



Sihamba Sonke Launched

Terms 1 and 2 saw the birth and formation of a new endeavour in Zithulele. Building on various projects that were previously envisioned and piloted by director Ruan Cilliers, it all culminated in the creation of Sihamba Sonke, which was launched in January 2018.

Meet Our Team

In January we started with 5 Sihamba Sonke members: Philip, Charl and Ruan with Lindile and Ntlaahla as mentors. In March we added two local mentors Zimasile (Zim) who is spearheading the much needed computer training course (ICDL) and Sipehelele who takes charge of our sport programmes. Visit our website www.sihambasonke.org to meet the rest of the team. Also read the Q&A with Zim on the left column of this newsletter!



Zimasile



Sipehelele

Community Outreach

Legacy, a group of Stellenbosch students, joined Sihamba Sonke to give back to the community through various projects across Zithulele during the July holidays.



These projects included: renovating homes, expanding our chess park & investing in the participants of our gap year programme (Jump Start). Legacy students, you left a lasting impact in our community; we salute you.

Q&A with Zim

Meet Zim with regards to his journey in making an impact through our ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence) programme.

When did you first use a computer and how did it feel?

2012 when I attended Masakhane during grade 7 (an Axiom Education programme who is one of our partners). It was difficult. The computer had many buttons (laughing).

How did it feel when you launched the night classes for the community?

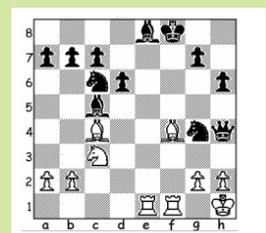
It felt nice. Most people here have never used a computer before, but are aware that their future depend on it. I also felt a bit nervous during my first session. But now I am getting more comfortable to lead the sessions.

How did you find the group that signed up for the night classes?

I was suprised that our ward councillor and an employee from another NGO, Phuneka, wanted to come for training. She uses a computer at work so I thought at first "Haibo Sisi" (Thinking she was familiar with the work). But one day she wanted to make borders for a CV and she called me to help. That's when I realised I'm really adding value to her life.

Puzzle of the week

Checkmate black with one move!



What's New

Terms 1 and 2 started off swiftly. However at Sihamba Sonke we place a large emphasis on finishing strong. The first two terms saw various project being piloted successfully and we are excited to take the pilots to the next level in Term 3.

ICDL for the whole community



As we successfully implemented our computer training course (ICDL) in our gap year programme (Jump Start), the next step in term 3 is to scale our impact to the wider community in Zithulele. The project is made up of two components: night classes in the community centre & afternoon classes at our partner NGO, Axiom Education, both of these sessions take place on a weekly basis. So far the classes have been a roaring success as both are at capacity and attended with much enthusiasm. A big thanks to Zimasile and Philip for making this happen and helping to scale our impact.

Driving lessons

Being actively involved in schools surrounding Zithulele, Sihamba Sonke naturally relies on vehicle transport to get around in time. We are excited about introducing our first driving lessons in term 3 with the goal of empowering each member of Sihamba Sonke to grow their impact through having a driver's licence. After this is achieved, the dream is to make driving lessons available to the whole community through the Sihamba Sonke mentors.



Quote of the Week

"Listen or your tongue will make you deaf."

- Philip



Sihamba Sonke: Walking together to raise up value-driven, purposeful leaders driving rural community transformation.

Join Us on the Journey

Spread the Word: *Social Media Campaign*

With two terms behind us, it is such a privilege to see our mentors grow as they are empowered to be the drivers of community transformation through our skills & character development initiatives. Help us to scale our the impact by sharing our website, Facebook & Instagram page.



Website: www.sihambasonke.org

Instagram: @SihambaSonke

Facebook:

web.facebook.com/sihambasonke.walkingtogether



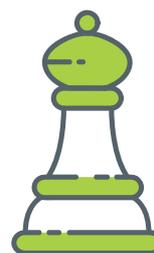
Funding: *Laptops for ICDL*

ICDL has proven to be much in demand for the broader community of Zithulele. Currently, we are using laptops provided by Axiom Education, but need to increase the capacity of classes to meet the much needed demand. By helping us with our Social Media campaign you will help us to raise funds to acquire more laptops.



Volunteer: *Exams, Chess League & Tour*

If you are passionate about pioneering, skills development or education, we have the perfect volunteer opportunities for you. We are working on establishing a school chess league in order to find the best local players to go on a chess tour. Additionally, help is needed to support our mentors to pass their year-end Damelin, UNISA and ICDL exams.

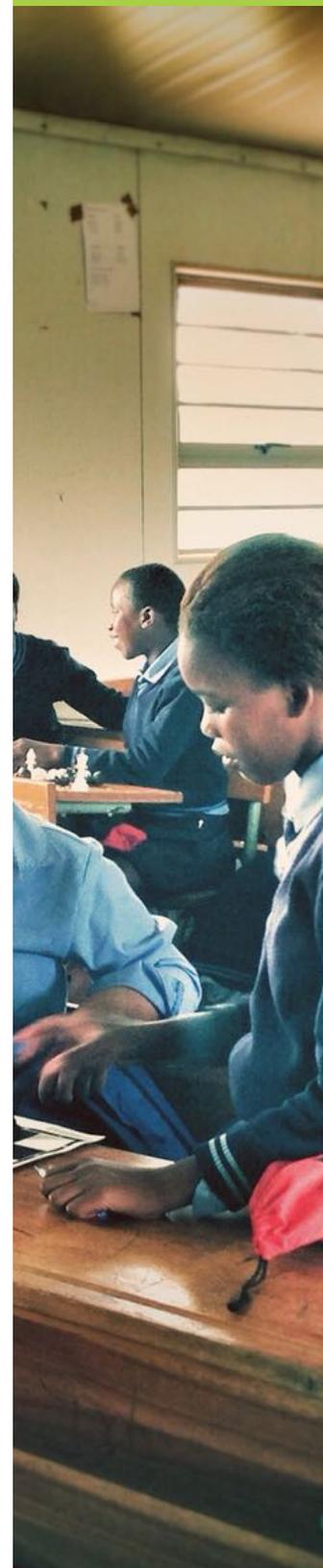


Get Involved: *Other Opportunities*

For more Volunteer & Funding opportunities, visit our website and click on the *Get Involved Page*.



"Hindsight is
20/20 vision"



Thank you that you are truly on this journey with us to "Walk Together". We value each and every form of contribution, especially the words of affirmation as you join us on the journey to help us raise value-driven, purposeful leaders for the future of our beautiful country.