



**DELFT EARLY CHILDHOOD
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DELVING IN DELFT STORIES THAT INSPIRE HOPE



Dear Friends,

Welcome to Delving in Delft, a place where we uncover stories of courage, resilience, and hope.

These pages invite you to meet the remarkable men and women who dig deep every day—finding strength not only to survive, but to help others flourish. Moved by the cries, laughter, and potential of small children, they choose hope over despair, perseverance over comfort, and action over indifference.

Are you digging it?

Did you know the name Delft comes from the Dutch word meaning delve or dig? It was named for the city in the Netherlands founded in the 11th century alongside an artificial canal (the Delf) that was dug to drain swampy peat bogs and reclaim the land. (Be still my charismatic heart!)

But back to the 21st century: Somewhere earlier in the 2000s, when the plan was to plant a church there, we would hold prayer walks in Delft. Enthusiastic groups walked the streets, accompanied by a worship band on the back of a truck, proclaiming God's sovereignty and calling for His light to shine in darkness and for eternal destinies to be changed. We were claiming ground in the spirit.

About two decades later, God is doing exactly what we asked of Him, only not in the way we anticipated or could have foreseen at the time.

His light is indeed spreading, and the trajectory of lives are being changed. Not through sermons preached at Sunday meetings, but daily, through the courageous and steady efforts of the principals and teachers of the Delft ECD Project. Behind every one of these 29 crèches is a story of perseverance, compassion, and hope. Every day, they show up and open their doors to children who need safety, care, learning, and encouragement during the most important years of their development.

Through training, educational support, partnerships, and ongoing encouragement, we are placing a shovel in the hand of each of them as they work day by day to reclaim the land. One child's future at a time.

This year, our vision is all about sustainability: to help these centres become even more empowered and equipped to continue their work well into the future. Who knows? A shovel may become a digger loader.

But wait! There's more!

Another tool is being added to the excavation arsenal:

On Tuesday, 26 May, principals from Delft met at Shofar Durbanville to celebrate the launch of the new Imago Dei Kids Ministry. Every week Nosisa and the team will visit 20 schools to facilitate a session filled with the Word, singing and activities to remind the children that –

God loves them deeply,
they are made in His image,
they are not an accident,
He has a plan for their life.

How cool is that? As someone who only in their fifties managed to get rid of the deep-seated feeling that their arrival on earth was an accident and an intrusion, I cannot over-emphasise how wonderful it is that the little ones in Delft will have the opportunity to receive these truths early in life. THIS IS EXCITING STUFF!!



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At a time when every day seems to bring a new report of violence somewhere on the Cape Flats, Delft is often in the news for all the wrong reasons. It would be easy to feel overwhelmed by the scale of the poverty, unemployment and seeming hopelessness.

But if you delve a little deeper (see what I did there?) there is another side that never makes it into the headlines. The good news is that we will be doing all the digging on your behalf. No need to get your hands dirty, so to speak. (Although, if you are receiving this newsletter, you already know that there are various ways you can be involved. Feel free to share them far and wide.)

Over the coming weeks, we will be bringing you good news stories and updates on the excavation effort. This is news you can dig!

We will introduce you to the incredible principals and crèches that form part of the Delft ECD Project, sharing more about their journey and the unique role they play in reclaiming the land and bringing hope to their communities.

We are grateful for each one of you joining us on this journey of reclaiming the future of Delft — one child at a time.

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