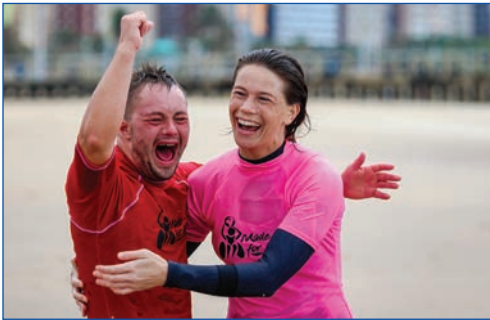




# THE MISSION



*Love and joy in human form. We said goodbye to our precious friend, volunteer, mentor and monthly funder, Sam York, as she went to be with Jesus*

Can you believe that more than half the year is already behind us? We have so much to mourn, but also so much to celebrate. The ebbs and flows of the reality of life are very real for our funders, our team, our community and Made for More at large. However, we will not lose heart, and are still here and committed to continued impact. As you know, we are currently in a season of getting standard operating procedures, policies and structures in place to maintain the radical growth of Made for More, and the capacity to sustain it going forward. We are grateful for the opportunity to keep serving and to live out our vision of including, equipping and empowering people with disabilities. Thank you for continuing to sow into the work that we do and for your steadfast love, encouragement, and support. We are nothing without YOU!

*“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” -2 Corinthians 4:8,9,16-18*

## Reports on Previous Events

### KZN Champs 2023 (March 11)

Thanks to our main and naming sponsor, AIRE-ZA, this year’s KZN Champs was our best one yet. The conditions were tricky, but the day was a massive success and the surfers were beyond stoked. It was wonderful to have Dean and his AIRE-ZA Team at the event the entire day cheering, supporting and showing that they are a company who genuinely care about community and family. From this event, 20 of our athletes, 8 of our coaches and 4 of our staff members were chosen to represent the KZN Para Surfing Team at SA Para Surfing Champs in Muizenberg, Cape Town. See the AIRE-ZA KZN Para Surfing Champs video at <https://youtu.be/dbzXwNtn4m8>



*The set up at the AIRE-ZA KZN Para Surfing Champs*



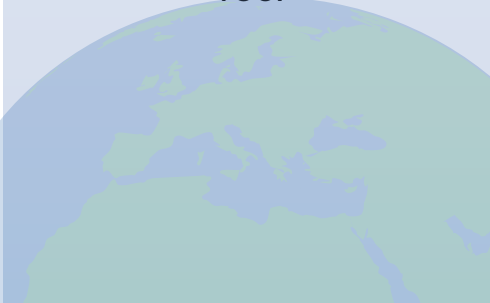
*Nathaniel Naidoo finishing off a wave in the All Inclusive Division at KZN Champs*

### Boccia Tournament (March 24)

Boccia has been happening weekly from January to June with the highlight for our players always being connecting and coming together over a friendly boccia tournament. For these players, especially those living in homes, these days are so important in terms of community, relationship building, freedom, healthy competition, and independence. Thank you to the Gravino Family for making these tournaments possible.



*Left: Anele Zama doing some stretching exercises before a weekly boccia session  
Right: Winners of the friendly boccia tournament at prizegiving*



# SBS Wheelchair Challenge (March 30)

Every year, Delayne Gray and his Team at SBS Tanks spend a day in a wheelchair to raise awareness around inaccessibility and needs in our country for wheelchair users. This year, it was bigger and better than ever before in celebration, in awareness, in impact and in money raised for 4 incredible NPO's working with disabilities in South Africa. The 2023 SBS Wheelchair Challenge raised an amazing R366 197.00. To see more about the day and to get involved and join us next year, watch <https://youtu.be/vjMRvAJYDA>



*Team Made for More and Mac Steel at the SBS Wheelchair Challenge basketball match*

# Music Festival (May 6)



*Top: Scenes from the Made for More Music festival.  
Left: Sabelo Ngema thanking our friends, Ant & Kirsten Cox, and their team at Selborne Club House for hosting and raising a life-giving R40 000 for Made for More through the Music Festival*

# SA Champs 2023 (May 18-21)

We took a team of 20 athletes to Muizenberg, Cape Town thanks to investment from the department of Sports, Art and Culture, Jumping Kids, AIRE-ZA, Chris Hewitt and many individual partners who supported Julia's Midmar Mile Fundraiser. We had 4 first time flyers and many more experiences shared as a team. Team KZN brought home the win, as well as 6 gold medals, 8 Silver Medals and 4 Bronze Medals. 5 of our surfers have now been selected to represent South Africa at the ISA World Para Surfing Championships in November in Huntington Beach, USA. See Asande Sibisi on the Espresso Show at [https://youtu.be/\\_otQUGI7zjQ](https://youtu.be/_otQUGI7zjQ)



*Lerato with his new board at a practice session in Muizenberg*



*The Prone All Inclusive ladies with their amazing and selfless coaches*



*Thabiso getting cheered up the beach by the team who are rocking their jackets donated by Second Story to stay warm*

# Leadership Camp (June 16)

For youth day this year, we partnered with TLT to offer a leadership camp that covered topics chosen by our bible studies youth which were; emotional intelligence and conflict management. Our aim was to include youth with disabilities as well as able bodied youth to create inclusion, integration, and awareness, while breaking stigma that is often experienced within local communities. See Aphile's reflection on the Leadership Camp, below.

*"The leadership camp is always something to look forward to each and every year, it has brought nothing but great life lessons and memories. The speakers that presented on the day were excellent, and they really impacted our lives in a very positive way. Thank you once again for the impactful and helpful experience I would definitely attend again"*



# The Gift of Mobility

Access creates opportunity, and we are so grateful to the department of health and the church of the latter day saints for the donation of custom made wheelchairs for Mhlengi and Andile. This is absolutely LIFE-CHANGING, and the joy was evident.



*Mhlengi in his custom-made wheelchair*



*Physiotherapists with Mhlengi and Andile after being seated and receiving their new wheels*

## Farming

We have 9 farmers who have remained with the organisation. They have been trained and are now equipped, as they have their own markets where they sell their own products. They are no longer reliant on Made for More. Five farmers were visited by the local department of agriculture Vulamehlo and gifted R7000 worth of PESI vouchers to shop at the local coastal farmers. Veggie boxes are on hold due to water shortages in the area.

## Ongoing Programmes

Boccia, Exercise Therapy and Bible Studies have been continuing as per normal with continued engagement and impact. A highlight was when 6 of the Bible Studies boys gave their lives to Jesus in March and have since been on a beautiful journey of deepening their faith. A highlight for the girl's group, was the community project in which we visited one of the local orphanages. Before the event, the youth raised funds to buy items that were needed for the home and they then spent time on the day helping the house mothers feed, change, bath, dress and play with the kids. The house mothers educated them on teenage pregnancy and processes to follow when in an abusive home or relationship. Snolwazi summed up how empowered she felt after the community project by saying; "It feels great to serve as we are the ones always being served"



*Some of our bible studies girls connecting with the children at Ithemba Lethu*



*Bible studies' boys after a powerful time together, led by Owami Zama*

## Surf Therapy & Para Surfing

Our Surf Therapy and Para Surfing programmes have been going beautifully, and they are always full, with surfers needing to go on the waiting list, almost every session - a good problem to have. We have been blessed with life-jackets and helmets for increasing safety thanks to Hewitt and Associates, and we look forward to fine-tuning a safety video for our volunteers and water assists going forward. We have also been included in two able-bodied surf events, including the Cutty Sark Pro in Scottburgh and the prestigious Ballito Pro, making history in more ways than one.



*What a Surf Therapy Day looks like!*



*Awande going in for his heat at the Cutty Sark Pro in Scottburgh*

# Amahlongwa Build

Thanks to Vopak who helped with a Mandela Day activation, we have the finance to finish the top floor of the Amahlongwa Build while adding a bit of fun and colour to our space. With their contributions, we were able to get ceilings, skim the walls, paint, do tiling and make the entrance accessible. We have some final touches to do including a toilet, basin and some plumbing and electrics. We are always blown away by the help and generosity of Shisamanzi who are always willing to assist with our electrical needs.



The mural on the entrance wall at the top of the Amahlongwa Building



Mandela Day in Amahlongwa with the wonderful team at Vopak

## Prayer Points

- Abundance and favour for our monthly donors, their families and their businesses
- Safety, health and continued provision for our Made for More families and beneficiaries
- Perseverance and wisdom in doing SOPs, policies and organisational structures
- Wisdom and guidance with our 'yes' and our 'no' as an organisation
- For our Made for More team, who has got significantly smaller to have the grace to carry a heavier load in this season
- For Jake Hatfield, a missionary coming to visit us for 3 weeks in August/September
- Our Amahlongwa site and the general community who is battling with service delivery of water and electricity

Have a beautifully blessed rest of the year

Love,  
**The Made for More Team**

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## Upcoming Events

**Aug 27** VUM 10km & 21km run/handcycle

**Sept 6** Boccia Tournament

**Sept 9** Para Surfing

**Sept 16** Surf Therapy

## Thank You

A massive thank you to our monthly funders and supporters for being consistent and continuing to journey with us, especially in these tough economic times. Thank you for giving when it's hard, and for some - continuing to give, even when you or your business is struggling. We see you, we honour you, and we thank you for continuing to invest in faith. This year alone, we have lost a total of R20 000 in monthly funding. However, through a volunteer reaching out to their network, we have been able to get some of that funding back, reminding us that God will never leave us nor forsake us, while trusting for the rest to come in.

