

# REACHING OUT

Newsletter 2026-1



## REACHOUT PORTFOLIO MISSION

“Growing God’s Kingdom by building relationships and purposefully partnering in service and ministry with financially under-resourced organisations and communities within Southern Africa.”

Dear Trinity Family

Through ReachOut, Trinity continues to partner with communities in meaningful and practical ways across Johannesburg and beyond.

Trinity’s Strategic focus areas for 2026 which specifically apply to ReachOut are:

- To extend the shoots of outreach through evangelism and disciple-making ministry to and with under-resourced communities.
  - A fully catered for full Saturday Evangelistic event at Orange Farm using an adaptation of the Table Talk model. (Done on 16 May)
  - A fully catered for full Saturday event in which people are equipped in Disciple Making and the use of the Missing Jesus resources for it. (Planned for 19 Sept)
  - Link the youth of Tshepo with Holiday Club and WOW week. (Unable to achieve for Holiday club but working on for WOW week)
  - Strengthen and grow the ReachOut ministry team. (Making good progress)
- To encourage the congregation to use their gifts in service.

We hope this newsletter inspires you to discover meaningful ways to get involved and become part of the ReachOut journey. Please particularly consider serving on the following:

1. The portfolio
2. A Task team linked to one of the ReachOut ministries and get involved in a ‘hands on’ way.

Hebrews 10: 24 (NRSVCE) ‘Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.’

## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITIES

At the beginning of the year, ReachOut needed additional people willing to serve and help lead the ministry forward. We were encouraged by the positive response from members who stepped forward to help, but there is still space for more people to become involved. We are pleased to report that the Portfolio now comprises the following (with their primary focus area indicated): Angela Wessels (Interim Head), Ockert De Wet (Community Service Day), Ingrid Smit (Zandspruit), Kate Hofmeyr (Tshepo), Leanne Lobb (Soup Kitchen), Lorna Steel (Secretary and Table Talk), Marlene Roos (Ikageng and Mozambique), Nomsa Peter (Kopanang), and Brigid Schrieder (Finance). Additional assistance – Allyson Lawless (Uzima) and Clifford Odimengwu (evangelism).

We are grateful to Andile Sikhakhane for volunteering his marketing skills to support the ReachOut portfolio and help strengthen how we share these stories of impact. He and the portfolio will soon start working on a pamphlet with information about each of the portfolio’s main areas of ministry.

We are also currently reviewing our guiding principles and will share these with you next quarter.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

A portion of Trinity’s monthly tithe already supports this work — but its greatest impact comes when people choose to get involved personally.

At the start of 2026, the ReachOut fund had a balance of R312k and in 2026 it is likely to be allocated about R650 000. We have allocated much of this, but we still have capacity to allocate around R250k to either existing and / or new ministries. We continue to need people who are willing to pray, plan, serve, lead, and help create opportunities for others to become involved.

**Serve with us** in just one or some of the following ways:

- Partner in **prayer** for the various projects and communities we serve
- Support practical **appeals** and outreach initiatives (e.g. Winter Warmth Drive)
- Participate in organised **events** such as Community Service Day
- Join our **database of skills, resources,** and contacts to assist when needs arise
- Become part of a **task team** and offer hands-on support in specific areas of involvement or projects (e.g. Ikageng, Orange Farm, Table Talk, Zandspruit, Tshepo, Mozambique, Uzima):  
In particular this year:
  - Orange Farm – building the youth ministry as well as ongoing support.
  - Zandspruit – a disciple-making event and looking for ways to support the church in this area.
  - Tshepo – a focus on connecting with the Lesedi aftercare facility.
  - Uzima – determining ways of offering support to this community headed by Carol Dyanti.
- **Join the ReachOut Portfolio** and help shape, lead, and coordinate meaningful ministry initiatives
  - We are especially looking for someone willing to help lead and coordinate the Orange Farm ministry team.

## WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 2026

	WHAT	WHEN
<b>Weekly</b>	Soup Kitchen	Every Saturday 8am
<b>Quarterly</b>	Kopanang Community project	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER</b>	Winter Warmth Drive	April – 31 May
	Wow week	29 June – 2 July
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER</b>	Table Talk – Farina Event	Wednesday 19 August
	Zandspruit Missing Jesus discipleship training	Saturday 19 September
	Pop Up Play Place	28 – 30 September
<b>4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER</b>	Community Service Day	Saturday 24 October
	Care-givers Retreat Day	Saturday 21 November
	Orange Farm Christmas Party	Saturday 5 December

We invite you to save these dates and prayerfully consider where you may want to participate, serve, or support.

**Community Service Day** creates opportunities for the congregation to serve practically, build relationships, and experience the heart of ReachOut firsthand

## **AT TRINITY/IN THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY**

### **SOUP KITCHEN**



A few churches in the Linden Fraternal support the homeless community by running soup kitchens throughout the week. Trinity volunteers do this every Saturday morning at 8am. There are two meal options – serve soup and bread or make up a breakfast packet (2 sandwiches (filling comprising, cheese, fishpaste or peanut butter), fruit and a boiled egg) for about 50 people. If you would like more details of what is involved or to join the roster (typically in a team), please contact Nomphelo (reception@trinitylinden.org.za).

### **SEWING GROUP**

On Thursday afternoons we have a lovely sewing ministry (led by Colleen), where people from our community can be empowered by coming and learning to sew. This year ReachOut will pay to service sewing machines.



### **WALK-IN MINISTRY AND FOOD PANTRY**

The ReachOut portfolio contributes monthly to a walk-in-ministry and Food Pantry (that fall under the Pastoral Care Portfolio), to enable them to also assist non-members in times of financial need.

### **BIBLE DRIVE**

The 187 bibles collected and bought during 2025 were sorted into languages and distributed to Uzima, Ikageng, Tshepo, Orange farm, Zandspruit and the Wednesday afternoon homeless group based on their needs.

## HOLIDAY CLUB / POP UP PLAY PLACE / WOW WEEK

Holiday Club is essentially a free program we offer to children (aged 4 – 13) during the Easter school holidays (30 Mar – 2 April). On average 84 children attended each day and about 126 different children attended during the week. Since then, a few children have joined our Friday night program (GroovyCrew). This year Holiday Club had a bigger team of volunteers (about 28), which worked very well. Thank you to all those who donated their time, money, food and other goodies.



## WINTER WARMTH DRIVE

**WINTER IS AROUND THE CORNER AND A WOOL BANK IS HERE!**

**Are you able to knit, to help keep some bodies warm?**  
We're asking for many to volunteer for this important ministry to the less fortunate, before the winter freeze sets in.

**DON'T HAVE WOOL, BUT YOU'RE PREPARED TO KNIT?**  
No problem... we'll supply the wool, needles, and patterns

**OR**

**YOU HAVE WOOL, BUT NO TIME TO KNIT?**  
No problem... we'd love to relieve you of your excess wool and needles

From 29 March, please look for the container marked **WOOL BANK**  
Either add your wool, needles and/or patterns, or take what you need to be a part of this project.

**What products are needed?**  
Beanies | Scarves | Mittens

**When does the RO Portfolio need the items by?**  
31st May 2026

**Who are the items for?**  
The ministries supported by the REACHOUT Portfolio

Trinity METHODIST CHURCH

For more details contact:  
Leanne 076 556 8620 | Lorna 079 645 1647

This year we decided to establish a “Wool bank” to bring together those who have / can supply wool and those who can / have time to knit / crochet.

Thanks so much to those who have already handed in so many beanies, scarves and mittens.

If you are still knitting or want to donate purchased items, please remember to bring them on **Sunday 31 May**.

## TABLE TALK



Table Talk creates space for honest conversation, meaningful connection, and faith-centred dialogue around some of life's biggest questions.

The team currently comprises: Denise Erasmus, Ingrid Smit, John Wessels, Liesl Hendry, Lorraine Franklin and Nasreen Mohamed.

Following the deeply encouraging Orange Farm Table Talk gathering on 16 May, we look forward to hosting another evening of meaningful conversation at Farina on 19 August.

Who might you invite to join the conversation?



The previous Table Talk gathering at Farina was on Wednesday 20 August 2025 with 55 people in attendance.

### TSHEPO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



**TSHEPO**  
Community Development Initiative

*Together, we can*  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Tshepo continues to serve with love and dedication. With your support, we can do even more.

Every gift – big or small – helps us bring hope and opportunity to those who need it most.

**OUR CURRENT NEEDS**

- 50 CHAIRS**  
The service centre needs 50 chairs to better serve our community.
- INVESTING IN OUR STAFF**  
We want to support one of our staff members in furthering his education by completing a Certificate in Social Auxiliary Work through UNISA. The cost is approximately R10 000 for the year course.
- FOOD TROLLEY FOR AFTERCARE**  
A food trolley will help us serve and care for the children in our Aftercare programme.
- 2 X EASELS FOR AFTERCARE**  
Two easels will support learning, creativity and training in our Aftercare sessions.
- MARKETING ASSISTANCE**  
We need help in marketing our monthly market at Tshepo to reach more people and grow this important initiative.
- ASSISTANCE TO REPLACE OUR HYUNDAI H-100 TRUCK**  
Our service centre's current Hyundai H-100 truck is no longer reliable. We need assistance to replace it so we can continue reaching more people in need.

*Your generosity can change lives and build a stronger, brighter community.*

**THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH TSHEPO. TOGETHER, WE GROW HOPE.**

TO CONTRIBUTE OR LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT US:  
 084 570 6653 – Alet  
 info@tshepo.org.za  
 www.tshepo.org.za

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE TSHEPO FAMILY. ♥

The Tshepo Community Development Initiative was founded in 2007 by the Linden fraternal of churches. Monthly we financially support the ongoing work of this ministry and the employment of a social worker.

Tshepo's specific focus is on the community of Windsor and the surrounding areas with an aim to serve the homeless and unemployed people and youth in the community. For example, the Lesedi aftercare is run on weekday afternoons at the Windsor East Recreation Centre and provides a safe place for children to do their homework and get a meal.

**Please visit and support** the Tshepo Community centre at Cnr Pendoring and Weltevreden Rd Northcliff:

- Nursery: plants, compost, etc
- Wood supply
- U-Turn Charity shop
- The sneaker clinic
- Carwash
- Carpentry work
- Food trucks

### KOPANANG COMMUNITY PROJECT

A group from the Kopanang service have decided to build a relationship with and support an established group of about 15 carers who look after about 175 elderly individuals in Orlando East. ReachOut will provide funds to purchase materials (cleaning and toiletry items) on a quarterly basis to enable this ministry.

# FURTHER AFIELD

## UZIMA



Founded by Carol Dyanti and formally registered in 2023, the organization is based in the Ezimbuzini informal settlement in Orlando West, Soweto (about 18km from Trinity). It is dedicated to addressing diverse social issues for the well-being of the community and offers the following strategic lines of support to individuals: Education,

Psychosocial, Health, Nutritional and Administrative support.

Recently Allyson has been assisting in compiling a new board, relevant governance documents, applied to the Department of Social Development for funding, created a new brochure and facilitated children's books and a printer donation from Trinity members.

## IKAGENG ITIRELENG

Ikageng Itireleng is an organisation, based in Orlando West in Soweto (about 19km from Trinity), and provides nutritional, educational, health and psychosocial support to orphans, vulnerable children and the families who care for them.



ReachOut supports Ikageng financially with a monthly donation towards salary costs. This year it also provided funds and arranged for the trampoline in the playground to be replaced.

On 20 June ReachOut will facilitate a Children gratitude day which will also enable them to prepare for an Ikageng care-giver and staff appreciation day. About 50-60 children (aged between 11 and 16) will be invited to attend the program which will focus on kindness, obedience, grace, love, and being thankful.

## ZANDSPRUIT

This is one of Trinity's newest areas of ministry, which began with a request in January 2025 to provide the Apostolic Acts Church in Zandspruit with Children's bibles. The church has grown to about 100 members over the past few years and currently meets at the Emthonjeni Community Centre (about 16km from Trinity).

In October 2025, for Community Service Day, a group visited Zandspruit and participated in a prayer walk, Alice shared a story about the Shepherd and Heather shared a message.



On Sunday 22 March 2026 John preached at their church service (despite the pouring rain about 70 people attended) and soup and bread was served thereafter. Photo is of Pastor Mandla with Ockert and Marius who made and served the soup.

As we continue building a relationship with this community, on the first Sunday of each month Ingrid (and where possible others) visits the church and every 2<sup>nd</sup> month we aim to provide a meal after the service. If you are keen to get involved, please chat to Ingrid.

To assist with church leadership development, planning has begun to provide discipleship training to about 50 community pastors and leaders using the Missing Jesus resources on 19 September.

### THE PLACE OF HOPE, ORANGE FARM

The Place of Hope, Orange Farm (about 1 hour's drive from Trinity) provides support, hope and a place to worship for the surrounding community. Trinity has walked alongside the Orange Farm community for over 20 years. This year, we felt called to deepen our spiritual partnership with the community through a Table Talk event focused on hope, faith, and meaningful connection. The event created space for honest conversation, encouragement, worship, and shared hope within the community.

## REAL HOPE IN JESUS

Eat together. Listen together. Talk together.

Come and discover...

- Where is God?
- Real Hope in Jesus.
- Why was I born?



Saturday 16 May  
8am - 5pm

Place of Hope  
7968 Drieziek 5,  
Orange Farm

Lunch, snacks & drinks provided  
All are welcome

Free • **Registration required** •

Tshifhiwa 079 213 1067 | Liesl 083 995 3433



## OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA

### MOZAMBIQUE



Trinity has provided support to a community in the Nhandimo Village in Chidenguele in Mozambique for many years. In the past regular mission trips occurred, however for the past few years this has not been possible due to various factors including security concerns and insufficient people from Trinity volunteering to get involved.

We have, however, supplied the school with stationery for 2026 and recently provided materials to re-paint and maintain the school buildings.

### The Trinity ReachOut Portfolio

*There is a place for everyone within ReachOut. Whether you can offer your time, skills, prayers, resources, or simply a willingness to serve, your presence matters.*

*Please contact Angela Wessels (pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za) if you are interested.*

**“Together, we can make a meaningful and lasting impact as we grow God’s Kingdom.”**