



# Hilltop Computers

With Hilltop anything is possible....

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## Volunteers arrive to Hilltop from Germany

This is Hilltops 5th consecutive year of partnering with the German organization IJGD based in Fribourg Germany. Stephan Thurn, Tamara Bernhard, Marlon Philipp, Luk Kluetz and Marius Scheib are here in the Eastern Cape to train township and village youth and adults in primary and high schools in computer literacy, English and maths, in computer labs set up by Hilltops staff. The locations are Mdsanstane, Dimbaza, Alexandria and the lovely community of Summerset East. Hilltop farms IT department has assigned Stephan in a management trainee position. It is an exciting time ahead for the next 11 months, as these new friends and enthusiastic volunteers will be able to touch the lives of hundreds of computer centre learners with their skills, knowledge and brilliant characters. A general exchange of goodness and hope will filter through the communities where the young Germans have an opportunity to develop themselves and hundreds of others by their gift of voluntary service to uplift communities and individuals in South Africa. A warm welcome to our new volunteers and thank you!

### Hilltop Joinery

The carpentry department is making furniture and filling orders from kitchen cabinets, to bunk beds! The 4 men originally from Klipfontien township, near Port Alfred have lots of orders! They are building their business as private contractors with the assistance of Rommel and Robin. Visitors from San Diego California Elder and Sister Fowers Missionaries of the church of Latter day Saints gave a half day seminar on how to improve their work. Sister Flowers has 30 years of furniture making experience, as a hobbyist. The training was excellent and encouraging for the men!



German volunteers, Stephan, Tamara, Marlon, Luk and Marius. Here In South Africa to learn about the country and to teach computer technology skills

### Woody Cape

After 8 years of travelling the globe Che Roberts, Rommel's son decided to return to South Africa with his French sweetheart Sandrine Marty. Together they are managing the Woody Cape Holiday Resort, adding alternative adventure tours like river canoeing, game drives, scuba diving and nature hikes As a couple they are enjoying their new life here and look forward to getting married at Woody Cape on November 3rd, 2012. Woody Capes very first Wedding Ceremony!

Congratulations to Sandrine and Che on the development of Woody Cape and your new life in South Africa!

### New Pup Project

*Robin continues her youth development programme and this time looks forward to mentoring and training a new Hilltop member into the fold, Hilltops new companion and guard, Pharaoh a German Shepherd pup! The Bhisho Police Canine Unit has been to the farm and would like to give Robin and Pharaoh the latest inside SAPD canine training techniques, when he is a bit older!*

### In Memory of Hienrich Beck

*A wonderful friend of Rommel's for the past 30 years, a resident of Rensburg Germany. Dearest friend, you will be deeply missed. Our love and prayers are with you and beloved Bergit and family.*

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#### Special points of interest:

- 2012 IJGD 5 Volunteers arrive from Germany
- Honey Mxhokloloshe returns to Hilltop
- Che Roberts and finance' Sandrine Marty
- Hilltop brings aboard a new German Shepherd pup
- Carpentry team finding ways to open doors for new opportunities
- In memory of Hienrich Beck

## Honey Mxhokloloshe released from Prison

One of Robin's first youth to ever mentor in 2003. Honey who has been a friend of Hilltop for the last 9 years. He recently returned to Hilltop to re-enter our IT technician program. On Honey's third month here in IT he was falsely accused of a crime, when acting as a good Samaritan. He was sentenced to prison for 18 months. Unfortu-

nately, he represented himself without an attorney. On September 26th, he was released early on good behavior after 3 months. Despite a horrific trauma, Honey has returned radiant and eager to be at Hilltop and wants to start training for a marathon with Stephan our German volunteer in the IT Department. After a touching

re-union, Robin took Honey to King Williams Town shopping and together they purchased some new cloths for Honey for his new life, which Honey truly needed and deserved, after such a disturbing and challenging time of surviving the three months in prison, as an innocent man. Honey is 35 yrs old and the future for him looks bright!

**It's the Hilltop Team that makes the difference, these wonderful people make it happen!**



**IT Management and Trainers with visiting Linux 4 Afrika, IT Expert HP Merkel**



## The Back Stock Room at Hilltop for Componets and Trainer Babes



## Junior Technician Philasande, 17 yrs old and Nisha Naidoo IT Support





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**There is so much work to do, people want what we have and that is hope, skills and opportunities for a brighter future.**

