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Good Morning and Greetings from Soweto, South Africa

Latest News from our INCLUSIVE CHICKEN FARM MACUBENI:

Lots are happening on our side, sure on your side as well. Let me give you an update of our last very exciting trip to our Villages of Macubeni.

This time we travelled with 2 members from the Management of Evonik Acrylics Africa, a staff member from Evonik Industries Essen visiting Utho Ngathi for 2 Weeks and 3 Staff Members from Utho Ngathi Disability Projects.

It all started on a Friday afternoon at the factory of Evonik Acrylics Africa. The manager of Evonik Acrylic Africa hired a trailer to load and carry eight 4 Meter long acrylic sheets and a steel frame, the material for our upcoming “Work Camp” in Macubeni. In discussions between Utho Ngathi, Evonik Industries and Evonik Acrylic Africa we had developed a solution to protect our Chicken in the Yellow Door Chicken Shack from the very cold winter winds and hot sunshine in Summer. These sheets had to be transported to Macubeni and that was a project on its own as the car was loaded with 6 persons, their luggage and a trailer loaded with 750 kg material. The Journey from Johannesburg to Macubeni took us 13 Hours and only the members of this work camp with warm Blankets were happy to go to sleep after a very meaty barbecue. Some of us were dreaming of new better sleeping bags during the freezing cold night in the village. We realized that sleeping bags with writing “comfort Zone to 0 Degree Celsius were not what we were hoping for.

We had planned a two day work camp and work started early Monday morning. As Holger Morhart (Evonik Acrylic Africa) rightly mentioned: “We had a lot of fun but a lack of electricity”! At 14h00 electricity went and most of the village area and even the house we stayed in had no electricity throughout our stay. Fortunately the electricity came back to the chicken houses and our work could resume on Tuesday in the early morning hours. The time we left our village, we had achieved quiet a lot, Work on the wind protection had been completed, conducted meetings with Project Members and Home Based Carers, repaired all water supplies for the chicken, positioned a member of the project into a new wheelchair, visited two homes of persons with disabilities to assess their progress and made sure our 280 Broilers and 49 Layer Hens (46 Eggs every day) are continuously well looked after, fed with nutritional food and “Happy”!



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The following photos can give you an impression of the work involved in this Utho Ngathi – Evonik Work Camp, our community project with the inclusion of persons with disabilities benefits directly 15 community members; the group was posing nice after the “job well done”. I’m sure many of you would have enjoyed this journey and the work involved in this project. We will have to travel again in August to finish our work on the Yellow Door Chicken Houses; too bad the car is already full otherwise I would have loved to invite you to join us on this exciting journey to the remote rural villages of Macubeni in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa.





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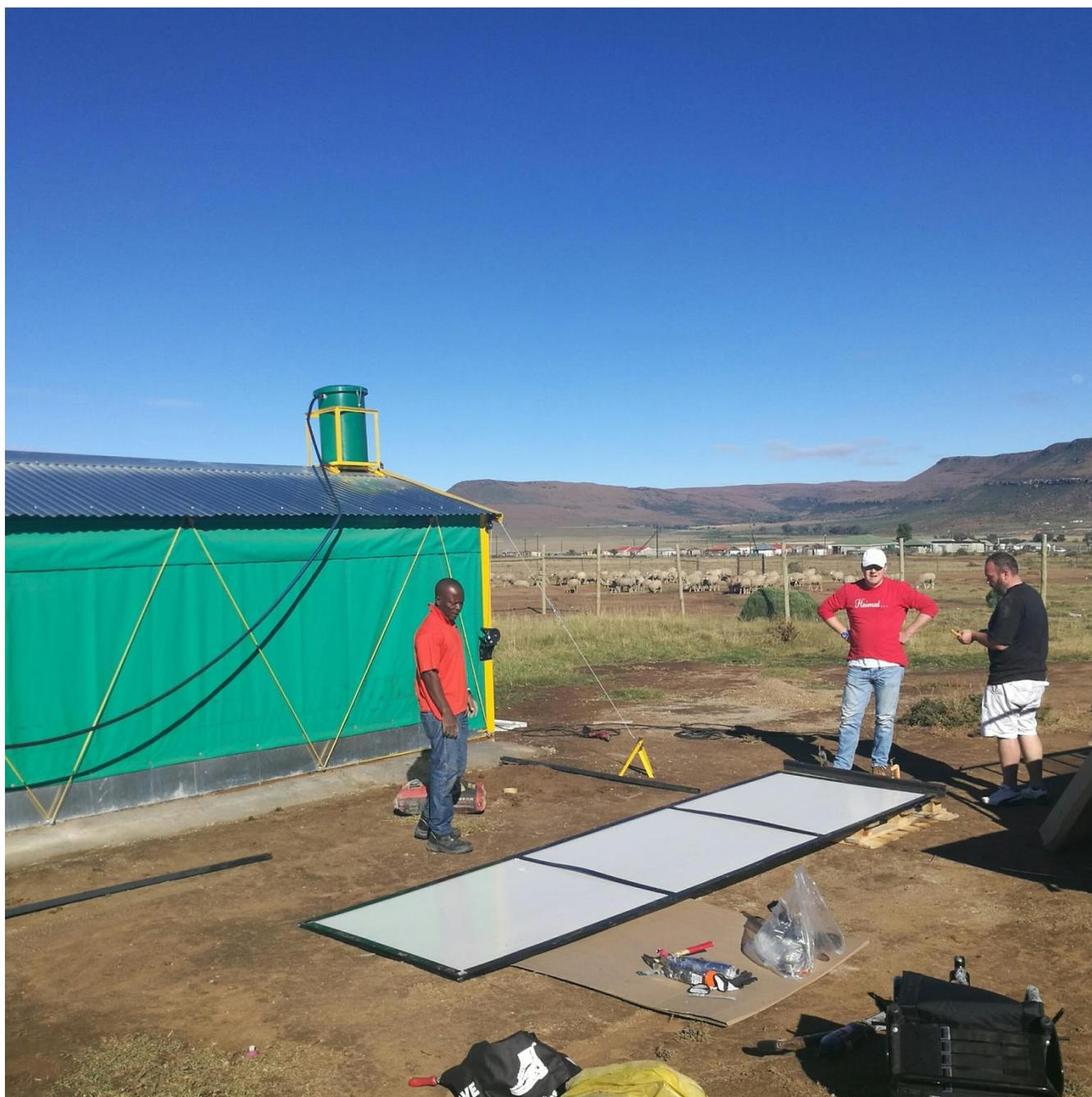
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