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With Christmas fast approaching I thought it is a good time to share with you all that is happening here at Benjamin Generation before we all get into the festive mood.

As I write this, we have just had a super cold front hit South Africa or for us warm acclimatized people it felt like it, bringing with it snowfall in places that have not received snow for 100



years, if ever. Our little village of New Hanover lies within a valley and we had snow fall within walking distance of Benjamin Generation. We grabbed the opportunity to pile a whole lot of our children into our vehicle's and we headed off to find snow that was deep enough to play in. This was early on Sunday morning the 28th of August. For us adult's it was such an exciting time, as snow other than on the Drakensberg mountains in South Africa is very rare. So, seeing and feeling snow for the first time was an

unbelievable experience for these children. After many snowball fights and attempted snow men later, we had all had enough. We were wet and cold and all played out! The children had an experience that they can cherish forever. If you look very carefully at the picture you can see our own Aunty V in the thick of a one-sided snow ball fight.

If Covid was not enough bad news for our country, along comes the looting and destruction in July. What an event it was to experience, that so many people could have no regard for law and order and have only their own agendas at heart. The destruction, chaos, lost jobs that has been caused by one's own greed is beyond words. Our province of KZN was by far the worst effected by all this and it will take many years to restore what was destroyed in minutes. Our little village of New Hanover was not spared, with nearly all our supermarkets and liquor stores (3 of them) being looted and burnt. With the fantastic support that we received during this time; Benjamin Generation was never in need during the days that followed. Thank you all.

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On a much more pleasant note, we wish to welcome Dorothy Ngcobo onto the Benjamin Generation board. Dorothy is one of our local farming neighbors; she is a leader in the community and runs a vegetable garden for the ladies in the community. Dorothy's passion is helping people grow food, so in the very near future Dorothy will be launching a project here at Benjamin Generation whereby she can teach our children to grow vegetables and also teach them how they can make some money out of their little patch of vegetables. We look forward to working with Dorothy and we are excited for the wisdom and for her knowledge of the community that she will bring to our board.

The children are all in good spirits here at Benjamin Generation, their schooling year has been severely disrupted by Covid, and are none the wiser to the events that have taken place around them lately. There seems to be no end in sight to the disruptive nature that Covid is causing to their education. Our school going children are still only attending school every alternate week, as there are too many children in a class and so this is the only way social



distance is maintained. With no hope of online education for our rural communities the children just continue to fall behind in their studies. Whether our new undertaking of building a school on the Benjamin Generation property can help bridge the gap only time and finances will tell. Our plans for a school on the Benjamin Generation property are well underway, with lots of work already been done and still much to do, we just have to keep our heads down and pressing on. With most of the major construction

complete it's the finishing off that takes time and money. We have managed to create 5 nice size classrooms and the ablution is nearly complete. If you are able to help financially or any other way, please contact us.



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Our newly opened baby home, actually not newly opened as it's already been open for 11 months, is doing so well, it is truly a blessing to watch the babies grow and develop from a tiny baby into a baby crawling, standing and trying to talk. It is currently nearly full to capacity and it has such a cheerful and jolly atmosphere. Our staff are so dedicated and shower each baby with love and care. What a pleasure it is to be just a small part in their lives.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that support Benjamin Generation, whether it be financially, with donations, with your time and most importantly with your prayers.

The work that we have undertaken to do, would not be possible without your help. We as in you and us are changing lives and giving hope.

If you would like to be involved in anyway, please feel free to contact us.

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