

THE PEACOCK TREE NPC · AUGUST 2026

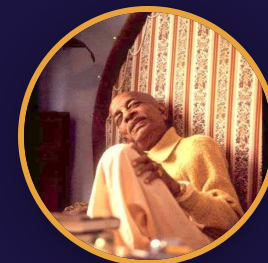


Outreach Report

Inspired by His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Dedicated to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,

Founder Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).



HDG A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA
SWAMI PRABHUPADA

438+

WUSA ATTENDANCES

402

CAMPUS PRASADAM PLATES

400-500

HAMMANSKRAAL PLATES

15-25

HAMMANSKRAAL ATTENDANCE

2

CAMPUSES REACTIVATING

+244%

BALANCE GROWTH

August was a month of quiet strengthening.

Across every project under the Peacock Tree, the same pattern kept showing itself. Devotees kept showing up. Sunday after Sunday, session after session, the work continued because people made it continue.

In Hammanskraal, the congregation is not just attending anymore. They are learning to play the instruments themselves and singing the songs of the Vaishnava tradition with real feeling. A family from Pretoria now travels in once a month to sponsor and cook for the whole community.

At WuSA House in Johannesburg, something significant happened. The students elected a new executive committee for the Bhakti Yoga Society. That single event says more about the health of this preaching than any statistic could. Young people are stepping forward to carry the society on their own shoulders.

In Klerksdorp, a new monthly Namahata program opened its doors to a group of Bangladeshi devotees living in the town, along with some of the Hindu families still there. Trust in that community, built patiently over years, continues to grow.

None of this happened without strain. Funding remains tight everywhere, and in Klerksdorp the entire congregation is made up of pensioners and people without steady work. But by Krishna's grace, and through the sincere effort of every devotee named in this report, the mission kept moving forward.

And September is already looking like a month to remember.



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On the Ground



ISKCON Hammanskraal



Children at Hammanskraal with books and prasadam after Sunday program

Sunday programs at Hammanskraal are going strong, drawing a regular gathering of fifteen to twenty five devotees, children and adults together. A devotee family from Pretoria now sponsors and cooks prasadam once a month, a beautiful example of one community supporting another.

Most of the congregation has learned to play the traditional instruments and has grown familiar with the Vaishnava songs, which brings real depth and warmth to every kirtan. Harinam continues to go out alongside prasadam distribution, and the team is working actively on making that outreach even stronger.

Across the month, Hammanskraal served roughly four hundred to five hundred plates of prasadam, a steady and meaningful number for a congregation that gives so generously of its own time. Funding remains the constant challenge, and the team is doing more with less. They remain more than grateful for the help they do receive.

15-25

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

400-500

PLATES SERVED

1x

SPONSOR FAMILY / MONTH

"Our special regards from team Hammanskraal. Ki Jay!" This project will need additional funding to sustain and grow the Sunday programs. If this is something you feel moved to support, please reach out.



ISKCON Klerksdorp



Harinam moving through the streets of Klerksdorp

August brought real, visible growth in Klerksdorp. The temple now welcomes a steady stream of visitors who chant with full participation, and a genuinely encouraging number of people have taken up the Maha Mantra as their own daily prayer.

A new monthly Namahata program has begun with a group of Bangladeshi devotees living in the town, together with some of the remaining Hindu families in the area. It is a small but meaningful step toward serving a wider community.

The center still awaits full, formal welcome under the Food for Life South Africa umbrella, and is ready to represent FFLSA in Klerksdorp as soon as head office and every party involved is satisfied.

"I have been coming here for two years. The meal is always tasty and well cooked."

A REGULAR GUEST, ISKCON KLERKSDORP FOOD FOR LIFE KITCHEN

Klerksdorp depends almost entirely on a guaranteed monthly gift from the Kadamba Kanana Swami Foundation, the only certain income the center has, covering a large share of the outreach spending there. Every single visitor to the temple is currently unemployed or a pensioner. By the middle of most months funds run thin, and the devotees simply keep going, trusting that more will come.

City Outreach



WuSA House · Wake Up South Africa

August was an outstanding month for WuSA House and the wider Wits outreach. Between the Book Club, Friday Markets, japa meditation, yoga sessions, cooking lessons and temple trips, the programs reached students again and again throughout the month, with well over four hundred individual attendances recorded.

The Vaishnavi Sanga met four times with ninety participants, continuing to build a strong circle of mentorship and association among the young women of the community. Daily japa sessions at the house are averaging sixteen participants each morning, a real sign of consistent personal practice taking root.

The most encouraging news of the month came through student leadership. The Bhakti Yoga Society held elections for a new executive team, a clear sign that students are no longer only attending, they are taking ownership. Manukanya Devi Dasi, Temple President of WuSA House, reported that this transition suggests the outreach is becoming genuinely sustainable, with students stepping into roles that will carry the society forward for years to come.

AUGUST ATTENDANCES BY PROGRAM

78

WITS BOOK CLUB
ATTENDEES

88

FRIDAY MARKETS
ATTENDEES

90

VAISHNAVI SANGA
ATTENDEES

68

WUSA BOOK CLUB
ATTENDEES

New BYS Executive Team Elected

Students stepping into ownership and leadership



BYS · Bhakti Yoga Society (UJ & Beyond)



Students gathered for a BYS session on campus

The BYS sessions at UJ kept going through August, sustained by a small and faithful group of devotees. Dvarakadisa das, who leads the weekly sessions, wrote simply that by the grace of Krishna, the sessions are somehow continuing week after week.

A significant piece of news came from Dineshvara Krsna Prabhu, who has been working to restart the Richfield and AAA campus programs, run for the students by Nanda and Raghu. Going forward, a small fixed amount each month will be set aside to support those two campuses directly, with the remainder of BYS funding channelled into UJ. It is a deliberate step back toward the four campus vision, taken carefully and one campus at a time.

There is real momentum building toward September. A university session is planned at UJ on the eleventh with Keshava Swami and Madhava Prabhu, and behind that sits something much bigger still.

Richfield & AAA Campuses Reactivating

For students served by Nanda and Raghu

LOOKING AHEAD

September Is Already Calling

Every August ends the same way here, with a calendar already filling for what comes next.

This September is shaping up to be one of the fullest yet.

- **The Annual Soweto Ratha Yatra returns**, carrying the Deities and the Holy Name through the streets of Soweto for the whole community to see and join.
- **A National BYS Retreat** is being hosted together with His Holiness Keshava Swami and His Holiness Gauranga Swami, drawing devotee students together from across the country.
- **A Harinam Ruci group is coming to Hammanskraal.** Harinamananda shared the news himself in a voice note that carried real excitement for what this visit will bring to the community.
- **A UJ session is planned for the eleventh of September** with Keshava Swami and Madhava Prabhu, continuing the steady rebuilding of the BYS university outreach.

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This overview reflects the mission and service side of the ledger, shown here in proportions rather than figures.

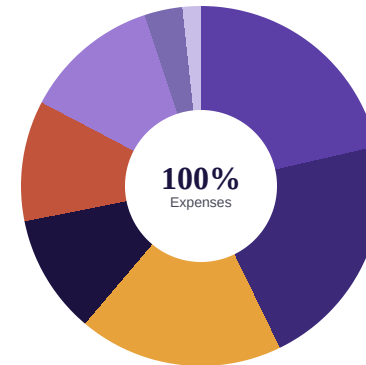
GET INVOLVED

Join us for the Annual Soweto Ratha Yatra.

September is the month to get behind this one. Walk with the Deities through the streets of Soweto, sponsor prasadam for the crowd, help pull the chariot, or simply bring someone along who has never experienced a Ratha Yatra before.

If you would like to volunteer, sponsor, or contribute in any way, please reach out. Every hand that joins makes the day bigger for everyone who comes.

EXPENSE ALLOCATION



- Hammanskraal Outreach · 21%
- BYS University Outreach · 21%
- Klerksdorp Outreach · 18%
- WuSA Campus Outreach · 11%
- September Retreat Preparation · 11%
- Peacock Foundation Support · 12%
- Communications · 3%
- Vehicle, Courier & Bank Charges · 2%

Behind every number is a person.



Food for Life diners gathered at ISKCON Klerksdorp



A grandmother in Klerksdorp who has been coming for two years, and who says the meal is always tasty and well cooked



A student at Wits opening the Bhagavad-gita for the first time during a lunchtime book club



A congregation in Hammanskraal learning to play the instruments themselves, so the kirtan can carry on for years to come



A new BYS executive team at WuSA House, stepping into responsibility because they want the mission to continue

Every contribution that comes in keeps moving. It goes into prasadam, into outreach, and into the devotees who give their time to make all of this happen.



We Continue

People are gathering.

Students are leading.

The Holy Name keeps moving forward.

We remain deeply grateful to everyone who makes this possible: every devotee who shows up week after week, and every supporter whose contribution reaches people directly, month after month. What is being built now, quietly and patiently, will carry forward far beyond what any of us can fully see today.

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