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Child Protection Week at Ntshovelo

The saying “**the children are our future**” is no joke at all to us. Mbuyelo Coal under Ntshovelo Mining Resources visited Arbor Primary School in an effort to bring awareness and to show their support to the children in the community.

Notwithstanding their puzzled expression about childbearing and other nationwide abuse acts, the speakers were highly committed to Mbuyelo’s pursuit in raising awareness of these concerning tendencies to these innocent souls.



Mbuyelo, Fraser Alexander and Trollope came bearing gifts, little things children would appreciate. They sprung up from their seats, but were quickly calmed down to proceed to their classes in an orderly fashion to get what’s theirs.

A big thanks to all the organizations that formed part of this auspicious event. May we never give up on our children.

The program director opened the event with a befitting, loving and appropriately gentle manner, suitable for impressionable minds. Their little faces looked up in awe. One speaker, two speakers, three speakers, four. A charming rhythm from the young and trusting audience put a smile on all our faces as they honoured every speaker with a, “Do this,(clap-clap) do that (clap-clap), vala (clap)!” They chanted it with discipline and without fail. Touchingly impeccable performances from the school choir and their traditional dance group were their welcome to everyone.

The children were shy yet surprisingly open to discuss issues we as parents sometimes fear to bring to the table. The “birds and the bees” talk has moved up a few ages in today’s world because our children are exposed to so much at such a young age. One of the speakers discussed the heartbreaking story of a ten year old mom briefly with the kids, an experience none of them clearly knew anything about as they enthusiastically jumped up to express how babies were bought and came via airplanes.



Maboko Colliery

Maboko continues to live up to its reputation

We are proud to announce that the official handover of the kitchen facilities at Belfast Primary School took place on the 13th of May 2022.

Belfast Primary School Principal, Mr. Molokwane, had approached Maboko requesting assistance with rehabilitation of the school's kitchen facilities, but Mbuyelo saw it fitting to go over and above the request by constructing new facilities for the kitchen. This school is the only Higher Primary in Siyathuthuka township, and enrolls a vast amount of learners annually, also taking on learners from the local Lower Primary School, Ukhwezi.

The Maboko team rocked up in numbers to witness the event. The teachers, school governing body and circuit officers were more than thrilled by such an initiative by Mbuyelo. Mbuyelo CEO, Mr. Rirhandzu Siweya expressed joy and appreciation for the effortlessly loving spirit that continues to define the Maboko Colliery's natural way of giving back to the immediately affected Emakhazeni Municipality.



Manungu Colliery

From the taxi rank to the weighbridge

In a quiet boardroom setting at Mbuyelo Coal's Manungu Colliery, I met up with Mr. Jacob Nyathi, Managing Director of "Sthewukele" (Pty) Ltd, a logistics company whose core business is coal hauling. His humble demeanor far outshone the magnitude of this man's growing business. Sthewukele has been transporting coal from the mines to various power stations for years now.



Mr. Nyathi and partners started off their business in the taxi industry in 2015 and managed to penetrate the coal market by transporting employees to and from Manungu. Not long after, they put in a proposal to the mine to transport coal to the allocated power stations. They started off with two(2) of their own trucks, then decided to join forces with Delmas locals, who pitched in six(6) trucks of their own. That is where the climb to the top began with eight(8) trucks; twelve(12) trucks, then forty(40) (fourteen of which belonged to Sthewukele)!

They have been doing business with Manungu directly since 2020 when they tendered for coal transportation with the mine. Today they boast a whopping one hundred and ten (110) trucks with the local community forming the backbone of the enterprise. "I honestly believe our business is blessed because we are all about empowering the community," Mr. Nyathi highlighted as he recalled the story of one of the female-owned member business they work with. The lady in question currently owns six trucks by herself. In a male-dominated industry such as trucking, it is not every day that a woman can stand alone and join in boldly amongst her male counterparts.

Sthewukele's launchpad was Manungu and they are ever so grateful for the opportunity afforded to them. "Mbuyelo is truly the best company to work with, with timeous payments and their dedication to reaching back and lifting up others in need," he mentioned with a sparkle in his eye. To Mbuyelo he sends this message, "I believe we have proven ourselves capable. With little resources, we did not focus on our short-comings. Given another opportunity by Mbuyelo at any other one of their operations, the sky will be the limit for us."

He mentions how they found the gap in the coal hauling market when they discovered that many trucks were hesitant to travel at night, so they grabbed the opportunity with both hands! Ever since then, they make a point to reach their monthly targets without fail.

When Mr. RO Siweya, Mbuyelo Group CEO was mentioned, Mr. Nyathi gave his humble thanks for believing in them enough to trust them with his business.

Success stories like Mr. Nyathi's are far and few between. Let this be a great motivation for all of us in our endeavors to reach our highest goals

As if that was not enough, the empowering of the SMMEs above is also followed by a School Shoes Donation Drive. Manungu will be donating 800 pairs of school shoes to needy scholars around the Delmas area. This has already cheerfully started with the first 200 pairs to Sizuzile Primary School in Botleng.

**We are
beyond
proud
of you
Manungu!**



Congratulations



A huge congratulations goes out to Mbali Mokwoena and Lesego Ngwane for completing their studies.

Mbali, Plant Manager at Mavungwani Colliery since 2019, enrolled for her Masters in Business Administration (MBA) in 2020 as part of our postgraduates under the Mbuyelo Study Assistance Program. She recently completed her MBA qualification with UNISA in 2021.

Lesego, receptionist at Mbuyelo Group head office since 2017, decided early on to grab the opportunity to study offered by Mbuyelo, and enrolled for her Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing Management with Mancosa. She has just completed her studies and looks forward to a bright future filled with opportunities at Mbuyelo.

Mbali, Lesego and all the Mbuyelo family member's stories of success demonstrates the true spirit of resilience, perseverance, and hard work. Well done ladies, you have done us proud!

Welcoming new members

Mr. Mandla Nyirenda

joined our Mavungwani operation as General Manager in June 2022. He brings with him 20 years wealth of experience in the mining industry, which Mbuyelo will undoubtedly benefit so much of.



Mr. Tshwarelo Mosito

joins our family as HR Practitioner at Mavungwani Colliery. He is very passionate about employee engagement, development, and stakeholder relations. He has been working as HR Generalist for over 10 years and occupied various HR roles in his career.



Mr. Simphiwe Dube

joined the Mbuyelo family in the Mineral Resources Management Department, in April 2022 as Chief Surveyor. Simphiwe serves both Ntshovelo and Maboko Collieries. He brings 17 years of much needed survey experience with him.

