

PORRIDGE MEETING NEEDS IN SOUTH AFRICA



Outside the Bowl's Vita Kidz Porridge is being recognized by many in South Africa for its ability to meet daily nutritional needs. The government and local churches have reached out to OTB South Africa for supplies of Vita Kidz to feed others in times of need.

The Dutch Reformed Congregation Suider-Paarl helped Outside the Bowl with distribution efforts to the Karoo, an area of South Africa that is facing severe drought. Drought is common in this semi-desert area but they are currently experiencing the most severe drought of the century which is now in its fourth year. During these hot summer months, farmers are facing the tough decision of letting crops and even livestock die. These severe conditions also mean an increase in hunger. The United Nations believe that 45 million people in southern Africa are facing hunger which is defined as more than just craving food but the condition in which a person, for a sustained period, is unable to eat sufficient food to meet basic nutritional needs.



Volunteers from the Dutch Reformed Church in Paarl worked alongside Outside the Bowl's team to load up trucks and trailers with 600,000 meals. These bags of Vita Kidz Porridge were distributed to families in Victoria West, Beaufort West, and Britstown.

Pastor Carel P. van Wyk shares, "The team members at Outside the Bowl South Africa are amazing; we love them all. We keep them in our prayers and believe that God will bless them with all the funding required to keep up with the good work they are doing towards hunger alleviation."



In addition to meeting needs in the Karoo, the Minister of Social Justice reached out to OTB South Africa on behalf of the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) of the Western Cape. A great number of fisher men were not granted permits to fish which left them without any source of income and unable to put food on the table. In an effort to assist these families, the DRM loaded up 5 tons of porridge and 4,300 instant rice and soy meal packs. The total of 100,000 meals were given to 250 families just in time for Christmas!

PROGRESS IN GUATEMALA



Vilma Jacinto continues to work away in Guatemala figuring out the best path forward for Outside the Bowl in this new country. Vilma shares, "Thanks be to God as he has allowed us to progress in this project for Guatemala. We continue to contact pastors, leaders, and servants who are working in the social and spiritual grids to support people in need of food and Jesus. We keep experiencing the coverage and care of God in this time. We appreciate your support through prayer and any other way."

Since this past fall, Vilma has met with numerous churches, ministry organizations, orphanages, and other social service groups to determine where there is a need for an OTB Super Kitchen. She is taking advantage of opportunities like being on a national Christian radio program where she was able to promote OTB. Vilma is also working hard on the paperwork to make OTB.Guatemala an official organization within the country. Please continue praying for Vilma as she determines the best way forward for OTB Guatemala.

OTB CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Rain or shine, 72 golfers will be competing on Friday at the second annual OTB Charity Golf Tournament at Maderas Golf Club in Poway. Join us via our Instragram Story for updates. We would like to thank our amazing sponsors who are making the event possible:



NCC STUDENTS TAKE ON STARVING 2 SERVE



For all of you who attend North Coast Church, thank you for your generosity this past weekend as junior high students across church campuses hassled you to support them in this year's Starving 2 Serve. Join us in praying for these students as they go without food for 30 hours, starting Thursday night at 6:00. They've set a God-sized goal of raising \$100,000 to go to Outside the Bowl and other mission organizations around the world.

Thank you for being part of Outside the Bowl as together, we feed the hungry ... body & soul!

With JOY,

The OTB International Family