



Hi there ...

It puzzles me how one begins a school year without something as basic as a pen or a pencil. Can you imagine starting our school career without a chair to sit on or a desk to work at? It sounds farfetched, but unfortunately this is a very real situation and a gloomy prospect for many schools in 2012.

For the third year now, the Butterfly Foundation was able to provide a schoolbag with all the necessary stationary to the 2012 Grade One class of the Sandhills Primary School's in De Doorns. Handing each new Grade One learner a stationary filled schoolbag, always is a magnificent occasion. It is delightful to see how their faces light up as they take ownership of their very own, very precious possession. The smiles all around tells a thousand tales ...

Words always seem to fall short when trying to explain the pride on these new schoolbag owners' little faces. For many of these little ones, it is the very first time they ever own something new – something they can call their own! For most, this schoolbag will replace the Checkers or PicnPay plastic bag which was the best they could do ...

Once again the Butterfly Foundation is proud to be able to lend a helping hand. For most of us it is something obvious, but for these little children it is something profound.



*Some of the proud new School bag owners at Sandhill Primary School in De Doorns.*

As they unpacked their schoolbags I ones again was overcome by the degree of need that exists. While looking at the little faces one can only hope that a few of them will be able to break the circle of poverty. Currently there are 45 pupils per grade one class. You would surely agree that the task to teach 45 children in a single class to read and write is nearly impossible. The fact that many come from shacks and have little to no access to water and electricity can't help the odds ...

Never the less, the Butterfly Foundation is committed to do everything within our power to create positive change. We are currently busy with the construction of a Computer room and a Library after which we will focus on appointing a Librarian, Remedial Teacher and if our funds allow us, a Social worker. This is a project in excess of a million rand.



*A big High Five from our possible-future leaders!*

We believe that the key to breaking the poverty cycle is education and therefore we will be spending our time, money and energy in 2012 on to try to contribute to better education.

A Million thanks for all your contributions. Ultimately this is what makes it possible for us to do what we do ...

### Butterfly Regards



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