

LIGHT PROVIDERS



Shining to Liberate

It is the knowledge of the existence of death that counsels us in making informed decisions, because we understand that we are not here on earth forever but here to accomplish our assignment and then go.

A Monthly Newsletter

by Vusi Kweyama of Light Providers

Extraordinary LP servants to thank

Find out what 10 LP insiders do to make this organization productive and successful in God's eyes.

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Photos of two generous supporters

WCA, and LSA and Chapel in the Pines (USA)



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LP recovers from grand theft

Although all its office equipment was stolen in May, see how LP has recovered and gotten back in action!

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LP action photos



See a number of photos of youth enjoying themselves in LP sports programs.

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Vusi's gratitude

Thanks to a couple of generous organizations, LP will be able to focus on a number of new endeavors throughout the year's closing weeks.

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How to get involved with and support LP

Get details on ways you can help Light Providers, whether by service or material or financial contributions.



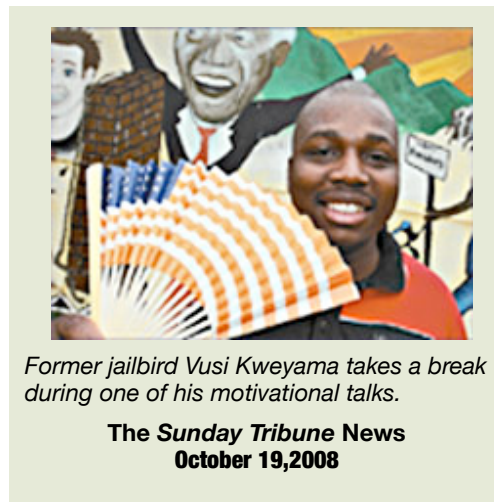
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With Much Appreciation

In my last newsletter, I briefly introduced you to this amazing organization called Light Providers (LP). This time I want to drill down at bit. Light Providers is an organization that seeks to expose young people to their inherent potential, it our mission to nurture and shape the leaders of tomorrow.

Behind many amazing things that are happening in this organization is a team of extraordinary, respectful people who I value highly, such as:

- **Peter Dent**, who's been mentoring us for the past 3 years or so, he's the former CEO of Engen Refineries in Malaysia and South Africa
- **Lee-Anne Teague** of Teague & Associates Accounting Corp., an amazing woman and financial auditor who recently joined Light Providers



Former jailbird Vusi Kweyama takes a break during one of his motivational talks.

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- **Siyanda Chonco**, a passionate young man who assumed my role during my summer absence and is currently studying for his BA degree in Sociology and Social work while working as deputy chairperson of LP's board
- **Gugu Mfuma**, a founder of a dance group called Personalities, she's currently studying part time for her BA degree in

Psychology while acting as secretary of LP's board and overseeing LP's recreation sphere

- **Sabelo Ncgobo**, already having an N4 certificate in electrical engineering and still studying at UKZN (a nearby university) for a national diploma, Sabelo works with LP on a part-time basis as one of its fundraisers
- **Mlungisi Chamane**, the marketing man in the LP organization who's also studying informational technology (IT) at Durban University
- **Nosipho Ntuli**, a young woman who's emerged as one of our administrators today, she's a true blessing who studies IT at University of South Africa
- **Msizi Phewa**, a young creative man who's become the core of our organization, Msizi oversees our capacity building sphere, which houses all LP's computers, our life skills materials, and library

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World Changers Academy (WCA) and Loving South Africa (<http://www.lovinglsa.org>) have generously given to Light Providers two desktop computers.

Two Chapel in the Pines ministries (in California, USA), wired a donation of 6510.57 ZAR (\$657 USD) to LP for much-needed office equipment.

More of my grateful thank-yous . . .

● **Tseko Mokeseng** is LP's centre manager and a respected community soccer coach. Because of his effort and dedication, he's enabled our LP soccer team to do great this season. I continuously get inspired and learn from Tseko. Next month, our soccer team will have the opportunity to play one South Africa's most highly developed teams because of his effort.

● **Bongani Chamane** uses some of his astounding abilities to not only be a member of the board but our basketball team's head coach.

These young people continue to do awesome, breathtaking jobs for Light Providers, all the while, working on voluntary basis in my absence. I salute all of these dedicated servants.

Without forgetting my church, Kingdom Life Centre, has been a source of spiritual impartation that I carry wherever I go. I also thank Sizwe Mthembu, my senior elder, a business man, and a pastor, for his guidance in many areas. Peace to Sizwe!

On my return from an overseas summer trip, I found a number of things that I needed to address — one very serious predicament — Light Providers organization had been robbed, at gunpoint, for the first time in five years. Fortunately, no one was hurt. We lost all our computers, fax machine, photo copier, my own laptop, and other items; equipment worth 40,000 Rand (\$4,000). Fortunately, over the past two months, we here have worked together with a number of our supportive local and USA friends (shown in the photos above). Thankfully, we've recovered from that theft!

Light Providers appreciates the recent support it received from good friends:

- ▶ **Escalon Covenant Church** (California, USA) for donating R5552.20 (\$550 USD) for internet connection it should cover our contract for a couple of months.
- ▶ **VukAfrica Tours & Training** continues to amaze me by the way it financially supports our organization.
- ▶ **Chapel in the Pines** (Calif.) Hearty Boys Bible Study and **Sunday school class** thankfully donated 6510.57 ZAR (\$657) to replace stolen office equipment.
- ▶ **Loving South Africa and WCA** are awesome for donating two computers.
- ▶ Thanks to **ABSA Foundation** for its previously donated R11000 contribution (\$1,090). Its media workshop, which inspired us to broadly expose LP, enabled the *Sunday Tribune* newspaper to give LP superb coverage in its October 19 News edition. ●



So Much to Appreciate . . .

Through Substitute Rehab Program, we've been able to run our Life Skills course for the high school student group, (including 13 young people who the Pinetown Court System referred to Substitute Rehabilitation). This course has been a very successful! Here's a wonderful example.



— Excelsior Place of Safety (a well-populated detention centre for juveniles) allowed LP to use its facilities. Two young boys who had been charged with selling drugs in their school have initiated a drug-awareness campaign in their school in affiliation with LP's ongoing mentorship program that's offered to all court referrals.

In addition, because we won't be running our life skills program until next year, LP is focusing on other productive activities. For instance, we're excited about the development of these extremely popular LP pursuits:

- Our basketball team now consists of 20 ballplayers under the age of 21.
- Our netball team has 18 girls under the age of 23.
- Our soccer teams are big and strong: The boys team includes 26 boys under age of 16 while the girls soccer team is made up of 20 girls under age of 16.

Along with developing athletic programs that encourage young people to appreciate the importance of being "team players," we look forward, next year, to running camps year round, along with conducting inspirational seminars. With both, we'll impart a sense of vision, purpose, and ambition for these young people at an early, critical time of their lives. It continues to be Light Providers' intent to shape these youngsters' character to have a positive impact on their future. When we're able to buy an overhead projector, DVD player, and a TV, we'll start videotaping our youth playing soccer, basketball and netball, documenting for inspirational purposes their changed lives. Count on me to keep you up to date on these pursuits.

Owenu (Yours truly),

Vusi Kweyama of Light Providers

"Partnership is the key to social transformation!"

Different ways you can partner with Light Providers

- * You can volunteer at our center and offer your skills and time.
- * You can donate computers, a gym for physical fitness equipment, and basketball and soccer kits.
- * You can support us financially.

Your financial support is very much appreciated. It allows Light Providers to enable and transform numerous young people.

If you'd like to make a one-time donation or make contributions on a prescheduled basis, our bank account details are as follows:

Account Name: Light Providers Youth Club
Bank: First National Bank
Branch: Pine Crest 251-505
Bank Address: Shop 104 Sanlam Ctr., Pinetown, S.A.
Bank Routing No.: FIRNZAJJ
Account No.: 6211 513 1683

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