



Covid has made 2021 a tough year, curtailing many of the usual project activities. However, next year promises to bring renewed energy. A big thank you to everyone who has been instrumental in continuing to support us through these difficult times. We wish you season's greetings with hopes for a better year ahead.

MESSAGES FROM PROJECT LEADERS

Sigiya Sonke Dance Group

From Jack and Beauty: We would like to take this opportunity and thank all the funders and the private donors that have been of great assistance to the organisation. With your help and generous contribution, we continue to change and touch the lives of the youth of Alex. We look forward to moving into the new centre. To the Gumboots Foundation and everyone involved, thank you so much for your generous continued help.

Leratong Pre-school

From Peggy: Due to the pandemic, the number of children has dropped. It has been a difficult year, full of fear and frustration, but we continue to give our future generation the best we can, with their safety our priority. Now at year-end, 24 of them will graduate to primary school, and we thank God for your tireless care and financial support. We are forever grateful.

Ratang Bana Orphan Support

From Ingrid: I thank all of you during this hard time when the earth is aching of Covid, but we are still together, holding each other's hand. Our children faced hardship and miseries; many parents retrenched and passed away; many of us tested positive, but we are very thankful to be alive. I thank Gumboots Foundation in acknowledgement of their selfless contribution to the wellbeing of others, reaching the poor of the poorest. Merry Christmas to you all.

SAKHIMFUNDO

The new dance / performing arts / learning centre has been our main focus this year. As we build and support the Sakhimfundo Centre, with the huge support of the Kadey Family Trust, we are hopeful of being fully operational during 2022. In the meantime, tutors continue to make a difference to young children's lives by helping them with their studies in Jack and Beauty's yard.

GUMBOOTS UK

Our two major fundraising events have been affected by Covid: we have had to limit numbers at the annual Craft Fair; and our income from the Big Give Christmas Challenge will be reduced by 50%. We are therefore encouraging our supporters to make donations directly to Gumboots to make up this deficit. We are still optimistic in reaching our goal of £10,000 for the Sakhimfundo project. Many thanks to those who continue to give generously.



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