

**JANUARY 2026**

# **THE PEACOCK TREE NPC**

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**ŚRĪLA  
PRABHUPĀDA'S  
MISSION, CARRIED  
IN THE HEART OF  
KADAMBA KANANA  
SWAMI**

# ISKCON KLERKSDORP

## Rural Development

The hard labour of love continues in Klerksdorp.

Twice a week, close to 400 people come together to hear the holy names of Krishna, listen to Krishna katha in their own language, and honour prasadam together. Over time, this has become a steady rhythm of service, not something occasional or dependent on circumstance.

As we move into 2026, the direction feels clear. We want to improve both the quality and the quantity of prasadam. With an increased budget, the hope is to extend the feed to 500 people, while also strengthening the care on site. Additional helpers are needed to issue free food tokens, assist elderly attendees, gently oversee shared facilities, and keep the temple area clean and respectful.

Many who attend are senior citizens. Some need simple reminders or a bit of support with basic amenities. These moments are not disruptions. They are quiet opportunities to serve with more patience and compassion.

The programs have continued twice weekly, steadily and with devotion, offered to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Krishna.

# ISKCON HAMMANSKRAAL

## Rural Development

ISKCON Hammanskraal moved forward with sincerity and focus in January. This year, the foundation has taken up the responsibility of assisting and supporting this project.

For some time, the project was under-resourced, and progress was therefore steady rather than fast. A real turning point came with the repair and restoration of a long-unused vehicle, which is now fully roadworthy.

This one step changed the landscape.

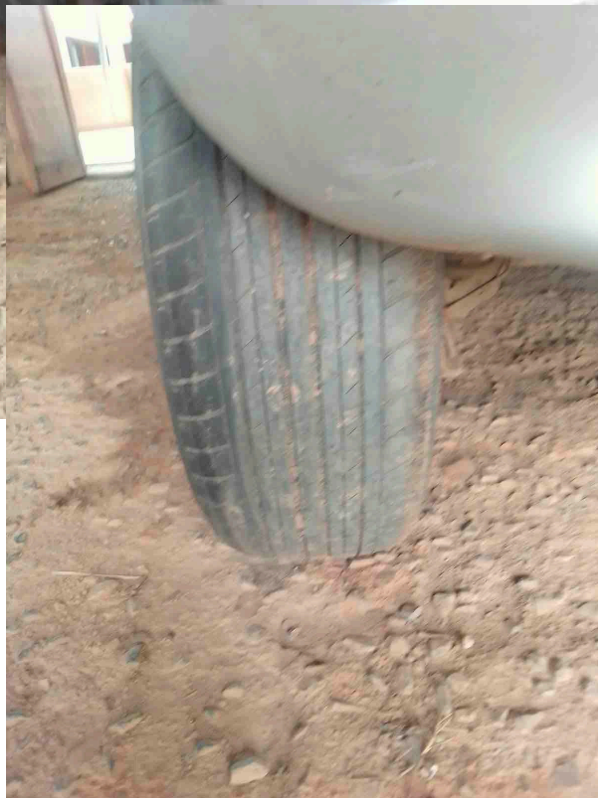
Book distribution is now happening regularly under the supervision of Jaydeva Prabhu. Once a month, food distribution continues in cooperation with devotees from ISKCON Pretoria. Every Sunday, a local programme is held, with numbers naturally fluctuating.

The emphasis here is deliberate. The focus is not on numbers, but on quality, especially with thoughtful and mature participants. Encouraging signs of depth are beginning to show.

With transport restored:

Twice a month, harinām and book distribution now take place in Marabastad

Outreach has also begun towards a nearby college



# ISKCON WUSA

## Urban Development

January tested WUSA in practical ways.

For seven consecutive days, the surrounding area experienced a complete lack of water. Despite this, the work continued. Programs were maintained, and preparations for the academic year continued.

As students began returning to Johannesburg, an early student programme was held, drawing 15 participants.

A major highlight of the month was WITS University Orientation. Orientation is the gateway to a functioning society. It allows registration, visibility, and regular programmes throughout the year.

During orientation:

- 50 students signed up
- The purpose and structure of the society were clearly explained
- Students were welcomed with generous prasadam, cooked by Mahukhanya

The BYS outreach was strengthened by the steady service of devotees on the ground. Alongside Bhakti Sarvjna Gauranga Maharaj, Atma Prabhu, Nomusa, Madhavendra Puri, Tebogo, Su-Sithala, and Viksha supported the campus outreach, helping students feel welcomed, guided, and cared for.

The mood was unified and purposeful.

(Below are images of Orientation )





# BHAKTI YOGA SOCIETY

## University Preaching

January was a month of groundwork for BYS.

For 2026, five campuses are engaged:

- Four University of Johannesburg campuses
- Richfield College, Bryanston

Decisions are pending for three additional UJ campuses, which may expand the work further in the months ahead.

Orientation sign-ups are scheduled for the third week of February, the most decisive window for student recruitment and society visibility. January was therefore focused on preparation, coordination, and relationship-building.

A deeper academic engagement is also unfolding. Last year, senior philosophy educators received Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam sets. The response has been encouraging. Many have been absorbed in reading.

This year, a natural request has arisen: the possibility of arranging four Caitanya-caritāmṛta sets for these educators, allowing sustained engagement with Gaudiya philosophy at an advanced level.

# ISKCON SOWETO

## Ratha Yatra

Looking Ahead to 2026

Although the festival itself is scheduled for later in the year, January marked the beginning of intentional planning for Soweto Ratha Yatra 2026.

Initial meetings have taken place. Devotees have begun brainstorming, sharing responsibilities, and mapping the months ahead. The mood is sober, hopeful, and purposeful.

Soweto Ratha Yatra is not only a festival. It is a public offering of joy, dignity, and spiritual culture in a space that deeply needs it.

There is also a quiet prayer circulating among the devotees. Rumour has it that Swayam Bhagvan Keshava Swami may attend the festival this year. If that mercy unfolds, it would be deeply encouraging for the local community and all those serving behind the scenes.

Planning has begun early, and that itself is a sign of maturity.

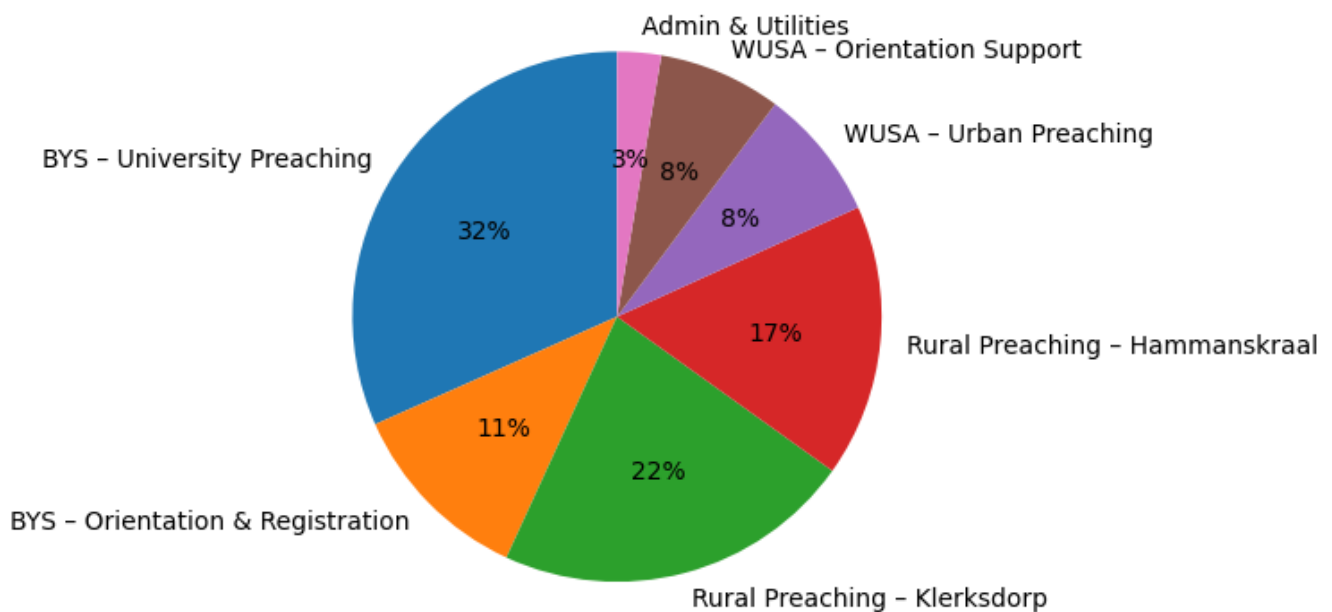
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On the Streets of Soweto

# CLOSING REFLECTION

January 2026 - High-Level Allocation of Preaching Funds



The chart above offers a high-level view of how funds received in January were directed toward preaching and care across rural and university projects.

University preaching received focused support, particularly around orientation and student registration, which is a critical entry point for sustained engagement throughout the year. Rural projects in Klerksdorp and our new project Hammanskraal continued to receive consistent support for prasadam distribution, book distribution, and local programmes. Urban outreach through WUSA was maintained, with a specific allocation toward orientation activities.

Administrative and bank costs were kept minimal, allowing the majority of funds to go directly into frontline preaching and care.

This overview is shared in a spirit of transparency and gratitude, acknowledging the trust placed in us to carry Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission forward, as it was lived and taught by Kadamba Kanana Swami.

January did not come with any announcements but with lots of planing and service.

People still gathered in Klerksdorp, twice a week, as they always do. Elderly devotees waited patiently in line. Students came back to campus, a little unsure, a little open. A vehicle that had stood still for years was fixed and driven again. Meetings were held, meals were cooked, books were carried, names were chanted. All essential.

This is how Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission continues. One programme at a time. One conversation at a time. One simple act of service that makes the next act possible. Kadamba Kanana Swami showed us that this kind of work matters, even when no one is watching.

We are not trying to do something big. We are trying to stay faithful.

If you feel connected to this work, your support makes a real difference. It helps us feed more people, care better for the elderly, keep vehicles running, print and distribute books, and remain present where people are searching.

To support these initiatives, donations can be made via The Peacock Tree NPC  
[www.kadambafoundation/donate](http://www.kadambafoundation/donate)

Thank you for walking with us, in spirit and in service.

**ALL GLORIES TO ŚRĪLA PRABHUPĀDA.  
IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF KADAMBA KANANA SWAMI.**

