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Bulembu **Show Your Talent!**

A cold winter was cheered up by the announcement of our annual talent show, much to everyone's excitement! The young people had a short amount of time to practice so it was even more impressive to see what a pleasure they were to watch when sharing their God given giftings!. There were group acts, brave soloists and duets, ranging from dancing and singing to acrobatics and original poetry. You could tell by the children's expressions and the quality of their performances that they had made a huge amount of effort! Listening to singers such as one choir that had quickly formed was real soul food and it was fun to see one boy try his hand at conducting. Good vibes kept on flowing as we watched different styles of dance from traditional Swazi dance to ballet. Poetry also

came to play a vital role and we tuned to the rhyme of the poem. A brave duo had us gasping at their flips and handsprings and a creative writer had us deeply moved by his spoken word. We were so happy have the opportunity to be drawn in by the children's skill and craftsmanship. However From all the 25 acts only 10 were to be elected. Choosing was hard for the 'celebrity' judges including 'Denzel Washington' and 'Mr Cowell' as they had been totally carried away by all the expressions of God blessed talent! In the end it was too difficult so no less than thirteen acts chosen are to partake in the finals at the end of October. Of course there has to be a winner. The first 3 acts will walk away with a prize. Every person in the top 13 acts is expected to put a lot of effort as every one of them has the wish to win. We can't wait to see them, and you can find the finalists flipping on the back field and practicing pirouettes in the church! We are so thrilled and eager to see what the top acts have for us. Indeed "Bulembu has got talent." by Nondudzo & Rachel Smart



GEORGE UNDER THE SPOT LIGHT



We had a great time talking to one of our passionate and goal driven young people, who proudly shared about his genuine love for cars and how he got interested in them. This is what he had to share.

What is your name?

My name is George Masina.

How did you come to Bulembu?

Well, it started way back when my mom was struggling and vulnerable when I was about 3 years old. She had nothing of her own. Her vulnerability caused her to seek help from neighbors in the area. They were concerned about me and told her to actually find help from the Bulembu Ministries Eswatini, which is how I landed here.

What impact has being in Bulembu had on you?

It helped me in many ways, for example this is where I got to know about my talents, dreams and ambitions, career-wise. This is where I got a better view of the world in general. I got

the chance to be part of something valuable like education which is something I treasure. On top of that I got the chance to be able to cultivate and activate my talents.

What is your inspiration behind your art work?

It's the way my house mates way back drew people and other things, so I grew interest in it too. Every time I would look at their drawings admiringly and would have a chance to try them out myself. By doing that, I was able to activate that dream, that ambition into reality and something great. I'm probably the best now (chuckles).

Tell us briefly about your passion for cars.

I love cars because of the way people design them. The creativity involved. I like how people come together with ideas that will help create one big machine that will help people. I like the market research involved, for instance, recently they have trying to create an electric machine, the fastest car. This was done by Tesla and Mercedes. This really grabbed my attention and made me want to outrun them by someday designing my own car that will be even faster than theirs.



Rumors say that you have a singing talent, what do you have to say about that?

Well it is true. I sing. I went to the UK as part of the choir. It was a fantastic experience, I loved every bit of it. The thing is I love cars more than singing. I don't really love showing off my singing talent as I believe that there are better people out there or even here in Bulembu who are better than I am. So I am better off focusing on one thing, which is my passion for cars!! by Nonduduzo Mamba

WELCOMING OUR NEW HR INTERN **with Njabulo Mazibuko**

We had a chance to ask the new HR intern that has joined our staff, to briefly share about himself and his interests.

What's your name?

My name is Njabulo Mazibuko. I am single and I have one child, a daughter. I was born and bred in Ezulwini. I am a Christian.

How did you get to know about Bulembu?

I actually got to know about it through the internet. I knew that there was a place called Bulembu but had never set foot in it until the day I had to come here. Otherwise most of the information I had about the place was from the internet. The only things I knew about were the Bulembu Honey and Emlembe Water brands.

What does being in Human Resources mean to you?

I would say it means being the pivotal part of an organization, entity or enterprise. It's a very serious or rather say critical job position because you are actually dealing with relationships between the employer

and the employees. You are basically at the center of everything. But it's a good stream of course.

Describe Bulembu in your own words.

I think it's the smallest town I have ever seen. Most people refer to it as a village out there but I obviously think it's a town. It has a nice culture everyone greets one another, that's one thing I have noticed, which is good. Everyone is welcoming. It's nice. It's actually peaceful, a good place for growth.

Where did you study?

I went to SCOT, here in the kingdom of Eswatini.

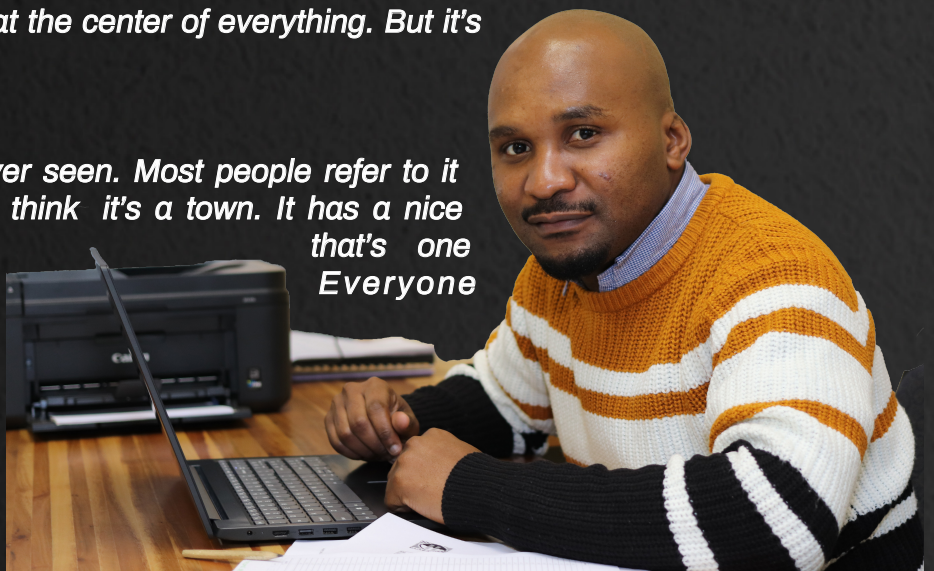
What is your favorite dish?

Any cooked meal, but basically traditional meals. I love the Emaswati traditional meals.

What is your favorite cologne?

I don't really have a specific one, I just explore every type that I think smells great for me. But currently I'm using Daniel Blue.

Thanks for being with us Njabulo, we are happy you're here! **by Nonduduzo Mamba**



OUR GROWING HR DEPARTMENT with Thandazile Gama

We are celebrating the arrival of a new member of our Human Resources staff in Bulembu, to whom we'd like to extend a warm welcome. We had a little get-to-know you chat which we are happy to share.



What's your name?

My name is Thandazile Gama.

Please you briefly share about yourself.

I am a Christian. I am in Human Resources by profession. I have two kids whom I love but left down in Mbabane where I was staying before coming here. Actually my home place is at Ntfonjeni in the Hhohho region near Pigg's Peak.

How did you get to know about Bulembu?

Most of the time it was on social media, so I could sometimes see pictures of people who have moved to Bulembu and others who have donated something to the Ministry. I then decided to check out their website. That is basically how I got to know more about this place. I was only familiar with the name alone, not the place.

In your own words, describe Bulembu.

Firstly I will start with the people. Bulembu has a very good way of receiving of people, they are very welcoming and loving. It's a place where one would love to be. The place itself is good, it becomes a

hassle when coming down the road because of the bumps and everything, but it's an awesome place with a nice view!

How are you handling the constantly changing weather?

So far the weather has been giving me a hard time, it has been freezing throughout the time. So for me, I haven't yet adjusted to the cold!

That we can understand! How about your educational life, where did you study?

I have a few certificates, one of which I obtained at UNISA (University of South Africa) for Human Resources for recruitment. I have other certificates that include leadership and team building. I currently hold my Diploma in Human Resource management. I am working on getting my BA at IDA in Matsapha.

What does being in the HR department mean to you?

Well, to me being in Human Resources simply means being able to maintain employer and employee relationship. My responsibility is to ensure that the employee lifecycle goes in a way that is regulative and ensures the compliance of labour laws in an organization. It means ensuring employee wellbeing, health and human capital, helping all workers to be satisfied. This covers recruitment, career development for the employees and performance management, right up to the end when employees leave.

Thank you for sharing with us! We will close with a few fun tidbits. What's your favorite dish?

It's hard to say but I do know that I love something very cultural.

What is your favorite cologne?

I will go with Paco Rabanne.

Thank you for being with us and sharing a bit about yourself, Thandazile, it's great having you here!

by Nonduduzo Mamba

BULEMBU YOUNG ADULT EARNS Certificate in counselling

We had an opportunity to speak to one of our Graduates Dora Nompandolo Dlamini, the bubbly young lady who had an opportunity to pursue a certificate in the field of Counselling and this is what she had to share.



What were you studying?

I was studying Counselling and the title of it was Foundation in Counselling Phase One.

How was your experience of studying?

It was amazing! Honestly it was a fun experience, since I hadn't been able to do anything for a long time and so my brain was not used to learning anymore and I discovered that it was something I enjoyed doing. The courses were nice, so yes there was a lot to take from it.

What are your plans now that you have your certificate?

My first objective is to pursue a degree in counselling. But for the time being I will look for a place or job where I will be able to utilize my skills. Schools are opening soon, so I hope I will be at school pursuing a degree then get a job. Hopefully then I will further my studies again for people can learn all their life!

How do you feel about obtaining a certificate?

I feel very happy. I didn't think I would ever have any kind of certificate for a number of reasons, but God was good. He gave me an opportunity so I am very grateful to have something in my hand.

What advice would you give to those coming after you, who want to pursue the field of counselling?

The best advice is be genuine with yourself and those around you- that this really what you want to do. If you love talking to people and sharing about your past experiences, if you love listening and are not a judgmental person, I think this would be something for you to do, something that would enjoy. Imparting words of encouragement to someone, actually life changing words. Start practicing it now, if someone comes to you with a problem, you are given a platform there to actually practice counselling. Counselling is basically the skill of listening to someone and putting yourself in that person's shoes and trying to help them by walking with them through that situation. You give them the platform to walk out of an issue. So my advice really is be real, be genuine

by Nonduduzo Mamba



PRAYER REQUESTS

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COVID-19

Healing for those with
COVID-19

Peace and stability in the
country

Pray for the young
adults - wisdom for
study choices & job
opportunities

Wisdom for teachers &
children as the school
year continues to be
distrubted by COVID-19