

Kurt & Barbro visit RCPE projects



The day started with a bang - breakfast at Grant's home! From there Kurt and Barbro, honorary Rotarians of RCPE, left with Robin for the offices of SA Cares for Life and were joined by Edie, Clive and Bernard.

Sylvi Bodemer, the MD of SA Cares, gave a condensed presentation on the activities of SA Cares, before the party moved on to one of their crèches, Little Hearts. Here Kurt and Barbro brought smiles to the kid's faces when two enormous bags of clothing were produced, care of their Swedish clubs.



This crèche was the first of SA Cares to be introduced to the SOUNDS literacy programme in January 2016.

The impact can clearly be seen by the eagerness of children to use chalk to draw letters on the paving. The SOUNDS letters have been duplicated on the paving at the crèche entrance.

In the classroom, one of the teachers gave a demonstration of how far the children have progressed in less than two months. Edie then gave a lesson about how to teach the children to build words.

The teacher then took over and several children succeeded in building simple 3 letter words. Here also Barbro realized and enjoyed the tactile component of the letters.



Next was a crèche in the PEN group, Divine Grace, where SOUNDS has been in place since late 2012. Here Kurt and Barbro could see experienced teachers giving a lesson where 2 months after term begun, 4-year old children were building 2-letter words and Grade R kids 3-letter words. Last year many of the children from Divine Grace were readers by the end of the year, a result the teachers want to repeat and surpass this year.



From Divine Grace, the party moved to the main offices of the PEN crèche organization, where Rieneke Schutte gave an overview of their activities involving 32 crèches.

To bring the very rewarding day for all concerned to an end, all adjourned to the Pretoria Botanic Gardens for a delightful lunch.

