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# AFS Interculture South Africa News

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Dear Volunteers

First of all, I would like to thank you for remaining checked in and committed to the work we do at AFS. I hope you are still enjoying your choice of Volunteering.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April we had our first ever retreat. The goal of the event; which brought together staff, board members and volunteers, was to get our house in order and ensure we are all remain committed to the values of AFS ISA.

This was also the beginning of an ongoing conversation, there were many lessons learnt and cherished moments.

Let us continue with this engagement until we reach a satisfactory level of harmony.

As we welcome new members to our organisation, let us inform them well about our values and passion.

The world is faced with many challenges today and we are no exception. I believe we can make a positive difference if we continue to promote the AFS mission of a more peaceful and just society through intercultural learning.

We need to make an impact in South Africa and we can only achieve this if we grow and reach more people in South Africa and surrounding countries.

Let's build more Friendships.

Wishing you Peace

Palesa

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## Staff - Out Of Office Schedule

### *Management*

- Dennis out from 21-27 June, back Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Roweena out from 25 June - 10 July, back Monday 11 July  
(Dennis is covering)
- Roweena out from 17 July - 24 August  
(Dennis is covering)
- Claudia out from 16 June - 10 July, back 11 July  
(Mbali is covering)
- Mbali out on the 1<sup>st</sup> July back Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
(Dennis is covering)

### *Programme Staff*

- Dzentra on leave from 27 June - 01 July, back Monday 04 July  
(Gugu is covering)
- Rae on leave for Eid 7 & 8 July and for the week of 18-22 July after IP arrival orientation.

## Volunteer Assistance in the Office

### *Take Note!*

There are 3 volunteers assisting in the office for the period of June & July namely:

#### **Khahliso Namucana**

Assisting in Volunteer Development, using the [rsa.intern@afs.org](mailto:rsa.intern@afs.org) email address.

#### **Mapaseka Mathe**

Assisting on following up on IP families and leads

#### **Jeanette Tshangile**

Assisting on following up on IP families and leads

## JHB North West Chapter meeting

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JHB North-West Chapter meeting

It was a most enjoyable meeting full of fun and laughter. Theo was presented with some beautiful white orchids from AFS for hosting Elias who has returned to Paraguay.

## News from our YES participant

### Greetings from Akhona



Hey yall,

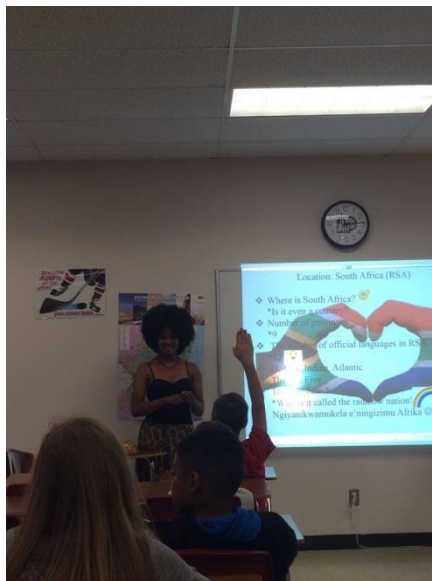
I kind of miss you guys right now and my exchange year is coming to an end! Can't believe that 5 months have gone past so fast!!

Things in Missouri are wonderful we just had a Mid-year orientation a couple of weeks ago and we had some diversity exercise for sponsored programs.



I'm playing club basketball and our team is doing really well, we've won 3 out of 4 games we had. Soccer season is coming up and I can't wait, after all the pre-season work I was doing alone at home.

We're having this multicultural assembly in school and I'm thinking of taking part in it. And since February is Black History month the MAC scholar club (which I'm in) will be doing a live museum for about a week!



It's kind of difficult now having to deal with school work, because there's so much going on.

*It's absolutely crazy!*

The homework has doubled and I really don't get a lot of sleep ever since the 2nd semester started.

The holidays were really nice and I enjoy the "snow days" because school gets cancelled! I'm kidding.



Some events that are coming up are Court Warming which is like homecoming, but it's for Basketball and of course Prom!

I love you guys so much. I hope to see you soon!

Akhona

### Mamelodi Update

#### Chapter Activities

- Host family recruitment
- Projects recruitment
- Schools hosting recruitment
- Scholarships recruitment
- Chapter planning meeting: Mamelodi West (Hosted by Billy Phahlane)





- Projects recruitment (Hope Centre – Soshanguve/ Lerato Centre in Hammanskraal)
- Schools awareness in Ribane Laka, Solomon Mahlangu, Micha-Kgasi High School
- Contact person support: Zakheni (Soshanguve)
- Chapter Meeting: Monthly Mamelodi West (Host: Mmatepeng Temane)
- AFS Presentation at the ECD Gauteng in Congress(Pretoria)



### Highlights for Mamelodi Chapter

- 1) Consistent monthly chapter meetings.
- 2) Awareness raising and presentation of AFS 18+Project hosting at Tshwane Early Childhood Development Congress in Pretoria.
- 3) Community Awareness of AFS programmes through Radio interview at Impact Radio.



Mamelodi FM: Stakeholder / Relationship building

## Mosselbay

### The Spirit of Volunteerism



Volunteering at the church - packing clothing bags for the less fortunate.



## Somerset West

### Congratulations Almaas

Almaas Bagus has been awarded a Weltwaerts diversity scholarship and will be leaving soon for a year in Germany. She has already started studying German.

Zaylynne Louw from HHH has been awarded one of the Africa scholarships to go to Belgium, leaving in August.

Well done to Isaac and the tremendous work he does for his community.