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Dear friends,

The New Year has started and our children are back from a well-deserved break. We have already reached our full capacity and are all eager to make 2019 another great year for the children who are entrusted in our care.

Lerato had another successful year in 2018 and we want to make an even greater impact on the lives of 500 children who are entrusted into our care.

We ended in December with a beautiful celebration of culture day, a great Christmas party, lots of presents for the children ... and a great number graduated into our primary school. Our grade 3s had to leave into other schools in the area and will benefit from the excellent foundation they received at Lerato.



Our main focus for the near future will be

the registration of the school, ensure that Lerato remains financially stable and the addition of a few class rooms. We will continue to train our teachers and young people from the Jacksonsdrift community and hope to establish a few learnership groups for the youth.

In the name of the board of Lerato, our children and staff I would like to express our greatest thanks for the support we received from all our supporters in 2018.

Next year Lerato will be in existence for 20 years and those who have been with us for all these years have seen the huge progress we made. Not only in numbers – we started with a few children in the year 2000 and now reach more than 500 children. We have also been able to develop a strong board of management, well trained staff and an excellent relationship with the community.

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This has enabled us to not only overcome the many obstacles we face on a daily base. We are also very proud that Lerato children get a better start in life through great education, opportunities to play and learn and never go hungry.

Lerato is still not state-funded and relies entirely on donations from the public. None of this would have happened without the support of many individuals and groups who support Lerato and many have done so for a long time.

Lily, this is the first time your group shows support for Lerato. I hope the attached newsletter and the pictures give you an impression of Lerato and what we can achieve with the support of individuals and groups like the CCWA. An even better way to experience the love and support we give is to visit us. I promise: You will love it! Sr Helen would love to meet you and show you around: You can contact her on 0723394341.

I hope that you and CCWA keep our project in your hearts in the future.

Many Thanks!!!

Bruno Pauly, chairperson

PS:

Lerato has been exempt from tax and is registered with SARS as a non-profitable organisation. As such we are entitled to issue Section 18 A certificates to our donors where appropriate. Please, contact me if you know of somebody or a company who requires one.