



# Udobo School

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Dear John,

Please give all the members of Action Udobo our love and best wishes for the new year from a very hot and muggy Durban! I think of you on a daily basis as I turn on my air conditioner every morning. The office block is surrounded by buildings and the heat is held in and Mondays are sweltering! So my secretary and I are very blessed to do our work in comfort.

Every year we begin our intake for January in July so that we can ready everything for the children coming in and every year we have floods of people in January looking for spaces! On paper we were full but had some no-shows and when we phoned many had left the province or sent their children to 'farm schools'. We have now been phoning those on the waiting list – so interviewing begins all over again.

I do, however, love the interviewing process where I get to speak to parents and grandparents. There are still many grandparents looking after grandchildren of their own as well as other children of various family members. The heart-prayers are always that these children receive a good education.

I have so many stories of God's grace to us but I will share one: Lizette the secretary and I are taken shopping for the school by a church member with a bakkie (a van) – he takes us once a month. As we returned in the middle of the month we had to shop for seven weeks. We

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have to buy lots of cleaning materials besides food. The health Department often take swabs to check the cleanliness of the school and we have always passed that test. When we arrived at the till to pay we realised that as everything has increased in price our R5 000.00 might not be enough so we packed out while watching the till and eventually only four bottles of juice were left – I paid for those because we needed them. We were quite impressed at how we had managed. I got back to school and opened my e-mail and there was a mail from a woman I had met while wrapping toys (at Toys-R-Us for donations) and she said she wanted to commend us for the work we are doing and sent a bank transfer of ....R5 000.00! God is so good and sent us exactly the amount we had spent! I know our school is God-ordained and if ever I begin to waver - God speaks and I am humbled once again. That is just one story but there are many instances when we cannot but praise Him for His provision in many different ways.

I have enclosed a few pictures of the first days back.

I thank you all again for the gift you are to us and even though you far in kilometres you are very close to our hearts.

God bless,  
Anne



Some of the first new children settling in





New parents and children waiting for registration