



# Newsletter

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## News

### The Three Kings Preparation

On our farm we use bio-dynamic preparations for improving soil quality and also to protect and nurture our land. One of the yearly rituals of our community is to prepare The Three Kings Preparation on New Year's Eve and to spray it along our estate boundaries on Three King's Day.

The Three Kings Preparation is one of a whole group of preparations created by Hugo Erbe (1885-1965). Following the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 he observed a massive disruption and flight of beneficial elemental beings from his farmland. He experienced this deep wound to the living sheath of the earth as a process whereby the elementals were being demonised. To help heal the damage done to the earth's organism and bring the elementals back into equilibrium he developed a preparation made from the gifts of the three wise men.



The precious gifts brought by the three kings from the East to present to the Jesus child were: Gold, symbol for worldly wisdom, Frankincense, devotional offering to the Gods and Myrrh, symbol for the victory of life over death.

Ancient mystery wisdom has always held these three substances as symbols of awareness for the spiritual events taking place behind the outer physical phenomena. When prepared in the right way these three holy

substances serve as gifts to the earth and to the elemental world.

On the afternoon of Three Kings Day interested people gather on the farm to stir the preparation in a barrel. Andrew Uys (left) really concentrated and was assisted by our farmer, Garry Ingram. Small teams of 4-10 people take buckets with the preparations and walk in all directions around our perimeters, spraying the preparations with brushes or twigs around our boundaries. Some groups have to walk over rough land and people who are less physically able take the easier routes. For all it is a conscious effort to support the protective sheath of our farm.

*Garry Ingram*

### Vuyani George



Vuyani George, who is an artistically gifted student from Camphill School, turns 20 this year, and is ready to leave school in order to go into adult life. When he was asked what his plans for adult life were, he voiced a strong wish that he could paint all day long. The question that arose was, "Why should he not come to Callan, Ireland, to the Kilkenny Collective for Arts Talents (KCAT)"? This is a Camphill related centre where the artistic talents of people with, and without, intellectual disabilities are developed and fostered.

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*Dear parents, friends, and families,*

Camphill Farm Community was official founded on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1978 and thus is 30 years old this year! Camphill School has already been in existence for 20 years. The need arose for a place to live for students who had outgrown Camphill School.

Camphill Farm wishes to celebrate the 30 years anniversary not by a single function but with a variety of events.

**On** 1 August 2008 the famous pianist Gustavo Romero from Brazil will give a concert in aid of Camphill at the Auditorium in Hermanus. The concert he gave last year was honoured with a standing ovation. We are immensely grateful that Gustavo is prepared to give another concert for us.

**At** the end of September our renowned director Clive Lancaster will present a new play with his cast of highly talented actors from our community. Rehearsals have started and excitement is growing.

**Our** Camphill Fair is scheduled for early December and will be a huge birthday party with many fabulous new ideas...

**We** are busy compiling stories, events, happenings covering the last 30 years, which we intend to put together as an entertaining booklet. It will celebrate our 30 year anniversary. So, we would very much welcome any contributions that our readers and friends would like to make. Families, please share with us your memories and anecdotes.

Please be generous with your contributions as we always need and appreciate your input. Articles may be sent to:

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**Thank you!**



Bear in mind what a huge decision it is to make, for both George and his family, to fly out of their home in Zwelihle, over the massive continent of Africa, to Ireland, and to land in a completely new home. This will be at Camphill Community Jerpoint, near Thomastown. He will stay there for a year or two and will be trained in sculpture, painting, modelling, drawing, and kite-making.

Heidi Feucht, an Art-Therapist from Ireland, who visits us for 3 months a year, introduced Vuyani to van Gogh this year. He rendered some wonderful copies of van Gogh's portraits.

We wish Vuyani all the best for this exciting venture!

Leli Hoch

## Hope Korshega Selase †

Hope Korshega Selase was born on 1 June 1986 in Accra, Ghana.

After School and training as a joiner and carpenter, he entered care work at a hospital, where he cared for terminally ill patients with much love and dedication. It was during this time that Korshega felt the calling to train professionally as a carer. This, he then undertook.

Korshega and his father shared the dream of setting up a Camphill Community in Ghana, since Korshega's uncle was a volunteer at Camphill Mourne Grange, UK. To gain more experience Korshega applied as a volunteer at Camphill School and arrived in March 2007. He lived and worked in Dawn House. In school, Korshega was a class helper in class 7, with a group of boys aged about thirteen.

Every day, after lunch, Korshega looked after and played with, a group of five boys. He often took them to play basketball on the farm and this they loved. In this group, there was a boy with particular difficulties, but Korshega managed to build up a relationship with him and consciously chose to work with him - very successfully. Sometimes this boy could make people really angry, but Korshega always kept his cool, and could manage most situations just by talking to him. The Dawn House boys really loved him and he became their friend.

Whenever Korshega was going through some difficulty, he could easily and calmly discuss the problem and sort things out. He was serious, respectful, and responsible, but also enthusiastic and full of fun. He was definitely very spiritual, and it was important for him to be a good person. On his bedroom door he put a notice that said: 'Be a man of value, rather than a man of success'. He was not shy to ask questions and was hungry for knowledge.

During the long summer holiday, while all the other co-workers went travelling, Korshega decided to volunteer his services at Camphill West Coast, where he had a full experience of the community life there. He spent Christmas at the village and made some very good connections with many people.

On Sunday afternoon, 20 January 2008, Korshega went for a walk with a friend to a beautiful waterfall with rock-pool on the neighbouring farm, where the two friends decided to swim. It was in this pool that Korshega got into difficulty and sank below the surface. His body was not found until the following Thursday. For 4 days his body lay peacefully under the cool water in a very beautiful place.

Korshega's parents decided to have him buried here in South Africa, so they flew in from Ghana, and the funeral took place on Friday, 15 February 2008, at Camphill Community in the Hemel en Aarde Valley, Hermanus, where his body was laid to rest.

We deeply mourn the death of a dear friend and co-worker, a brother to five siblings and a wonderfully powerful son. We will miss you enormously Korshega, but we realise that you have to fulfil another, higher, task. Hamba Kahle!

Heidi Thueneman



The Camphill Farm Office structure has changed with the addition of a new staff member, **Desiree Erwee**.



Desiree and her family have recently come to live in Hermanus from Klerksdorp,

so we welcome them not only to our town but to Camphill as well. Desiree is our Farm Office Secretary, working mornings only so that she can enjoy family time with her two daughters in the afternoons

**Anne Clark**, who is well known to most of you, has taken over as Office Manager, responsible for financial and administration matters, and **Chris Raven** continues his work as our ever efficient bookkeeper. Desiree, we hope you will soon settle into your new functions and come to enjoy the wonderful environment here in the Hemel en Aarde Valley.

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