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STABBING IN POLLSMOOR

When you work in Correctional facilities for as long as I have (12 years) you tend to become slightly blasé about your surroundings. Walking through a prison to me is no different than walking through a shopping mall. But every now and then one gets an unexpected reminder.

Just the other day one of the Correctional Officers was stabbed just a few metres away from our television studio by one of the offenders. It brought home the reality that the place in which we work can be very dangerous.

Does that stop our work? Absolutely not! That just gives us even more reason to continue what we are doing. It is for this very reason that we live and breathe. Changing the life of a petty criminal is great and it may just stop another loaf of bread from being stolen, but when the life of a murderer, gangster or rapist is changed, we prevent another LIFE from being taken or destroyed. The Correctional officer is in recovery.

PBN ON "SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT"

Hazel Friedman, a well-renowned television journalist and Senior Producer for SABC's "SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT" just spent 3 weeks with us filming a half-hour documentary on the work we are doing.

Known for her investigative (exposé-type) journalism programmes this is sure to be a programme with a difference. Hazel is currently in Johannesburg completing the post-production and the programme will be broadcast next week. Be sure to watch!

Programme: SABC 3 - 'Special Assignment'
Date: Tuesday 17th November
Time: 20h30



Kwanele, one of our offender students, receiving some tips from Greg Chalkley, an SABC cameraman, during the filming of "Special Assignment."

PRAYER NEEDS

- For monthly donors and programme sponsors
• 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 - Reg. 027-721NPO and a registered Service Provider to Correctional Services - Reg. PL004/06.

We are members of the Association of Christian Broadcasters and accountable to Valley Christian Church.

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

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READ THE WEEKEND ARGUS AND SCREENAFRICA

If you stay in Cape Town you'll get a heads-up on the story by buying the WEEKEND ARGUS this weekend. Alternatively, if you're in the film or television industries, SCREEN AFRICA will also feature an article about us in their next newsletter.

"JAIL STAR" LAUNCH

We were due to launch "JAIL STAR!" in Pollsmoor last week. However, due to the stabbing there was a general lock-down and we were unable to launch it. We will try again once everything has settled.

Once launched in Pollsmoor we wish to send out the series to the many other Correctional Centres with television networks (approximately 66) country-wide. The DVD series consists of 7 DVDs and we are looking for willing partners to sponsor each package for each Correctional Centre at a cost of R450 per DVD series. Your partnership will enable us to positively impact the lives of thousands of individuals behind bars. If you are willing and able please contact us through the link below.

We also still have some Episodes which have not yet been sponsored. Sponsorship of these Episodes enables us to recover some of our production costs and will get your company's full-screen logo and a caption at the beginning of the programme as well as a smaller logo at the end. Sponsorship ranges from R7,500 to R15,000. If you are interested please contact us for further details as soon as possible. Once the DVD series has been packaged we won't be able to re-burn the DVDs with your logos.

DO YOU READ OUR NEWSLETTERS

We would really like to get an idea of just how many people read our newsletters. Despite most people sending "read receipts" this is a somewhat unreliable form of establishing just how many people actually read our newsletters. If you do read them, or at least if you read this one, please just click on the link below and give us your name and email address. It will only take a second.

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Many thanks and blessings,

Marius Baden