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Going to the dentist

It has happened to me quite a few times in my life, where a needy person comes along but I feel my time is so limited and I can't afford to get involved. I feel quite embarrassed to mention this in a newsletter but I would like to share a special story with you.

About a month ago I read about two needy children at the Abraham Kriel Maria Kloppers Emdeni Childrens Home in Johannesburg who needed orthopaedic help. The approximate dental cost was R15,000 per child. My immediate reaction was "How am I going to help if I am based in Cape Town and don't know any dentist in Johannesburg?" Even though I could not help, I decided to write an email to a few Jozi family members and friends to see whether they could help. To my absolute astonishment, via one of our friends we found a dentist that was kind enough to do the dental check-ups and orthopaedic work for the children and that for free and most amazing within one hour from sending the email!!

Dolf Branders is the Practice Manager at "de Necker Incorporated" who organised everything on our behalf. This dental practice was established in 1969 in Melville. de Necker Incorporated is a high tech, very affordable, meticulously clean and patient friendly dental practice. Their practice looks more like an art gallery and you will feel very comfortable throughout your experience with them. They are a metal free practice with an in-house laboratory for fast and accurate work. On behalf of the GraySwan Charitable Trust and Abraham Kriel Children's Home we would like to thank Dolf and the team at de Necker Incorporated for making a difference in the lives of these two children.

I also learnt a lesson... it can take less than a minute to make a change and mean something material to someone else. We can change lives in less than 60 seconds. There are many people who are willing to work together to make a difference. One of the most precious feelings in my life has always been the feeling of giving to others and seeing their smiles of gratitude and thanks. It is definitely true that the giver is more blessed than the receiver! Try it.



"Ek het eintlik nie woorde om dankie te se nie!!! Ek het nog net een seuntjie geneem, en sal volgende maand die ander kind neem. Ek het nog nooit sulke vriendelik mense teegekom nie. Hulle het eers gehelp om al die "gaatjies" in die tande toe te maak en vanmiddag gaan ons vir die eerste pas van die plaatjie. Ek sal nog 'n formele dankie skryf, maar dit het soveel gehelp. Baie Baie dankie. Ernesta Snyman Teessen Bestuurder/Manager: Maria Kloppers Campus"



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