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Elvis Blue, Ambassador of the Class of 2022, challenges the guests with his life story and moving song, *The Lighthouse*. Picture submitted.



The world acclaimed African Children's choir, *Komatipoort*, to performed for the sake of education of their brothers and sisters in urban informal settlements. Picture submitted.



Fourie Rossouw, assistant to the auctioneer Phillip, added some humour and contributed to the fact that the auction raised R60 000 on the night. Picture submitted.

Hope for future generations

Zandspruit — While politicians and others are still fighting about service delivered and related issues in this community, there is hope for the children of Zandspruit, thanks to Kingsway Christian School in Randpark Ridge.

At least 300 pupils of this community receive private-school quality education at affordable prices at Kingsway.

On Thursday, 21 July, it was not only Kingway, but the broader business community of Johannesburg, that showed their concern for education in South Africa, by attending a memorable event in aid of Kingsway's new development project in Zandspruit.

The project, which is a Kingsway Centre of Concern development at Zandspruit, will provide a pre-primary, primary and secondary school for about 1 500 pupils.

Zandspruit is an informal settlement that is currently home to an estimated 10 000 children.

Riekies Huisamen, event organiser and fundraiser for the development fund of Kingsway, says, "All of these children should be able to claim their right to a decent education, but who, for prevailing social reasons, are unable to."

Kingsway is building on their existing school for disadvantaged pupils in Honeydew, Randburg, and extending their knowledge and experience in this field.

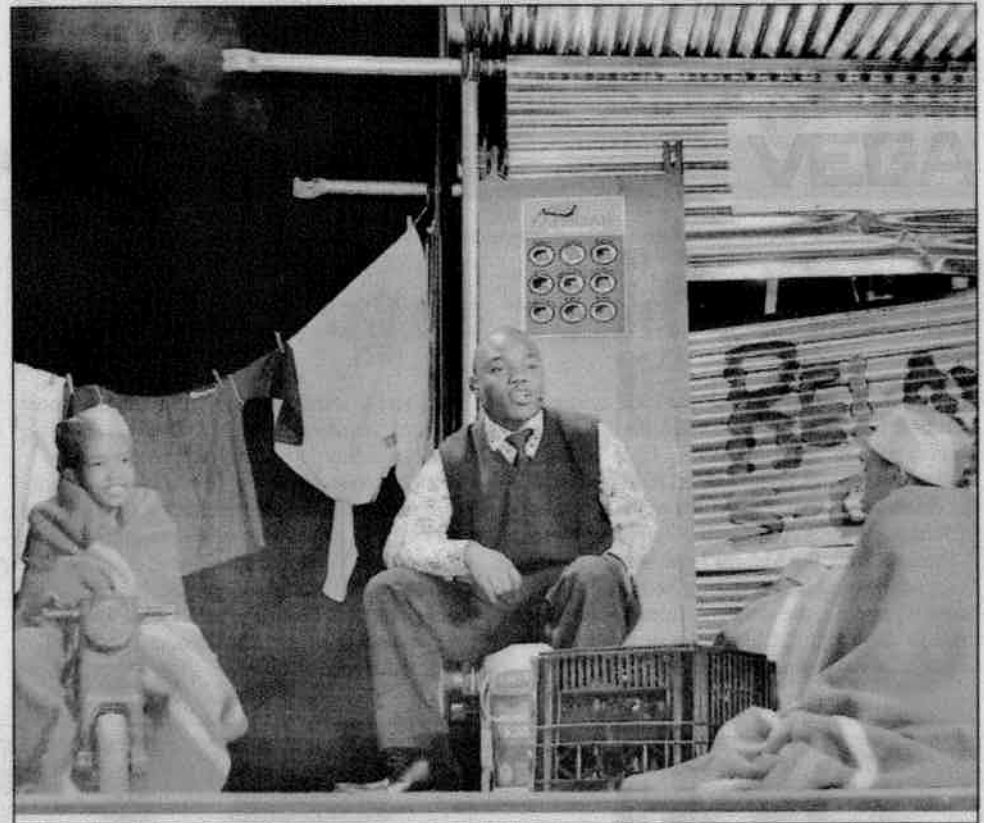
The new school will become not only a place of learning and an island of refuge for many children, but it will also help to break the cycle of poverty, and provide much-needed skills for a future South Africa.

At a prestigious function on 21 July at Maragon School, Kingsway Centre of Concern celebrated their future stars (The Class of 2022) under the African sky.

Bongani Masa, one of the Kingsway graduates, welcomed the guests and told his amazing story. Everybody celebrated together how Kingsway has provided a foundation from which his life has soared.

An auction of many fine Cape wines, and some pieces of art from the class of 2022 (2011's Grade 1 class) helped with some more much-needed fund raising.

At the end of the evening, Vega Instruments' MD John Groom came forward to receive thanks



Bongani Masa, a former graduate of Kingsway Primary School, welcomed the guest from the streets of Zandspruit where he grew up. Picture submitted.

and acknowledgement from the fundraising team. My School, a fundraising initiative from Woolworths, were also one of the sponsors, and Sandi Craig handed over a cheque of R10 000 to Riekies Huisamen.

As a sponsorship partner of "Build the Class of 2022" Vega Instruments SA will be investing in the future of many young South Africans who started their formal schooling careers this year.

"Kingsway has never had such good exposure, and is overwhelmed with the generosity of the community and business sector, of whom many gave their *pro bono* time to make this event

possible," said Mrs Angela de Lange, principal of Kingsway.

She specially thanked Ruimsig Gemeente, an independent church that meets in Muldersdrif Primary School's hall, for their volunteers who worked effortlessly to make this evening possible.

For a visit to the school or the building site, please contact Riekies Huisamen on 082 821 5500 buildtheclass@2022.co.za or Marelize Bekker at fundraiser@kingsway.com

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