

An extract from and email from Grace Townsend, Chairman of The Thembisa Trust:

"We received some news from Sandra Pillay, as below...

It was an historic and very emotional day for us all when we met at Llew Bryan Architects on Wednesday, 22 November to look at conceptual plans for the new Bonginkosi Preschool building. We want to thank you so much for making this first phase of the building possible. We now have sufficient funds to start building phase one. The Architects are doing the conceptual plans for us at no cost. We will need to appoint the right building construction team who will work efficiently and keep within the budget allocations.

The Architect informed us that once the building starts it could take anything from two to four months, depending on the building contractor and weather conditions. As soon as the plans have been drawn up, they would need to be approved by the municipality. Please pray about all these processes that there will be no hold up along the way. We are also facing a builder's holiday in December when they close for three weeks.

This is all really exciting and would not be possible without your very generous support. We will continue to keep you informed of progress on the new building as we go along."