute the mothers in our **foster homes**. Keeping all the children occupied and entertained at home during the lockdown is not an easy task. Fortunately it all went well but you can understand the relief when all children were allowed to go back to school!



## Johan and Astrid

When in March the possibility of a lockdown increased, we had to make the choice to travel to the Netherlands as soon as possible. Just like almost all our Dutch employees did. Two of our children were planning their weddings, so we could not run the risk of not being able to come to the Netherlands at a later stage. The weddings were different than hoped, but all in all they were special days indeed. We are very thankful and proud parents.

We are still uncertain when to travel back to South Africa but we hope it will be soon. After being away for over eight months we, but especially our son David (16), are very eager to return!

We are very proud of the Victory4All team and board. They have proven to go the "extra mile". Because we were able to keep in touch through Zoom, we cooperated fantastically. We now also had time to work on fundraising and building on exist and new relationships in the Netherlands. Many special things happened for which we are very grateful to God.

Fortunately we were also in the Netherlands when Johan's mother died all of a sudden on November 1. We are extremely grateful that we have been able to visit her regularly over the past eight months. With her death comes a great void in our lives. And with it, Victory4All has lost its greatest ambassador!



Despite the circumstances in which we now live, we wish everyone a special Christmas season and a prosperous 2021.

Warm greetings from all the Victory4All children and staff members,

Johan and Astrid



## Sponsor a Class

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