



MAY 2010 - #3

OUR NEW INTAKE – 2010

If you haven't had the opportunity to meet our new intake for this year, here they are!



Left Pic: Our 2010 offender intake with Hazel Friedman (Senior Producer for SABC "Special Assignment"), Kwanele (black/green tracktop), Robert (black t-shirt) and yours truly.

Right Pic: Greg Chalkey (SABC cameraman for 25 years) teaches our students camera skills.

Robert and Kwanele (pictured above) are two of our former offender students. Both of them have been released and have joined our team as part-time employees.

Instead of lavish apartments, fast cars and plenty of cash, turning away from his previous criminal lifestyle has left Robert out on the streets. He is now living in a 2-man tent and travelling 70km daily on trains and taxis to work with us. Kwanele's story is not all that much different and the menial wage we are currently paying them doesn't get them through each week. We would truly like to see them make a success of their lives and can benefit too from their involvement with us but without significant funding we will be unable to 'employ' them for much longer. If you are able to assist us to help them we would really appreciate it. Donations are now tax-deductible.

NEW PRODUCTIONS – "THE BEAT"

We have already begun producing a new television series with our new intake. "THE BEAT" is a half-hour music video programme with a difference. The host presenter is Jamie, one of our offender students, (see pic right) and although the music covers various genres such as Hip-Hop, RAP, reggae and the like, all our music videos are Christian. This completely eliminates all the negative and/or derogatory lyrics synonymous with some of these types of genres. A special thanks to Integrity Media Africa for supplying all the music videos.

OTHER PRODUCTIONS IN THE PIPELINE

Orientation Video:

Most offenders are not aware of what to expect or what projects are available to them when incarcerated for the first time. This video will give them some insight regarding their new environment and what projects are available to them in order to enhance their rehabilitation.

"You are not alone / Keeping it real" television series:

This television series will delve deep into the lives of individual offenders. Many feel like they are misunderstood and some even feel like victims themselves. By sharing their experiences and with some positive direction the healing process can begin, not only for the individual but to all who watch the programmes.

"The Naked Truth" television series:

This is a Talk Show hosted by the offenders and possibly Correctional officers as well. It will address various issues that offenders face such as HIV/AIDS, spiritual needs, rehabilitative progress and the like.

PRISON TV STATION UPDATE

Ensuring that our (or any other) TV programmes are broadcast in the various Correctional Centres when supplied on DVDs is a very difficult task. Despite sending numerous requests to the various Correctional Centres that received our "JAIL STAR!" series for free, we are yet to receive any feedback.

The only way to ensure that these programmes (which truly carry tremendous rehabilitative value) are broadcast is to establish a dedicated prison TV station. This will enable us to broadcast to all Correctional Centres from one point and we will know at any given time what is shown, when it is shown, and the impact will be measurable.

We have had two meetings thus far with the relevant Pollsmoor authorities regarding our pilot project for a dedicated prison TV station and we hope to get the go-ahead soon.



Jamie presents our new TV series, "THE BEAT"

PRAYER NEEDS

- For financial provision
- For specialist TV volunteers & staff
- For protection & wisdom

OTHER INFORMATION

Prison Broadcasting Network is committed to the holistic rehabilitation and moral rejuvenation of inmates utilizing the mediums of radio and television.

We are a registered Non-Profit Voluntary Association (**027-721NPO**); an approved PBO with Section 18A status (**PBO 930005866**); and a registered Service Provider to Correctional Services (**PL004/06**).

DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

PBN is controlled by an independent Management Board and our books are audited each financial year.

We exist by faith and value your support and prayers. We receive no government funding.

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APOLOGY AND VOLUNTEERS

Please accept my apologies if you are a supporter of ours and have not heard from me in a while. We are highly understaffed and much of the administrative tasks have had to be put on hold for the time being. We unfortunately do not have the funds to employ anyone but if you know of anyone who would like to volunteer please ask them to contact me on 082 4888 345.

Kindest regards and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marius Baden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Founder & CEO