

THE PARTNERSHIP

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Restoration of L'Abri Outdoor Centre

a project of Youth for Christ

Since January 2010 a new team headed by Martin and Shannan Lord is managing L'Abri. For the past six years they have managed the CYARA Youth for Christ Training Centre situated in the Hekpoort. Martin and Shannan are trained and experienced in the hospitality industry. Martin has also served as a Pastor and Sales manager. They have three children, Nicola (8), Victoria (7) and Timothy (2) who are being home schooled for spiritual and ministry responsibility reasons. They are involved on a National level with Youth for Christ fulfilling prayer and administrative roles. Their desire is to see YFC land assets maintained and developed to support their ministry objectives and needs. Their time at CYARA has been one of construction and development, with the facility growing into a self sustaining entity which is able to provide some financial support to Youth for Christ Nationally. They are committed to the 'Family matters' vision Youth for Christ launched in September 2010.

It's been a busy start at L'Abri, with lots of renovations and improvements underway.

THE TEAM:

An enthusiastic and well equipped / trained team will work between CYARA and L'Abri to serve clients booking the facilities. Lynn remains on call from YFC main office in PMB to take bookings and respond to administration needs and requests. There are 7 dynamic, talented young volunteers

who are currently undergoing training at CYARA of which three will be permanently based at L'Abri. The volunteers and our team of fulltime, trained staff are ready and excited to serve our clients.

The full time staff have been well trained as facilitators and are able to offer training in outdoor adventure activities [training and accreditation by Adventure Recreation Association (ARA) and Mountain Development Trust (MDT)], life skills including self awareness, team building,

sexuality etc [certified by Extreme Life and registered in 8 of the 9 Provinces], Nature and environmental awareness [certification



pending through practical examinations by Field Guide Association of Southern Africa (FEGASA)].

Kotliso and Emma Motloung who have worked at CYARA Training Centre for many years will be working at L'Abri for the next 6-12 months. They have lots of experience and are able to meet general maintenance, site preparation, cleaning and catering needs.

RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY:

- Decking at the Activity Hall has been repaired, the internal walls have been demolished and the floor is being levelled. Support walls for the upper area are under construction. When renovations are complete, the indoor activity area will also be used as a dining and coffee bar facility. Once sufficient funding is raised, a centralised kitchen will be built to cater for larger groups.
- The staff houses are being converted into customer accommodation. The single level house is nearing completion. A slab and retaining wall has been built around the whole house. Pillars have been placed in the retaining wall to secure IBR sheeting around the building in the future. Renovations on the double storey house have begun. The two levels will be

completely split with access to the upstairs area being moved outside. There will be 4 two roomed units with en-suite facilities in this house.

Due to ongoing construction only Site A (cottages) and the cabins are available for hire and we are restricting bookings to one large (40plus) or two small groups to use the facilities at a time. We are making every attempt to minimise the inconvenience of construction but due to the area of development are unable to completely avoid sight of the construction.



YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Pray for wisdom in prioritising construction and maintenance needs as well as the responsible use of finances in order to maximise what we are able to do.
- Pray for the Lord's direction and mission for L'Abri, keeping in line with the National and KZN vision and ministry plans.

- Pray for strength and blessings for our staff that are working for no additional income and sacrificing time off with no reimbursement expectations.
- Supply us with information regarding reasonable suppliers of building materials, furniture and hospitality equipment for the centre.
- Pray for time to finalise administration procedures, accounting and policies.
- Inform your network of ministries, friends, schools and colleagues that L'Abri is open. Bookings will help to generate sustainable income and employment at the centre.

INTRODUCING THE NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

Sally has worked with the organisation since 1992 in various capacities, including co-ordinating various projects of YFC/KZN, and then as Regional Director for 3 years (2002-2004). At that time she resigned as the Regional Director to spend time being a mother to her two girls; Hayley 5 and Carlene 3. During this time she worked part time as the co-ordinator of the YDC, doing most of the work from home, until the girls started at nursery school.



Sally considers it a real challenge to be back in leadership at YFC. A lot has changed and there is a lot of work, including stabilising the income necessary to run the organisation and at the same time making sure that the plans to serve the children and youth are well thought through and cost effective. It is however, a real privilege for her to be working with the team of committed and dedicated staff again and to be able to provide leadership for this enthusiastic and committed group of people. Using God given talent to serve and enable is something close to Sally's heart.

APPEAL

REACH OUT TO COMMUNITIES IN KZN

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