



### ATNS' Mandela day initiative Port Elizabeth

A great day was had by all. To the staff members that went along this was an eye-opener, as we seldom venture into these areas. The Airport Valley Township forming part of the greater Walmer Township is one of the poorest areas in Port Elizabeth. This is an area mostly skipped by visitors because of the danger, and here, amongst the danger, dirt and hardship we find two pre-schools that takes care of children between the ages of 2 months and 5 years, who otherwise would be left with siblings or strangers.

The caregivers / teachers / mothers take care of the children with love and devotion and that is why we wanted to show our appreciation and maybe help a little.

At both of these schools we were welcomed with open arms and hearts. The little ones sharing their space with us, singing and interacting with the "visitors", like little grownups. In our humble way we were able to make the day a pleasure for them.

The photos illustrate their plight.

Thank you, Mr. Mandela and ATNS for making this possible.



*And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give to other people permission to do the same.*

**Nelson Mandela**

